BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
FULL BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING

Sacramento, CA
APRIL 4, 2012

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre
Jim Ostrowski
Susan Britting
J. Keith Gilless
Mike Miles
Richard Wade

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Matthew Dias, Executive Officer, Forester’s Licensing
Eric Huff, Regulations Coordinator
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director

The Board's mission is 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 April 4, 2012 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No session was held.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

04-04-01 Member Ostrowski moved to approve January, February and March 2012 Board Meeting Minutes. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Executive Officer Gentry, Chairman Dixon and PFEC Chair Ferrier interviewed candidates for the PFEC Licensing Officer position.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Ken Pimlott

- Department uniformed staff wearing shrouded badges in honor of David Bailey who died in the line of duty.
- Testified in front of the House Interior Sub Committee on environment and other programs, in support of the Interior’s budget on state Fire Assistance Program, Urban Forestry, Forest Inventory Analysis and Research. Director Pimlott had the opportunity to articulate the issue of the Gold Spotted Oak Borer and Sudden Oak Death and why funding of Forest Health programs is critical in California.
- Fire season: The department is in communication with the administration regarding the upcoming fire season. Janet Barentson will meet with the Department of Finance to discuss early staffing requests. January – March there were 631 fires for a total of 756 acres burned.
- Governor’s office announced the reappointment of Deputy Director of Communications, Janet Upton.
- Redding pilot project: The Governor’s office has reached out to a number of stakeholders regarding Timber Harvest reform.
- Northern Spotted Owl: working with the Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a one year process for review of the determined take avoidance.
- George Gentry asked the Director for the department’s assistance with a presentation on safety measures and procedures that field staff can utilize when encountering marijuana cultivation in the field.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR – Eric Huff

The work on Title 14 1270 Fire Safe, Title 14 1299 Fire Clearance, and Sudden Oak Death regulations are on going.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Cooperators meeting on May 11: SPI (Sierra Pacific Industries), United States Forest Service and Cal Fire. Discussing with Janet Barentson regarding a Board Field trip to the Ishi Exercises.

Forest Practice – Mark Andre

No Action items
Presentation on activities on road related issues
Class II L regulation review

Resource Protection – Bruce Saito

No Action Items
Presentation by Bob Roper on SRA fees and a potential SRA fee reduction for contract counties. Update on permanent regulations on SRA fees by George Gentry. Discussed new legislation introduced by Assemblymember Chesbro on SRA fees.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

FOREST PEST COUNCIL

04-04-02 Member Andre moved to adopt the Pest Management Policy on Goldspotted Oak Borer. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF) – Mark Stanley
See Report

MONITORING STUDY GROUP – Pete Cafferata
See Report

RESEARCH AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE – George Gentry
Developing paper on adaptive management and one for strategic research at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS COMMITTEE
No report

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)
RMAC meeting planned for the near future.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)
No Action Items
Eric Huff introduced Matt Dias as the new Executive Officer for Foresters Licensing. There will be a PFEC meeting in June.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Hearing: Road Rules 2011. Possible Action Item: The Board may adopt regulations. The Board is proposing a regulation to revise and improve upon existing protections of the aforementioned resources, most notably water resources, from the potentially adverse impacts associated with roads, landings, and watercourse crossings. In addition, the regulation is intended to reorganize all Forest Practice Rule sections associated with roads, landings, and watercourse crossings into a more coherent and useful format and location for the benefit of the regulated and regulator alike.

Public Comment:

Duane Shintaku, CAL FIRE: Department generally supports the rule package, and suggest some non-substantive changes for clarity.

Dick Butler and Dan Wilson, NOAA Fisheries: General support for rule package, particularly hydrologic disconnection, assessment, and wet weather provisions. 36 of 44 items outlined in Federal Register have been addressed. They would like to see maintenance and training for operators addressed as well.
Dave Fowler, NCRWQCB: Beneficial uses relating to 303(d) listed watersheds should be improved.

Rob DiPerna, EPIC: Supports a comprehensive approach to roads, including management plans.

Pete Riber, Campbell-Hawthorne: Recommends taking more time to review interpretations and avoid unintended consequences. More time necessary to review costs. Recommends review of a possible BMPs manual.

Jodi Friediani, Sierra Club: Premature to approve this rule package.

Mike Tadlock, Campbel-Hawthorne: Recommends reviewing the hydrologic disconnection definition.

Richard Gienger: Recommends a more comprehensive approach, and further review.

Justin Augustine: Believes the adjectives minimize, feasible, etc. should be better defined.

Frank Barron, Crane Mills: Recommends the rules be returned to committee for further work.

04-04-03 Member Ostrowski moved to close public hearing. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

04-04-04 Member Andre moved to remand Road Rules 2011 package back to committee for further review. Member Britting seconded the motion.

Chairman Dixon called for a roll call vote:

Ostrowski  Aye
Saito  Aye
Britting  Aye
Andre  Aye
Gilless  Aye
Miles  Aye
Wade  Aye
Dixon  Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT
The Chairman adjourned the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:

Stan Dixon
Chairman

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