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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA
December 10, 2014

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Keith Gilles, Chair
Mark Andre
Bruce Saito
Rich Wade
Susan Britting
Stuart Farber
Mary Rickert
Susan Husari

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Miles

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Matthew Dias, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Thembi Borrás, Regulations Coordinator
Kevin Conway,
Laura Alarcon-Stalians, Analyst
Edith Hannigan, Analyst
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant
Stephen Lerner, Esq., Board Counsel

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Janet Barentson, Chief Deputy Director
Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director, Resource Management
Dennis Hall, Assistant Deputy Director, Forest Practice

The Board's Mission:

To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

Reconvene, Report of Actions Taken in Executive Session

Stephen Lerner, Esq., Board Counsel gave a status update on pending litigation involving the Rancho Guejito Corporation vs. the Board of Forestry and deliberations on OAH No.2013080783 involving Michael Ryan, the Board voted 6 to 0 (members Husari, Saito, and Miles absent) to request a copy of the administrative hearing transcript and continue its deliberations.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings.

- 12-14-01 Member Andre pointed out a non-substantive typo. The executive Officer agreed to correct it. Member Wade moved to approve November Minutes with that edit . Member Britting seconded the motion.**

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS

Report of the Chairman

The Chair thanked Vice Chair Andre for covering Chair duties in his absence. The Chair recognized the Executive Officer who acknowledged Dean Cromwell's retirement and 37 years of service to the Department and expressed his thanks for his assistance.

Report of the Director/Department. Janet Barentson.

- Acknowledged and expressed gratitude to Dean Cromwell's many years of service to the department and on his retirement.
- Director Ken Pimlott is in Washington D.C. National Association of State Forester's meeting. He had meetings with Senator Boxer and Feinstein.
- Administration has extended the Drought Emergency Declaration through 2015, there will minimum staffing levels.
- Higher than normal fire activity, there were approximately 1,000 more fires in 2014.
- Succession planning underway with many retirements happening throughout the department
- The Department is working on GHG Cap and Trade and SRA grants. There has been a significant amount of interest in the grants.
- Forest Action Team FCAT continues to meet and is working towards a forest carbon plan
- Camps Program, worked with the administration and CDCR on the opening of Ventura Camp, the camp will receive 36 inmates to help staff it.

Report of the Regulations Coordinator. Themi Borrás

Gave a status update on current and pending regulations.

Report of Executive Officer.

- Statewide Review Team will be meeting next week to review state responsibility areas and finalize documents for the executive. Maps will be available for Board members review and consideration by January.
- Mr. Gentry reported on the Air Resources Board's modifications to the forest offset protocols.

Public Comment

Gary Rynearson, Green Diamond expressed concerns with the proposed changes to protocols.

12-14-02 **Member Andre moved to authorize the Executive Officer to draft a comment letter to ARB outlining concerns regarding adjacency and uneven age management requirements. Member Farber seconded the motion. Member Britting offered a friendly amendment that the letter not address substantive issues, but rather that the tenor of the letter recognize the intersection of issues and a desire to have further conversations about this topic. The amendment was accepted by Members Andre and Farber.**

Roll Call Vote

Farber	Aye
Saito	Aye
Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Rickert	Aye
Gilles	Aye

The motion passed unanimously

Report of the Standing Committees.

Forest Practice, Sue Britting, Chair

No action items. Topics included:

Discussion of Technical Rule Addendum #2, Cumulative Impacts Assessment.
Discussion of the Sensitive Watershed Rule.
Review of Department's Q&A for Road Rules

Resource Protection, Bruce Saito, Chair

Topics included:

Discussion of monitoring requirements for the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project Exemption.
Review of a Regulation for Self-Certification of Home Loss for the Fire Prevention Fee.
Update on Board's Grant Program, review of Criteria for Grants.
Safety Element Reviews.
a) Solano County
b) Santa Cruz County
Biomass Policy Discussion

12-14-03 **Member Saito moved to authorize submission on an Emergency Rule Package, entitled, "SRA Fire Prevention Fee Exemption (Self-Certification of Home Loss), 2015. Member Husari seconded the motion. Member Rickert made a friendly amendment to adopt the findings that were discussed as part of the action. Members Saito and Husari accepted the amendment.**

Roll Call Vote:

Farber	Aye
Saito	Aye
Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Rickert	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously

12-14-04 Member Saito moved to authorize preparation of a 45 day notice on a Rule Package, entitled, "SRA Fire Prevention Fee Exemption (Self-Certification of Home Loss), 2015. Member Husari seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Farber	Aye
Saito	Aye
Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Rickert	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously

Management Committee, Stuart Farber, Chair

No action items to report

Update on status of THP guidance for RPF's regarding recently federal or state listed or state candidate species

- a. Townsend's big-eared bat
- b. Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog

Review of priorities for 2015.

- a. Develop priority regarding Timberland Conversion
- b. Develop priority regarding Emergency Harvest of burned trees (i.e. Boles Fire)

Report of Board's Advisory Committees

Forest Pest Council- Katie Harrell. Report available on Board's web page.

Range Management Advisory Committee-

Professional Foresters Examining Committee –Matt Dias. Report available on Board's web page.

Effectiveness Monitoring Committee- Stu Farber reported that the EMC had begun scheduling meetings, and had also begun reviewing a strategic plan to provide a road map for the committee for their next steps.

SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS (Presentations available on Board's web site)

12. Consideration of a Resolution to Expand the Gold Spotted Oak Borer Zone of Infestation.

12-14-05 **Member Husari moved to expand the Gold Spotted Oak Borer Zone of Infestation as recommended by the director. Member Andre seconded the motion.**

Roll Call Vote:

Farber	Aye
Saito	Aye
Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Rickert	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously

13. Presentation on the Mokelumne Watershed Avoided Cost Analysis. Kim Carr, Sustainability Specialist, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

14. Presentation on Regulation and Enforcement of Unauthorized Diversions; Discharges of Waste to Surface and Groundwater Caused by Marijuana Cultivation. Clint Snyder, Assistant Executive Officer, Central Valley Water Quality Control Board.

15. Presentation on Toxicants in Wildlife from Marijuana Cultivation. Dr. Mourad Gabriel, Executive Director; Dr. Greta Wengert, Assistant Director; Integral Ecology Research Center

CONCLUSION

Public Forum.

Richard Gienger, acknowledged Dean Cromwell's retirement and his service to the department. Suggested forming a Cumulative Effects advisory committee.

New and Unfinished business. None.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

Keith Gilless
Chair

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.