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**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

**Sacramento, CA**  
**June 6, 2012**

**BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:**

J. Keith Gillless

**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  
Janet Upton, Deputy Director Communications  
Caroline Godkin, Deputy Director Legislation  
Giny Chandler, Chief Counsel  
Dan Sendek, Staff Chief Cooperative Fire  
Phyllis Banducci, Staff Chief, Fire Planning  
Chris Browder, Deputy Chief, THP Administration  
Shane Cunningham, Forest Practice Law Enforcement  
Jeanette Pederson, Deputy Chief - Resource Management  
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*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 June 6, 2012 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

## **Announcement of Actions taken in Executive Session.**

No Executive Session was held

## **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings.**

**06-12-01**      **Member Ostrowski moved to approve April, 2012 Minutes. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members present were in favor of the motion.**

## **MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS**

### **Report of the Chairman.**

Chairman Dixon commented on the SRA meeting held in Redding on May 23, 2012, and shared that Executive Officer Gentry and he agreed to hold additional public hearings throughout the state in the future.

### **Report of the Director/Department.**

**Fire Season:** As fuels dry, Cal Fire is gearing up for an active fire season. There have been 200 reported wildland fires across the state. The department anticipates peak fire season July 1, and all air bases and air tankers will be staffed as well as single and double engine stations.

**Budget:** The department is continuing to meet their obligations for the budget reduction. Cal Fire has delayed opening stations in the Northern part of the state to help with budget savings.

**Other news:** There were two tanker losses due to accidents; two pilots lost their lives in the line of duty. The department is continuing to work with USFS and its federal partners on the federal modernization strategy with a short and long term plan in providing aviation services.

**May revise:** A key component of the May Revise contemplates a lumber assessment. The assessment will be collected on retail sales of certain wood products sold in California and will be collected by the Board of Equalization. It is estimated the assessment will generate \$30 million annually to support regulatory activities. This assessment will have to be adopted through emergency regulations by the Board and lead to permanent regulations that will specify which lumber products apply. The Revise also extends the timber harvest plan from three years to five and allows for a one time two year extension.

The timber harvest plan pilot project will be evaluated throughout the year to see what efficiencies have been gained and to see if they should be applied statewide.

The department is working on and should complete the unit fire plans in a few weeks.

The interview process is beginning for the new Jackson Advisory Group committee members.

**SRA Fees:** Working on the development of inserts for mailers that will go out with the bills that will explain the SRA process, how to file appeals and how to get information. There will be an information center open where the public can contact for information, prior to the bills going out. A webinar has been made available for Unit

Chiefs and staff on what to expect and how to answer questions that the public may have. It is anticipated the first set of SRA bills will go out August 7, 2012.

Cal Fire is going forward with a reality series called Lives on Fire, the first of six episodes will air on Friday, June 8, 2012. The series showcases the professional and private lives of firefighters.

### **Report of the Regulations Coordinator.**

- a. Two new prospective regulations, currently being considered in the legislature: the lumber assessment and the THP lifespan extension, both to be completed before years end.
- b. Ongoing work on the Title 14 1270 SRA fire safe regulations. May require a prospective 15 day notice to address concerns of OAL.
- c. Work on the 4290 work group and the possible regulation that may result on Title 14 1270 prescriptive standards.
- d. SRA Fire Prevention Fee regulations: re-adoption of the emergency and noticing of the permanent regulation.
- e. Ongoing work to develop the Road Rules package.

### **Report of Executive Officer.**

Commented on the success of the SRA hearings that were held. There were discussions at the RPC meeting on holding several additional meetings in various locations in June and July. The preference would be to have meetings in the north, central and southern areas.

Mr. Gentry noted the 2013 Board schedule that was included in the June binder. Mr. Gentry brought attention to the location of the meetings as being in Sacramento and that it will most likely not be the case. Staff is looking at three meetings in alternative locations.

### **Report of the Standing Committees**

#### **Forest Practice, Mark Andre, Chair**

Road Rules regulatory proposal, workshop scheduled for July 2.

Class II-L regulations:

**06-12-02      Member Andre moved to put out for 45 day notice the Class II-L revisions. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-2 with Members Saito and Britting opposed.**

Discussion: Board members discussed whether this issue required a regulatory package at this time. They also discussed interpretation issues. It was generally agreed that noticing the regulation will allow for additional comment to be received and highlight the issues.

#### **Resource Protection, Bruce Saito, Chair**

Committee authorized staff to revise the Fire Safe regulations in response to OAL's concerns. It will be brought back before RPC and the Board at the July meeting for possible 15 day notice for hearing.

Vegetation Treatment Program EIR, see item below.

Permanent regulations for State Responsibility Area Fees.

**06-12-03 Member Saito moved to approve draft regulations for 45 day notice. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Emergency regulations for State Responsibility Area Fees.

**06-12-04 Member Saito moved for an extension of the SRA Emergency Regulations. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Report of Board’s Advisory Committees**

- **Forest Pest Council-**

- **California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) – Katie Palmieri**

- A new Phytophthora ramorum wildland infection has been identified on the Rogue River in the Siskiyou National Forest. It is the first infection site in the Winchuck River drainage, approximately 6 miles southeast of previously identified infection sites and about one half-mile outside the current Oregon Sudden Oak Death quarantine boundary.
- Of the \$15.5 million allocated to California in 2012 via the 2008 Farm Bill - Section 10201, \$978,745 has been awarded for P. ramorum projects related to safeguarding nursery production and enhancing mitigation capabilities.
- With the first treatment phase of the Redwood Creek (near Orick), Humboldt County P. ramorum outbreak nearly complete, University of California, Cooperative Extension personnel will begin to monitor project efficacy and watch for pathogen spread to adjacent lands.

- **Monitoring Study Group- Pete Cafferata**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 13 at the Tehama-Glenn Unit in Red Bluff. It will consist of a tour on SPI lands to observe ongoing monitoring efforts

- **Research and Science Committee- George Gentry**

Board was presented with a recommendation form the committee regarding the formation of a Research Planning Team for JDSF

- **Committee on Criminal Trespass- George Gentry**

A meeting was held recently in Arcata on the environmental impacts of illegal marijuana growing on forest lands

- **Range Management Advisory Committee- George Gentry**

No report

- **Professional Foresters Examining Committee – Matt Dias**

The following Registered Professional Foresters were granted withdrawal of their license pursuant to 14 CCR §1608(a):

GARY ARNESE	RPF 1550	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
JAMES BROWN	RPF 1942	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
CHARLES DESJARDINS	RPF 288	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017
ERIK GEIGER	RPF 2666	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
STEVEN HENSON	RPF 2632	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016

CAROL JOLLEY	RPF 2113	05/30/2012 - 06/30/2017
STEPHEN JOLLEY	RPF 1900	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
PAUL KEVIN	RPF 184	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017
EUGENE MURPHY	RPF 1164	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
REBECCA ROBERTSON	RPF 1908	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
LLOYD STAHL	RPF 18	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2014
WILLIAM TURNER	RPF 2298	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016

The following Registered Professional Foresters voluntarily relinquished their license to practice forestry due to retirement:

KENNETH BIRD	RPF 467
KENTON CLARK	RPF 748
WILLIAM DENNISON	RPF 926
JOHN LACHENMYER	RPF 788
JOHN QUINN	RPF 1964

The Office of Professional Foresters Registration noted the recent passing of the following Registered Professional Foresters:

JAMES DULITZ	RPF 692
HOWARD HALVERSON	RPF 992

**06-12-05 Member Ostrowski moved to grant the RPF withdrawals. Member Andre seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS**

#### **Presentation on the CAL FIRE Conservation Camp Program. Dan Sendek.**

Power Point available in binder

- 38 Conservation Camps
- 34 are CAL FIRE owned facilities
- 4 are CDCR owned facilities
- Operate under long term (2017) Interagency Agreement
- "Zero dollar" agreement
- Defines equipment ownership
- Defines fiscal responsibility
- Defines operational responsibility
- Requires individual Camp MOU's to refine requirements
- Camps under direction of local CAL FIRE Unit Chief / CDCR Associate Warden
- Average of 5 crews per Camp (4 to 7)
- 12-17/crew
- Total Camp design population based on 20/crew
- Five crew camp = 100 person population
- Allowance of 10% over design population
- On average 3,000,000 person-hours of fire and other emergency responses per year.
- Staffing Standards
- All Camp crews available during normal work day (M-F)
- No fewer than 2 crews/camp available 24/7 during "peak staffing period"
- May be increased or reduced based on critical fire weather

- Response Standards
- 3 minutes when staged
- 10 minutes during normal work day
- 30 minutes in evenings up to “tanker time” (sunset) during “peak staffing period” or under a select staffing pattern
- 60 minutes during evening hours and weekends
- Potential loss of low level offenders- potential shutdown of 15 camps
- May get some back from county, but there are issues with custody (state to state vs county to state).

**Presentation on CAL FIRE Officer Safety. Jeanette Pederson.**

Mendocino Unit has been reviewing safety issues since the incident involving Aaron Bassler. Issues include: field safety and awareness, increasing cultivation of marijuana, illegal timber conversions related to cultivation, and environmental impacts. They have been “brain storming these issues, and hope to develop standard procedures to implement. One possible idea is to develop a similar approach as used in fire situations (10 standard orders or 18 situations that shout watch out). Member Ostrowski thought such an approach would be useful for civilian personnel as well. The Board discussed how to coordinate and share information with local authorities.

**Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report**

Member Saito discussed the Resource Protection Committee’s previous review of the materials. There was general discussion about final content of the document after its public review.

**06-12-06 Member Saito moved to authorize the Executive Officer to finalize and release the Draft EIR for 45 day notice. Member Miles seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously**

**CONCLUSION**

**Public Forum**

Richard Gienger: commented on criminal trespass issue; and North Coast Forest Conservation Conference, June 6, 7, 8, 2012.

Bill Keye: Working Forest Management Plan, sub-group meeting June 7, 2012. Assembly Member Chesbro and key staff will be attending the Blodgett field trip June 29. Former board member Pam Giacomini appears to have been elected a County Supervisor in Shasta County.

**New and Unfinished business**

None

**Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,



George D. Gentry  
Executive Officer

ATTEST:



Stan Dixon  
Chairman

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