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## **Michael De Lasaux to Be Honored For Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry**

**Sacramento** – The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection will present Michael De Lasaux with its highest honor, the “Francis H. Raymond Award for Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry.” The presentation will be made during the Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the first floor auditorium of the Resources Building located at 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Sacramento.

Mr. De Lasaux currently serves as a Natural Resources Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension. His contributions to forestry are far reaching and have spanned across academic, professional and social arenas. Mr. De Lasaux’s accomplishments include the authoring and co-authoring of a number of peer-reviewed publications addressing forest management in California. He is a founder of the Forestry Institute for Teachers program providing educational opportunities to educators since 1993. More recently he has worked as a volunteer to secure funding for the Forestry Institute for Teachers. He also developed outreach programs for the Quincy Library Group, is an active member and advisor of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, plans and participates annually in Forest Conservation Days and worked extensively on educating homeowners and the public on the importance of hazardous fuel reduction programs. In collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture Office of General Counsel and the USDA Forest Service he was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Forestry for Lawyers Workshop, which is widely touted as a successful effort to educate federal attorneys on the forest science associated with national forest management and restoration. Mr. De Lasaux is Registered Professional Forester 2321. Mr. De Lasaux is a well deserving recipient of the award given his breadth of involvement and influence on forestry in California over the last two decades.

The award is named for Francis H. Raymond who was 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 it has been awarded to a group or individual who has achieved excellence in forestry in California.

Who: The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

What: The Francis H. Raymond Award

Where: Resources Building – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium, 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, downtown  
Sacramento

When: Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

(Presentation to occur sometime between 9:45 – 10:30 am.)

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