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California Society of American Foresters and Leader in Forestry Research and Management Receive Award for Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry

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SACRAMENTO— The California Society of American Foresters (CaSAF) and Dr. Douglas Piirto are the recipients of this year's prestigious "Francis H. Raymond Award for Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry." The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) is acknowledging CaSAF for their 100 years of membership and their longstanding commitment to excellence in the field of forestry. Dr. Piirto will also be recognized by the BOF for 40 years of leadership in the field of forestry as a professor, scientist, and forester.

**What: Presentation of the Francis H. Raymond Awards for
Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry**

**When: August 24, 2016
Approximately 9:00 a.m.**

**Where: First Floor Auditorium, Resources Building
1416 9th Street, Sacramento**

Established in 1916, CaSAF currently has 600 members. Committed to the highest standards in forestry, members work to balance diverse demands on natural resources while setting the highest standards in forest management, bringing science, best practices, and quality foresters together to advance the field of forestry through professional and public education. These efforts include sponsorship of the Forestry Institute for Teachers and Forest Conservation Days - a weeklong event for 5th graders that has reached over 60,000 students. CaSAF also participates in national accreditation of California universities and state college forestry curriculums and provides continuing education certification for forestry-related educational programs.

Dr. Douglas D. Piirto has 30 years of experience as a professor, department head, scientist, and forester at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo as well as 10 years of experience as a professional forester with the US Forest Service. Dr. Piirto has done much to further the field of forestry, including serving on the California Pitch Canker Task Force; the California BOF; the Resource

Conservation District for the Las Tablas Upper Salinas River; and the Giant Sequoia National Monument Science Board as a presidential appointee. He previously received the Society of American Foresters Fellow Award in 2010 for outstanding lifetime achievement and service. Dr. Piirto currently owns and operates a small forestry consulting business.

The “Francis H. Raymond Award for Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry” is named for Francis H. Raymond, the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from 1953 to 1970. Mr. Raymond was one of the primary advocates for the passage of the Professional Foresters Law in 1973. Since 1987 the award has been given to a group or individual who has achieved excellence in forestry in California.

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