

# 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**
- **Program Growth**
- **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**

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# Shasta



**Focus Topic: Reforestation in the wake of the 2012 Ponderosa Fire**



# Sequoia



**3 Schools, 25 Students, 6 Teachers**

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# Sequoia



**Focus Topic: Natural Regeneration of  
Giant Sequoia in the southern Sierra**



# El Dorado



**11 Schools, 78 Students, 17 Teachers**

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# El Dorado



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



# Santa Cruz



**13 Schools, 91 Students, 19 Teachers**

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# Santa Cruz



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



# San Bernardino



**5 Schools, 56 Students, 9 Teachers**

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# San Bernardino



**Focus Topic: Fire Safe Planning  
at Camp Arbolado**

# CalFire Volunteers – Active and Retired

## Sequoia:

Jim Kral

Allan Frame

Rick Shurtz

Henry

Shelly Mitchell



## Santa Cruz:

Angela Bernheisel

Meredith Jacobson

Andy Hubbs

## San Bernardino:

Doug Forrest

Eric Oldar

Herb Bunt



## El Dorado:

Doug Forrest

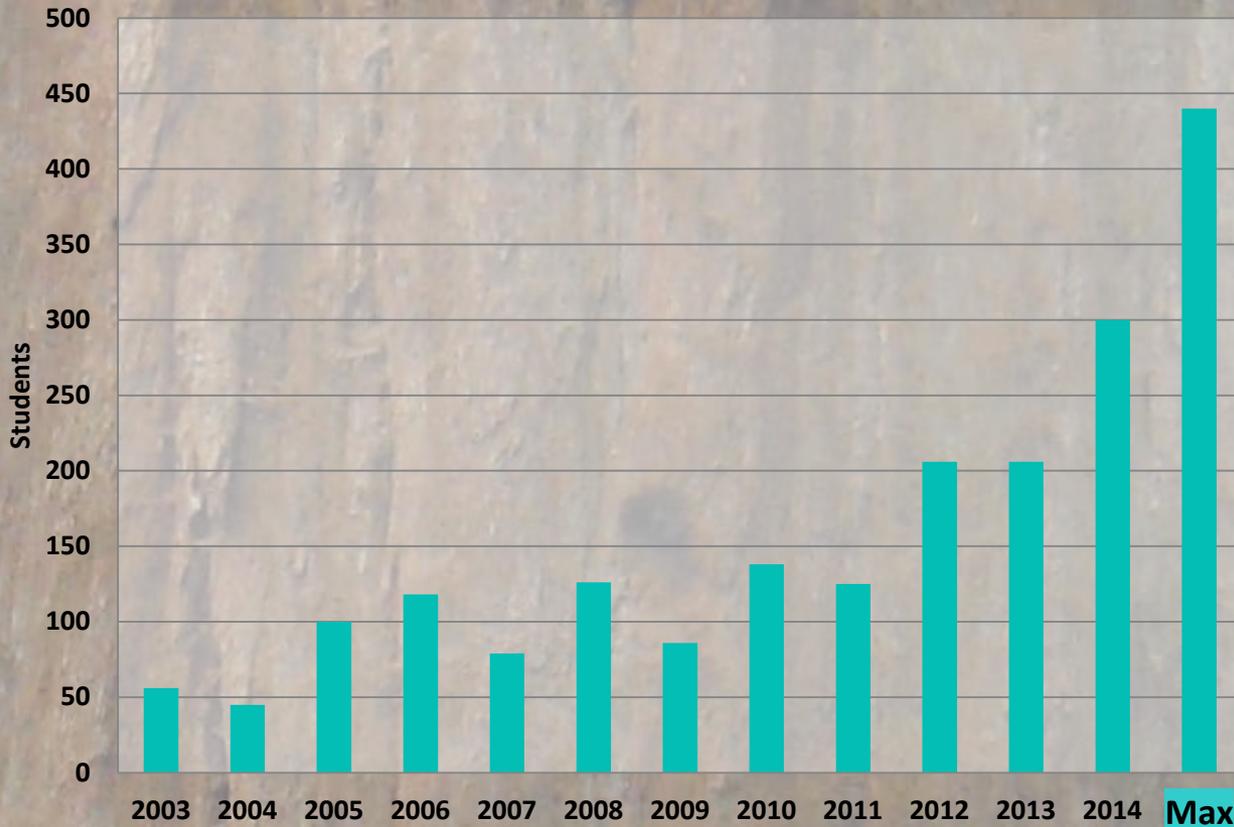
Robert Little

Russ Henly





# Event Growth



**46% growth potential to build out the program in CA**

# Looking Ahead to 2015

- **Shasta**

Sept. 23 - 26

- **El Dorado**

Oct. 14 - 17

- **Santa Cruz**

Nov. 4 - 7

- **Sequoia**

Oct. 7 - 10

- **San Bernardino**

Nov. 18 - 21

- Five events complete the build out of the program in California.

- Discussions have begun about starting a Forestry Challenge program in Oregon.



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# Questions?

