California Forestry Challenge

Report to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

January 28, 2015

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Presentation Outline

• What is the Forestry Challenge?
• Summary of 2014
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• Looking Ahead to 2015 and Beyond
What is the Forestry Challenge?

The California Forestry Challenge is an academic competition for high school students in technical forestry and current forestry topics. The four-day events are held throughout California.
Summary of 2014

• Five events were held in the fall with a participation total of 300 students and 61 teachers from 39 schools, a 46% increase from 2013.

• An event was added in San Bernardino County, which attracted several new So Cal schools.

• Congressmen Doug LaMalfa and Tom McClintock, as well as staff from Congressman Paul Cook’s office attended three events.

• Seventeen students from Santa Rosa Junior College participated in the field training and testing portions of the El Dorado event.

• Overall, 56% of the participating students were girls.
Shasta

7 Schools, 47 Students, 9 Teachers
Focus Topic: Reforestation in the wake of the 2012 Ponderosa Fire
Sequoia

3 Schools, 25 Students, 6 Teachers
Focus Topic: Natural Regeneration of Giant Sequoia in the southern Sierra
El Dorado

11 Schools, 78 Students, 17 Teachers
El Dorado

Focus Topic: Applying for funding to the 2014-2015 Fire Prevention Fund
Santa Cruz

13 Schools, 91 Students, 19 Teachers
Focus Topic: Applying for funding to the 2014-2015 Fire Prevention Fund
San Bernardino

5 Schools, 56 Students, 9 Teachers
Focus Topic: Fire Safe Planning at Camp Arbolado
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Event Growth

46% growth potential to build out the program in CA
Looking Ahead to 2015

- Five events complete the build out of the program in California.
- Discussions have begun about starting a Forestry Challenge program in Oregon.

- Shasta
  Sept. 23 - 26

- El Dorado
  Oct. 14 - 17

- Santa Cruz
  Nov. 4 - 7

- Sequoia
  Oct. 7 – 10

- San Bernardino
  Nov. 18 – 21
Questions?