

## BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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### MINUTES BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION MEETING JANUARY 5, 2006 SACRAMENTO

#### BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman  
Kirk Marckwald, Vice Chair  
Gary Rynearson  
Mark Bosetti  
Ronald Nehring  
Jim Ostrowski

#### BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

David Nawi

#### BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer  
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing  
Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator  
Carol Horn, Executive Assistant  
Laura Estrada, Staff Services Analyst

#### DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ruben Grijalva, Acting Director  
Jim Wright, Deputy Director, Chief of Fire Protection  
Bill Snyder, Deputy Director, Resource Management  
Russ Henly, Asst. Deputy Director, Resource Management  
Giny Chandler, Chief Council

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the January 2006 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Dixon deferred the approval of the November and December minutes to the February Board meeting.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. George Gentry, Executive Officer, announced that he had no actions to report. Mr. Gentry welcomed Carol Horn, Executive Assistant, to the Board.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Nothing to report.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Dixon welcomed new Board member Jim Ostrowski. Two other new members were also appointed; Pam Giacomini and Bruce Saito, both of which were unable to make it to today's meeting. We now have a full Board with nine members. This should help committee structure. Chairman Dixon and Member Rynearson's term ends January 15, 2006. The Chairman has asked the Governor to be reappointed, and also noted that Board Member Rynearson had requested to be reappointed as well. Chairman Dixon would like to have the Board member's thoughts about Committee structure by the February meeting.

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Ruben Grijalva, Acting Director, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, gave a brief summary of his experience and background. In 2004, the Governor appointed him as the State Fire Marshal. Chief Grijalva has 32 years public safety experience, and majored in criminal justice. He puts a high priority on customer service and will work very hard as a Director. His style is a consensus builder, and this will help on policy making decisions. Chief Grijalva has a passion for customer service. The Director looks forward to an open relationship with the Board and will meet next week with George Gentry and Chairman Dixon. Chief Grijalva went over the Office of the State Fire Marshal's Annual Report, which he distributed to the Board Members.

## **REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF)**

Ms. Katie Palmieri presented a summary of significant events for 2005 for the California Oak Mortality Task Force, which was included in the Board folders.

## **REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **CALIFORNIA FOREST PEST COUNCIL**

Nothing to report.

### **RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)**

Mr. Jeff Stephens, representing the Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) reported that RMAC met January 4 in Sacramento. Mr. Stephens asked the Chairman for consideration of nominations for two positions that are up for expiration this month. The two nominations for consideration are Mr. Ken Zimmerman and Mr. Henry Giacomini.

**01-05-07-** Board Member Mark Bosetti moved to re-appoint Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Giacomini to the Range Management Advisory Committee. Board Member Ronald Nehring seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, and the motion was carried unanimously.

## **MONITORING STUDY GROUP (MSG)**

Mr. Pete Cafferata provided a one page handout to Board members on the Monitoring Study Group Update. The next MSG meeting will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> in Redding at the Shasta-Trinity Unit Emergency Command Center Conference Room.

## **PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)**

Mr. Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing, requested the Board members consideration on the reappointment of Otto Van Emmerik to the Professional Foresters Examining Committee. Mr. Van Emmerik's term is due to end on January 15, 2006. A four-year term is requested.

**01-05-7** -Member Ryneerson made a motion to approve the reappointment of Otto Van Emmerik to the PFEC. Member Bosetti seconded the motion. There were 5 ayes and 1 abstention.

The Professional Foresters Examining Committee will meet on January 18, 2006, in Sacramento. An examination for the registration of Professional Foresters will be held on April 7, 2006. The deadline for filing is February 7, 2006.

Mr. Huff wished to note the passing of Mr. Ray Goodman, a former CDF employee and Registered Professional Forester on 11/27/05.

Mr. Huff, presented seven new RPF candidates to the Board and asked for Board approval on the following applicants who have met the requirements for licensing as Registered Professional Foresters, having successfully completed the examination administered on October 7, 2005:

Mr. Zachary Martin Jones	RPF No. 2814
Ms. Julia Davis	RPF No. 2815
Mr. Jack R. Harvey	RPF No. 2816
Mr. John Stephen Melvin	RPF No. 2817
Ms. Elicia S. Wise	RPF No. 2818
Mr. Luis Martin Garcia-Bakarich	RPF No. 2819
Mr. David E. Ahmandi	RPF No. 2820

**01-05-7**- Member Ryneerson moved to recognize the individuals who passed the RPF exam and approved the new RPF appointments. Member Bosetti seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bruce Reeves, Board Attorney gave an overview of the Executive Session. Chairman Dixon adjourned the Board meeting for Executive Session.

## **DEFENSIBLE SPACE, 2005 – HEARING**

Chairman Dixon reminded people who had public comment on the Defensible Space, Amador Plan, or other issues to please fill out a blue speaker card and bring it forward, and they will be called upon.

Mr. Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator, reported that the defensible space hearing on proposed regulations was continued from December. This is a regulation that implements the requirements of the law passed for 2005 (PRC 4291) mandating a 100' fire safe clearance. The continuation was necessary for public input. The regulation provides a performance standard on how to implement defensible space clearing.

**01-05-08-** Member Ryneason moved to close the public hearing. Member Bosetti seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. George Gentry noted that there was no comment had been received from the Department or the Public on defensible space.

Member. Nehring said inspections only reach a small amount of the population of those affected. The Board needs to provide clarity and move forward with train the trainers and training the inspectors. The Board must focus on marketing the new defensible space requirements to the public and to work with local Firesafe Councils. The public needs to be educated about the new law requiring 100' clearance.

Chairman Dixon commended Member Bosetti on his work on the Committee which developed the 100' clearance. The Chairman also thanked Member Nehring for his commitment to this issue

Mr. Zimny generally characterized the changes the Board would make to the 15-day notice. Most changes were related to guidelines, adding direction to vegetation spacing, groups of plants, adding definitions to terms, addressing public comment about economic hardships relating to the guidelines, and a number of grammatical edits. The Board has added technical reports which will be attached to the record. This will be incorporated on the 15-day notice by late March or April.

**01-05-08-**Board Member Bosetti made a motion to direct staff, in consultation with counsel, and the Chairman of the Resource Protection Committee, to draft proposed language for the 15-day notice, with the counsel's review of the changes to ensure that they comply with the Standard 15-day notice, and if in his opinion they don't meet that standard to work through a 45 day notice. Board Member Nehring seconded the motion.

Mr. Gentry made a staff recommendation for the motion to reflect a 15-day or 45-day notice as determined to be appropriate by staff.

Member Bosetti accepted Mr. Gentry's recommendation.

Board Member Ryneason seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Member Nehring thanked Mr. Zimny for his work on this project. Member Nehring thought it was important for members of the public to know that the rule here is not just one cooked up in Sacramento, but was formed by life experiences and input by those people who directly had the burden of complying with in it in a variety of ways.

If this goes out as a 15-day notice, it would be heard in February, or a 45-day notice would be heard in March. Because this a non-Forest Practice Regulation it would become effective after the Board approved it and then it had been reviewed by the Office of Administrative law. This regulation could become effective by late-March or April.

## **AMADOR PLAN, 2006 –HEARING**

Mr. Zimny said that today was the initial hearing for amendments to Title 14, Section 1261 for the Cooperative Fire Program, entitled "Amador Plan 2006". The regulation was noticed for its initial hearing November 18, and today is that initial hearing. Legislative changes this year have altered the terms and conditions under which CDF can enter into cooperative fire agreements with local jurisdictions and has eliminated set financial payment limitations and now requires CDF to be reimbursed for actual costs. Mr. Zimny went over the proposed regulation language, which addresses standards for cooperative fire protection contracts during non-fire season. Mr. Zimny introduced Ken Pimlott, Assistant Deputy Director for Cooperative Fire, Training and Safety; and Steve Dunlap, Deputy Chief, Cooperative Fire Programs.

Mr. Dunlap gave an overview of proposed changes to the Amador Plan. Mr. Dunlap stated that Amador program resources are always available for the state mission, and can be moved at any time to answer any emergency throughout the state. Amador program resources must be located in areas that will best serve state and local jurisdictional needs. The State will backfill behind diverted Amador resources as soon as possible to meet the local mission needs. Amador program costs must be fully reimbursed by the local cooperator, and the program costs must be fairly apportioned. Legislation which changed PRC 4142 and 4144 became effective this past January 1, and program changes are proposed to become effective July 1 of 2006. Some of the changes that will occur at this time are the constant rate of pay agreed upon by the MOU with Bargaining Unit 8 will become effective on July 1, so planned charges won't be part of the ongoing Amador Program. The Amador Program will not be "free". AB 1356 requires CDF to collect the "actual costs" of providing local jurisdictional coverage during the non-fire season preparedness period. Planned Overtime Costs will not be charged as part of the Amador Program. Unplanned overtime and operating costs will still be billed, as in the past. The target Amador staffing level is 2-0. CDF will provide three operators per engine, for one post-covered operator position, at no charge to the local jurisdiction, if the local jurisdiction provides two firefighters – for one-post covered position. Unplanned overtime, operating costs, and enhanced personnel availability costs are the types of costs which are included in calculating "Actual Costs". Enhanced personnel availability costs are costs associated with state mission CDF personnel providing local jurisdictional services during the non-fire preparedness period. These will be calculated on a case-by-case basis with each local cooperator as we develop the level-of-services for their district. Public Resources Code requires that the State capture all additional costs that CDF provide beyond the state budgeted state mission duties we perform once we go into a local jurisdiction where we provide additional services, CDF needs to capture those costs. CDF is assembling a Committee, with experts from all over the state who will look at what the best way to fairly apportion these costs between the local district and the state, evaluate the local mission workload, the state mission workload, and personnel availability to come up with a cost that will be fair to both sides and will also reimburse the state for any additional effort CDF has to apply. Overtime and operating costs would be unchanged. This may be somewhat cheaper to the cooperators.

Chairman Dixon asked if local government officials were considered for the Committee.

Mr. Dunlap said initially CDF will get their subject matter experts together to come up with some options for Executive Management to consider, and then at that point CDF will be seeking local cooperators input.

Ken Pimlott, Assistant Deputy Director for Cooperative Fire Programs, Training and Safety said CDF program staff have received comments from cooperators and constituents regarding Title 14, particularly in the area of cost formula. Mr. Pimlott said CDF would like to request continuance on a decision on this particular hearing to a future hearing date which would allow time for program and Board staff to review comments and input, and continue to work with the workgroup on the cost formula, so that program can come back to the Board better prepared with additional information.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Don Peterson, representing Madera County, voiced his concerns with proposed regulation changes. Mr. Peterson calls attention to a letter signed by Supervisor Frank Bigalow, expressing concern over the mutually agreeable language, and a letter that came from CDF Firefighters. Mr. Peterson also wants to associate himself with the comments of Mr. Brent Harrington. Mr. Peterson appreciates Mr. Dunlap's proposal to get together to work first in-house and then to include members from local government and looks forward to that opportunity. Mr. Peterson asks that CDF staff pay particular attention to Mr. Bigalow's letter commenting on Madera County's specific concerns.

Chairman Dixon said that Mr. Peterson was his mentor and Mr. Peterson is highly respected in both Humboldt County and Sacramento.

Mr. Brent Harrington, President of the Regional Council of Rural Counties, voiced his concern that the proposed regulations are unclear as to the financial implementations to local government. Mr. Harrington felt that union negotiations have driven up the costs significantly. Mr. Harrington requested the Board's assistance to include the Regional Council of Rural Counties in discussions regarding Amador Plan costs. Mr. Harrington is bothered by phrases like "enhanced personnel availability", which can be used in a variety of ways. In a letter Mr. Harrington turned in today he would like CDF to come back and revisit these cost items after some period of time so see what has been the real implications, a comparison of what counties are paying for Amador Plan today vs. one year from now with the new regulations. The Regional Council of Rural Counties would very much like to be involved in looking at costs.

Mr. Paul Yoder, representing the Board of Supervisor's at Tulare and Butte Counties, thanked Chairman Dixon on the mutually agreeable language. Mr. Yoder said he agreed with both Mr. Harrington and Mr. Peterson's letters. Mr. Yoder felt it was important to get the dollar amount out as soon as possible in order for local government to understand the numbers.

Mr. Jim Rismiller, representing CDF Firefighters, sponsor of AB 1356, supports the recommendation to continue clarifying costs. Mr. Rismiller felt it is important to bring all groups forward for an honest discussion to define costs, and then move forward with a regulation.

Fire Chief Brian Elliott, representing Cloverdale Fire Protection District in northern Sonoma County, said he has been involved with the Amador Plan since 1997. Cloverdale FPD could not provide the level-of-service needed without the Amador Plan. It was a difficult, political decision for his Board to commit the funds to hold on to Amador for 05-06, with the hopes that the changes in the regulation and the Assembly Bill would bring some relief for them in the future. Mr. Elliott stated that costs are up 137% from 03-05. He hopes the new changes in the Amador Plan will bring costs down. Mr. Elliott would like to know what the actual costs will be as soon as possible so he may present it to his Board. Chief Elliott also supports the President of the Firefighters Association that this be postponed.

Chairman Dixon asked the Board what was their pleasure in respect to the public hearing.

Mr. Pimlott asked the Board to defer their decision, continue the hearing to a future date to be determined, and return the regulation to the Resource Protection Committee.

Member Bosetti agreed the hearing should be closed and the regulation brought back to the RPC. Effective date for the revision to the Amador Plan is July 1, 2006.

Member Rynearson stated if the hearing is closed anything that comes out in the Committee will come back in a 45-day notice.

Chairman Dixon said if the regulation returns to the Committee it will come back as a 45-day notice, continuing would provide an opportunity to get the regulation out earlier.

Member Bosetti's recommendation is to take the regulation back to the Committee.

Member Rynearson has questions to direct back to the committee regarding formula and impact. Two documents are referenced. One is page 1 line 25 – The Director's Amador Policy, the other is page 3 line 4 and 5 – Bargaining Unit 8 Firefighter Work Agreement MOU – neither one has a date assigned to them. In Mr. Rynearson's experience working with previous regulation packages the dates assigned to them must be very specific, they must be rigid documents which cannot be modified.

**01-05-09**-Member Bosetti moved to continue the public hearing and remand to the Committee some discussion of these items that have been brought forth through public comment for clarification. Mr. Rynearson seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Member Rynearson thanked Member Bosetti for his work on the Committee.

Chairman Dixon thanked Ken Pimlott and Steve Dunlap and those who made public comment on the Amador Plan issue. This item will be agendaized in the February Resource Protection Committee for further discussion and development.

### **STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIVE YEAR REVIEW, 2005**

Mr. Zimny gave a brief overview of the State Responsibility Area (SRA) Five Year Review. Following a public hearing held on October 12, 2005, the Board adopted the five year update to the SRA maps. The effective date for the changes to the SRA map will be July 1, 2006. Future amendments to the SRA maps should incorporate early consultation with affected local governments, provide flexibility in determining the dates when the changes become effective, and provide flexibility for establishing special hearings beyond the existing guidelines.

**01-05-10-** Member Rynearson moved that the Board adopt the recommended final statement of reasons provided by Mr. Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator. Member Bosetti seconded the motion. There were 4 ayes, and 1 Abstention by Member Ostrowski

### **THE VISUAL FORESTER**

Mr. Adam Deem, a Registered Professional Forester representing The Forest Foundation, gave a 30-minute presentation on "The Visual Forester", which was an educational simulator tool looking at today's 21<sup>st</sup> century forester. The "Visual Forester" is a tool designed to educate about California's forest management, forest practices, and forestry law.

Member Ostrowski has used the "Visual Forester", and said he thought highly of the tool. Mr. Ostrowski enjoyed the presentation.

Chairman Dixon asked Mr. Deem if he had any brochures or information.

Mr. Deem gave the Board brochures and cd's of "The Visual Forester" and will send an additional seven copies for the Board Members who do not have a copy.

### **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR JACKSON DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Mr. George Gentry reported that the Notice of Availability not only went to Board's mailing list, but also to a database of about 6,000 names, and 100 copies of the DEIR were sent to copy shops in Willits, Fort Bragg and Ukiah, all public libraries in that area, state libraries at Cal Poly, UC Berkeley, and Humboldt. Various press releases were sent to major and local media. Two hearings have been scheduled to discuss the DEIR. The first will be held on February 2 at the Ukiah Fairgrounds from 1:00 to 5:00 and 6:00 to 8:00. The second hearing will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Board Meeting in Sacramento in the Resources Auditorium, beginning at 9:00 or 10:00 ending at 1:00 or 2:00. The DEIR is on the Board's website. The Public may request a free CD from the Board. These will be publicly noticed meetings. Board members are encouraged to be present, and to not engage in any decision making or any discussions relative to not be pre-decisional.

Chairman Dixon asked the Board members who would be attending the meetings. Member Nehring was the only Board Member present who might attend the Ukiah Hearing. Member Rynearson, Member Bosetti and Member Ostrowski plan to be available for the February 9 Sacramento meeting. Public comment will close on Valentine's Day, at which point staff will be working on responses and compiling comments.

Russ Henly, Assistant Deputy Director for Resource Management, anticipates an extensive amount of public comment and it will take time to prepare the responses, but there will be opportunity at subsequent meetings for the Board to start considering some of the things they have heard. The Department, working under contract with the Board, will prepare the response to comments for the Board as it is part of the CEQA process. The Department would like to see the process come to a conclusion and a final plan approved and EIR-certified so CDF may get back to managing activities on Jackson State Forest.

Chairman Dixon asked if the database of 6,000 names included both state and local elected officials, particularly in the Mendocino area. Mr. Gentry replied that the data base did include state and local officials. There was no public comment on JDSF.

### **SENSITIVE WATERSHED NOMINATIONS REVIEW**

Mr. George Gentry reported the Sensitive Watershed Nominations Review Committee did not meet since the last Board Meeting. Mr. Gentry anticipates the next meeting of Sensitive Watershed Nominations Review Committee will be after the February Board meeting.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

#### **FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Member Ryneanson, Chairman of the Forest Practice Committee reported that the Committee met yesterday, January 4. The Committee had a lengthy discussion pertaining to the proposal to modify the definition of timberland within the Lake Tahoe Basin to include parcels only larger than one-acre in size which promogated additional discussion for concern that particular redefinition of timberland may then migrate out of the Basin and wind up on a broader application. It was, therefore, recommended that those concerns and possible ramifications of such a modification of timberland definition be forwarded to and discussed by the Policy Management Committee. Within the Policy Management Committee, they will discuss the implications of redefining timberland to only those parcels larger than one-acre in size – what would be the impacts to counties, and how the counties currently handle timber operations on small parcels – and are there other areas similar to Lake Tahoe Basin, for instance Lake Arrowhead, that could also benefit from this reapplication of redefinition of timberland to greater than one-acre parcels. The genesis for this would be to then prevent the need to require an exemption being filed by the landowner to effectuate fuel hazard reduction. There had been concerns expressed by the Sierra Club representative that there is worry that we could have this affecting thousands of parcels throughout the state – and what would be the impact. he staff has recommended that Board not go forward with the coordinated permit for the smaller parcels thinking that this will probably solve most of the problems of the Basin, however, for the parcels larger than one-acre which represent a minor portion of the acreage within the Basin, but certainly some areas that need to be treated. There was an effort at the administrative level of CDF to work with TRPA and Lahontan to work toward a coordination of regulation. The Committee’s recommended action was to do several things. The first action item is to extend the emergency for six months, and to do that get it properly noticed today or if not to do that in February. The second action item was to move forward with the 45-day notice based on Alternative two is to notice to move the package forward and also to request from Counsel an opinion on the Board of Forestry’s authority to redefine timberland on an acreage basis.

**01-05-13-** Member Ryneanson made a motion to put forward the current emergency language and alternative two language forward for a 45-day notice for consideration to that Board. Member Bosetti seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**01-05-13-** Member Ryneason moved to have staff properly notice that for the February meeting and that we recommend at that time that the Committee recommends that the current emergency then be extended for another 120-days. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Member Ryneason felt the Board needs to work on accumulating information on T and I rules, and perhaps form an Ad Hoc Committee to work with a contractor to help oversee this activity. Mr. Bill Snyder, Director is attempting to find some funds to form the Ad Hoc Committee. This would probably be a 3-4 month project.

Chairman Dixon is not opposed to the idea, but he would like to hear more about it. The Chairman said he would like to have more information. Additionally, he said he supports the TNI Rules one year extension.

Member Ryneason requested to pursue and to direct the Forest Practice Chairman to work with CDF in an attempt to develop monies for a contractor to work either through or with FRAP to develop current information regarding near-stream conditions for watershed protection and to formulate an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of members of the MSG. The Chairman asked if the Board was in favor. All were in favor.

The Road Rules Subcommittee plans to meet February 2. Member Ostrowski is a member of the Road Rules Subcommittee. There is currently no Board representation on that Committee. The Road Rules Subcommittee is comprised of landowners and agency reps.

The Forester's Guild recommended modifying the SNTMP to apply up to 10,000 acres. The Forester's Guild recognizes that this will take Legislation. Mr. Zimny will provide the Board with a summary of comments from the October/November SNTNP Workshop.

## **RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Member Bosetti reported that the Resource Protection Committee met January 4. Deputy Director Jim Wright gave the Committee a brief report of ongoing activities. Mr. Wright discussed Tulare County's decision to cancel their contract services with CDF, and the implications that it will have on the Department. Tom Hoffman made a presentation on an outline he compiled to serve as a basis for training Department staff in the application of the defensible space regulation. Mr. Hoffman focused on the training aspect with very little focus on the public education aspect which the Committee felt was important to the regulation. Mr. Bill Snyder made a presentation relative to RMAC VMP review. Mr. Jeff Stephens asked the Committee to consider where the Board may need to get involved in the VMP EIR.

## **POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Committee heard a review of current legislation by CDF. Most of the discussion was about a description of the strategic plan, being formulated by the Executive Officer, in coordination with Member Nawi. Mr. Gentry provided a BCP which was put together by former Executive Officers' Sendek and Rowney for five additional positions for the Board staff, which he is in the process of reviewing.

## **BOARD PRIORITIES**

Chairman Dixon said that the Board Priorities will be deferred to the February Board meeting due to several Board members being absent.

## **REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR**

Mr. Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator, went over the regulations calendar. As a result of today's action there will be a regulatory hearing in February for the Defensible Space regulation, and there will be a regulatory hearing scheduled for the SRA Classification Guide Edits that was previously noticed.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Mr. Gentry asked if the Board desired to schedule meetings outside of Sacramento during 2006. Mr. Gentry recommended at least two in Southern California.

Member Nehring suggested San Diego because the Board has not had a meeting there since the Cedar Fire. Member Bosetti said the Board needs to travel to see impacts and felt Board members should commit to the field trips. Member Rynearson supports travel and found it valuable to meet in Quincy last year and hear from the locals.

Chairman Dixon felt the meetings needed to be in different locations where policy is being made, and to meet with the CDF units and locals. The Board should have field trips on issues that are happening or impacting issues which affect the Board. Chairman asked Mr. Gentry to look at issues that are currently on, or anticipated to be before the Board this year and make recommendations.

Executive Officer Gentry recommended three meetings: A joint meeting with Fish and Game in May at Lake Tahoe; a joint meeting with the San Diego Border Fire Council in San Diego; and a joint meeting with LA County Fire Department in Los Angeles.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** 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.

Mr. Richard Gienger, supports field trips and having meetings outside of Sacramento. Mr. Gienger suggests meeting in Fort Bragg, or Gualala, or Point Arena to check out silvicultural issues, Mendocino Redwoods progress on PTEIR, or the Garcia Project. After last month's Board meeting Mr. Gienger prepared a report summarizing what he believes are high priorities for the coming year in policy and project achievements.

- Establish a PTEIR project in the Mattole Watershed that should lead to relief to small landowners.
- Reform cumulative impact review process
- Establish a SNTMP
- Transfer key elements of SNTMP to other forest conservation processes
- Minimal standards of sustainability that lead to forest recovery
- A road management plan to minimize the sediment impacts in the short and long-term
- A viable, creditable monitoring tracking program documenting projects impacts and carried out by planned proponents.
- Maintain and improve the threatened and repaired rules to help ensure recovery with the salmon and steelhead.
- To continue to press for adequate disclosure protection.
- The industry has promised an alternative for watershed-wide process to allow site-specific relief, which is why Mr. Gienger is supportive of the pilot project in the Mattole.

Mr. Bill Keye, representing CLFA, noted that there was not much Board participation on fieldtrips. More participation is needed by Board members. The field trips are very educational.

Mr. Dennis Hall, Staff Chief of Forest Practice, CDF reported that the 2006 Rule Books are at the Printers. They will be posted on the web next week.

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman adjourned the January 5, 2006 meeting of the Board

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

George D. Gentry  
Executive Officer

Stan Dixon  
Chairman