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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

Announcement Date: November 21, 2012

FULL BOARD:

EXECUTIVE SESSION
December 4, 2012
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

REGULAR SESSION
December 5, 2012
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**
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COMMITTEES:

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE
December 4, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**
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RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
December 4, 2012
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Those requiring further information regarding this meeting notice may contact George D. Gentry, Executive Officer, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA, 94244-2460, (916) 653-8007. This meeting notice is also available in electronic format at: http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board_business/meeting_agendas/

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Special Notice: The Full Board meeting will be simultaneously webcast by WebEx for viewing/listening purposes only, in addition to its regular meeting. Board members will be in attendance at the Resources Auditorium along with any members of the public that choose to attend. Members of the public may register online at the Board's web site (<http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov>) in advance of the meeting. Audio and PowerPoint presentations will be available on line. **Public participation in the public comment portion of the meeting is in person in Sacramento.**

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.

BOARD AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Adjourn to Executive Session

Executive Session: (Closed to the Public) Pursuant to GC §11126(e)(1), the Board will discuss legal issues in the following case: **WHITE v. PIMLOTT, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION, and CALIFORNIA BOARD OF FORESTRY.**

The Board may take any non-hearing agenda item out of order as time permits and may discuss agenda items scheduled for committees, including legislation. The Board may act on recommendations by its committees on items listed in their respective agendas, including recommendations for notice of rulemaking. **If you wish to speak on a specific agenda item, please fill out a card provided for this purpose at the sign-in table and hand it to a member of staff prior to the meeting.** Those wishing to speak on particular agenda items may do so when they are heard by the Board. The Board reserves the right to solicit additional public comment if the need arises for a particular agenda item.

REGULAR SESSION

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3. Reconvene Regular Session.
4. Announcement of Actions taken in Executive Session.
5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings.

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS

6. Report of the Chairman.
7. Report of the Director/Department.
8. Report of the Regulations Coordinator. The Board's Regulations Coordinator will report on ongoing regulatory matters. **Possible Action Items:** The Board may act in response to requests of the Regulations Coordinator on items presented in the report.
9. Report of Executive Officer. The Board's Executive Officer will report on ongoing administrative matters, proposed state or federal legislation or programs, or new items coming before the Board. **Possible Action Items:** The Board may act in response to requests of the Executive Officer on items presented in the report.
10. Report of the Standing Committees. Committee Chairpersons will report on the actionable items from Committee meetings. **Possible Action Items:** The Board may act in response to Committee recommendations. (See Committee Agendas which are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.)

- Forest Practice, Mark Andre, Chair
- Resource Protection, Bruce Saito, Chair

11. Report of Board’s Advisory Committees

- Forest Pest Council-
 - California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) – Katie Palmieri
- Monitoring Study Group- Pete Cafferata
- Research and Science Committee- George Gentry
- Committee on Criminal Trespass- George Gentry
- Range Management Advisory Committee- George Gentry
- Professional Foresters Examining Committee – Matt Dias

The Executive Officer for Professional Foresters Registration will report on ongoing PFEC matters. **Possible Action Items:** Issuance of RPF Licenses/CRM Certifications, Withdrawals, Reinstatements, Voluntary Relinquishments, Suspensions, Revocations, or other Actions.

SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS

12. HEARING: “State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Benefit Fee, 2012”

Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), Chapter 13 Adopt:

- § 1665.1. Authority.
- § 1665.2. Definitions.
- § 1665.3. Determination of Eligible Habitable Structure.
- § 1665.4. Imposition of the Benefit Fee.
- § 1665.5. Request for Review and Refunds.
- § 1665.6. Fee Structure.
- § 1665.7. Fee Exemptions.
- § 1665.8. Grant Program.

This regulation is intended to provide funding for statewide fire prevention activities in areas designated as SRA. Absent this funding source, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection would be unable to deliver the prevention programs that are crucial elements of the “2010 Strategic Fire Plan for California.” Though the proposed regulation does not itself promote fire prevention activities, it does provide the financial foundation for such activities. The fire prevention actions and activities funded by SRA fees lead to improved protection of public health and safety, and firefighter safety. Where this fire prevention work includes hazardous fuels treatment or creation of strategic fire breaks, the potential for adverse impacts to the environment may also be reduced.

13. REVIEW: BOARD 2012 REGULATION AND PRIORITIES REVIEW

The Board is addressing the following:

- Areas where questions exist on interpretation of the regulatory standards, including potential solutions.
- Issues encountered in achieving compliance with the regulatory standards of rules, including potential solutions.
- Suggested regulatory modifications which would either 1) clarify existing rule language to better achieve the intended resource protection, or 2) which would reduce regulatory inefficiencies and maintain the same or better level of protection.

For further information on all regulations: http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed_rule_packages/

15. Presentation of the 2011 Forestry Challenge. Diane Dealey Neill.

The Forestry Challenge is an environmental stewardship education event for high school students. Students develop a land restoration plan for judging, and must explain how their plans safeguard forest and watershed health.

CONCLUSION

14. Public Forum.

Note: Members of the public may address the Board on any topic within its jurisdiction **not otherwise on the agenda**. Submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments will be included in the record before the Board. Please be prepared to summarize comments to three minutes in length, or otherwise at the discretion of the chairman. **Submit your request to address the Board under this item via supplied speaker cards prior to the item being called.**

15. New and Unfinished business.

Adjournment.

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At the discretion of the committee, meeting may be continued in the afternoon in Room 1506-12.

1. Continued Discussion of Northern Spotted Owl Rules. Chris Browder.
2. Review and Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Class II Large Rules Text.
3. Review of Draft Modified THP Acreage Increase Proposal. Matt Dias.
4. Review and Consideration of Possible Response to Del Norte County Rezoning Proposal, and Possible Revisions to Board Policy. Matt Dias.
5. Cumulative Effects Guidance. George Gentry.
6. Review and Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Road Rules Text.
7. Discussion of Items for Next Month's Agenda, Review of 2012 Priorities.
8. New and Unfinished Business.

Note: The Forest Practice Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

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1. Review of current Nursery Policy. George Gentry and Chris Zimny.
2. Update on Public Resources Code 4290 Department Workgroup.
3. Update on Wildland Prevention Engineering. Melodie Durham.
4. Update on Utility Line Issues. George Gentry.
5. Range Management Advisory Committee report.
6. New and Unfinished Business.
 - a. Review of permanent regulations for State Responsibility Area Fees.
 - b. VTP EIR Update
 - c. Discussion of items for next month's agenda and review of 2012 Priorities.

Note: The Resource Protection Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.