BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
FULL BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING

Sacramento, CA

February 2, 2011

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Pam Giacomini
Jim Ostrowski
Gary Nakamura
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director (acting)
Russ Henley, Assistant Deputy Director, Resource Protection, Dennis Hall, Staff Chief Forest Practice

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.
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Dixon called the February 2, 2011 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
No Executive Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Deferred

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
Chairman Dixon and Executive Officer Gentry met with and will meet with acting Director Pimlott on a monthly basis. One of the items discussed was the administration’s budget proposals and how they will affect CALFIRE and Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Newly appointed Natural Resources Secretary John Laird gave a brief overview of his plans for the Natural Resources Agency during his tenure.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Ken Pimlott
Budget has been the primary focus of CALFIRE and the state.

- Draft language has been provided to the administration regarding the SRA reclassification of the alignment group.
- Budget hearing: Moving forward with the budget change proposal that looks at maintaining the Tahoe large air tankers, helicopter staffing in southern California, and moving half of the aviation budget under the base budget.
- Hemet-Ryan rebuild project
- Cost recovery program
- Under ground storage tanks
- Additional battalion chief staffing
- Governor’s proposal for extension of taxes: Finishing up with sub-committees, going to full committees with the intent of it being at full legislature by March 1, 2011; the purpose is getting an initiative on a ballot measure for special election in June.
- CALFIRE is actively engaged in vehicle and cell phone reduction with Resources Agency.
- Resource Management staff is working on the Magalia closure plan, closure planned by June 2011.
- Mr. Pimlott would like to maintain an open dialogue between the Board and CALFIRE to review and resolve issues.
- Number one priority would be to work with the Resource Management program to streamline the Forest Practice regulatory process. Senator Steinberg made it clear that he wants to work towards streamlining the regulatory environment in all areas of the state.
- CALFIRE is supporting the assistance of inmate crews to help with vegetation management in reducing the spread of SOD in Humboldt County.
- The department was contacted by Department of Water Resources and committed to assist with Critical Incident Stress Management for personnel who were involved with the recovery of Juliani Cardenas body from the Delta Mendota Canal.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR-CHRIS ZIMNY
Sudden Oak Death Emergency Regulation was been submitted to AOL
Forest Legacy regulation was submitted to AOL January 21, for hearing on April 6,
REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Administration submitted language regarding SRA to legislative office February 1, 2011.
Met with Dr. Richard Standiford, Executive Officer Gentry is in the process of drafting the 2011 Research and Science Committee agenda.
Working on a sponsorship for the Redwood Symposium, June 21-23, in Santa Cruz.

Forest Practice – Mark Andre
No Action items

Policy - Jim Ostrowski
02-11-01 Member Ostrowski motioned to submit for 15 day notice amendments made to Special Conditions Disapproval of Plans 898.2i. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

Management – Gary Nakamura
No Action Items

Resource Protection - Pam Giacomini
No Action Items
California Forest Pest Council is putting together a task force that will focus on the movement of firewood.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF)
Mr. Mark Stanley with COMTF gave a report summarizing his submitted written report. The written report is attached.

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAMC) - Eric Huff
02-11-02 Member Giacomini moved to accept the re-appointment of Bart Cremers and the nomination of Lesa Osterholm to RMAC. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

MONITORING STUDY GROUP (MSG) George Gentry
In the process of completing schedule for next meeting. The plan is to focus on effectiveness monitoring for the next several meetings.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE – Eric Huff
02-11-03 Member Ostrowski moved to accept the recommendation to re-appoint Doug Ferrier to PFEC. Member Nakamura seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

Public Hearing: Hours of Work, Hours of Operation, and Log Hauling Exception, 2010
Chris Zimny gave the overview.

Public Comment
Eric Moore, Central Coast Forest Association, stated that either option under consideration by the Board was acceptable.
Charles Greenlaw, Alliance for Family Forests, obtaining a Columbus Day exemption is important because of the difficulty scheduling LTO’s to do small scale projects. Richard Gienger, supports the rule.

02-11-04 Member Giacomini moved to close public hearing. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

02-11-05 Member Giacomini moved to put out the revised language for 15 day notice. Revision changed current language to explicitly state “Columbus Day”. Member Nakamura seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 1.

Roll Call Vote

Giacomini Aye
Ostrowski No
Saito Aye
Nakamura Aye
Andre Aye
Dixon Aye

Public Hearing: Non-industrial Timber Management Plan, Notice of Timber Operations Information 2010

Eric Huff gave the overview. He noted that based on comments received, staff recommended remanding the issue back to committee for further review.

Member Nakamura recommended that it be remanded back to committee for further review.

Public Comment

Charles Greenlaw, Alliance for Family Forests, suggested remanding it back to committee to either accept the rule, put in a new initial statement of reasons, or keep the statement of reasons and craft a rule that satisfies it. Richard Gienger, recommended remanding it back to committee.

02-11-06 Member Ostrowski motioned to close public hearing. Member Giacomini seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

Continued discussion of Policy Committee item on illegal conversions

Shane Cunningham, CALFIRE gave the overview. Executive Officer Gentry noted that this issue was less about the use (medical marijuana) than it was about the conversion process. He stated that this issue will be a continual problem for the Board and department unless the definition of timberland is addressed.

Discussion of the Jackson Advisory Group Final Report and Recommendations.

The Advisory Group presented its recommendations to the full Board

Public Comment

Jerry Melo, City of Fort Bragg, the state forest is important to the city of Fort Bragg and would like to see CALFIRE rev up activity on the Jackson. They have received a grant to purchase 15 acres on the
Georgia Pacific mill site, for a science and education center. Sonoma State University made an agreement to operate the center. The initial emphasis will be on marine science but there is room for the land or forestry application at the center. They are encouraged the center may be built within the next few years.

Bill Keye, CLFA, indicated regional land owners will be interested, and is looking forward to an analysis of the report.

Richard Gienger, appreciates the collaboration of various groups on this project and looks forward to seeing the outcome.

Eric Moore, urged the board to allow for mistakes, experiments. Set aside small portions for experimental use for groups who indicate they can do better to prove themselves. Bill Hisle, if it is to be a demonstration forest you have to have a way to allow small operators who are good and have been operating for small land owners demonstrate how they would do it.

Kendall Smith, Mendocino County Supervisor, the forest has tremendous potential on the north coast to be many things to the citizens of California. In particular as an economic driver, besides the research capabilities for the north coast. The county of Mendocino could be a resource to the state and region in working in partnership with the redwood forest foundation and other entities.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the February 2, 2011 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted, ATTEST:

George D. Gentry Stan Dixon
Executive Officer Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.