Draft Minutes
BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA
June 18, 2014

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mark Andre
Bruce Saito
Rich Wade
Susan Britting
Mike Miles
Stuart Farber
Mary Rickert
Susan Husari

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:
J. Keith Gilless, Chair

BOARD STAFF:
George Gentry, Executive Officer
Matthew Dias, Executive Officer, Forester’s Licensing
Kevin Conway, SRA Forester
Laura Alarcon-Stalians, Analyst
Edith Hannigan, Analyst
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:
Ken Pimlott, Director
Dale Hutchinson, South Region Chief
Keith Larkin, North Region
Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director, Resource Management
Janet Barentson, Chief Deputy Director
Janet Upton, Deputy Director of Communications
Caroline Godkin, Deputy Director, Legislation
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.
1. Call to Order: Acting Chair Mark Andre called the Board into session.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings.

06-14-01 Member Saito moved to approve April/May Minutes. Member Britting seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS


4. Report of the Director/Department. Ken Pimlott reported on:
   - Firework trailer bill
   - Fire Activity: To date there have been 2,300 fires with 18,000 acres burned.
   - The Forest, Inventory and Analysis working group meeting.
   - SRA Fire Fee program: 10 million dollar grant program that will go out to constituents, Fire Safe Councils and fire districts to do on the ground related to fire prevention activities.
   - Cap and Trade program: 50 million dollars for forest sector related activities.

5. Report of the Regulations Coordinator. Staff updated the Board on all pending regulations’ status.

6. Report of Executive Officer. The Board’s Executive Officer reported on:
   a. Board 2015 Schedule
   b. Log Export regulations
   c. Assessed Lumber Products
   d. Legislation of Interest
   e. State Responsibility Area Report
   f. Proposed response to Tuolumne County for County Fire Safe Regulations

06-14-02 Member Saito moved to approve the 2015 meeting schedule. Member Rickert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

06-14-03 Member Farber moved to direct the Executive Officer to continue exploring the feasibility of options. Member Rickert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

06-14-04 Member Saito moved to approve proposed change in ordinance. Member Miles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

The Board directed the Executive Officer to contact the author of AB 2082 and work to restore language stricken in recent amendments to limit the bill to point count, for the purpose of adding basal area.
At the recommendation of the Executive Officer, the Board deferred discussion of the SRA report until after the Department’s presentation on the issue, scheduled for later in the agenda.

The Executive Officer made a presentation on a product known as ColorStrand. The Executive Officer’s determination was that it was subject to the Lumber assessment. The Board concurred.


- Forest Practice, Mark Andre, Chair

    No action items
    Mr. Gienger commented on the FPC workshop on cumulative effects.

- Resource Protection, Bruce Saito, Chair

    06-14-05 Member Saito moved to approve Initial Statement of Reasons and to put out for 45-day Notice. Member Rickert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

    06-14-06 Member Saito moved to approve nomination of John Van Duyn to RMAC. Member Farber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

- Management Committee, Stuart Farber, Chair

    No action items.

8. Report of Board’s Advisory Committees

- Forest Pest Council- Katie Palmieri
- Professional Foresters Examining Committee – Matt Dias.

    The Board noted the Recent Passing of:
    RPF 1811 - James Carter   RPF 2153 - Michael Raysor

    The following voluntarily relinquished their licenses:
    RPF 1503 - Lowell Stone   RPF 1748 - Miles Crail
    RPF 1862 - Paul Jameson

    The following requested license withdrawal:
    RPF 140 - Robert Cates   RPF 198 - Arthur Peterson
    RPF 216 - Richard Fores   RPF 300 - Robert Smart
    RPF 458 - Keld Soresen   RPF 1202 - Robert Lindsay
    RPF 1214 - William Sise   RPF 1586 - Jay Kitzmiller
    RPF 1832 - Richard Swift   RPF 1892 - John Carter
    RPF 1906 - David Norris   RPF 1938 - John Bums
    RPF 1990 - Wilford Beck   RPF 2024 - Michael Wilkinson
    RPF 2090 - Michael Kennedy RPF 2124 - Peter Mastenbroek
    RPF 2149 - Steven Dunlap   RPF 2158 - Donald Morse
    RPF 2164 - Ronald Burns   RPF 2330 - Thomas Shorey
    RPF 2420 - Alleah Haley   RPF 2572 - William Hiney
    RPF 2582 - Edward Maloney  RPF 2799 - Andrew Morse
06-14-07 Member Britting moved to approve withdrawals. Member Saito seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Mr. Dias announced the successful examinees and proposed RPF numbers:

Steve Severi - 2989          Curtis Tyler - 2990
Justin Kephart - 2991        Jason Butcher – 2992
Julieann Dufresne -2993      Dave Embree - 2994
Zane Haxterma - 2995        Robert Douglas - 2996
Sarah Oldson - 2997         Brian Vitorelo - 2998
Eric Hontou - 2999

06-14-08 Member Britting moved to approve applicants. Member Miles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS


Public Comment

Katie Sanchez, Native American Heritage Commission commented the Emergency Notifications time frame for adequate review is not sufficient, recommended a 10 day notice to give for adequate review and consultation.

Richard Gienger, referenced EPIC vs. Johnson and suggested a 10 working day notice.

Rob DiPerna, EPIC commented on an inconsistency in the Rule Pleading and Initial Statement of Reasons, page 2 of the Initial Statement of Reasons refers to a 10 day waiting period and the Rule Plead refers to a 7 day waiting period. EPIC supports the concept of the notification, however the waiting period is too short. Recommended a 10 business working day period.

06-14-09 Member Miles moved to adopt as noticed with amendments recommended by the Department for numbering and clarity. Member Wade seconded the motion.

06-14-10 Member Britting moved to amend 7 days to 10 days. Member Saito seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote on 06-14-10 (Amendment)

Britting    Aye
Wade        No
Husari       Aye
Miles       No
Farber      No
Rickert     Aye
Saito       Aye
Andre     No

Motion failed 4 to 4

**06-14-11** Member Andre moved to amend that a 15-day notice and hearing would be used. Member Wade seconded.

**06-14-12** Member Farber offered a friendly amendment to change numbering on one item. Members Andre and Wade accepted the amendment.

**Roll Call Vote on 06-14-11** (as amended)

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The motion passed unanimously.

**Roll Call Vote 06-14-09** (Main Motion, as amended by 06-14-11)

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The motion passed 6 to 2.

10. Update on Redding Pilot Project and AB1492 Implementation.

   a. Redding Pilot Project Review – Mike Bacca, and the Pilot Project Team.
   b. AB 1492 Implementation- Russ Henly, Assistant Secretary of Forest Resources Management.
      i. DFW- Bill Condon
      ii. Cal Fire- Dennis Hall
      iii. Water Boards- Nick Kunz
      iv. CGS- Bill Short

Public Comment

Jodi Frediani, Central Coast Forest Watch, commended the Santa Rosa staff for THP review process for clarity, consistency and transparency. Expressed concerns on the review process for the North Region, commented that it can be confusing.

Richard Gienger, commented on the need for pilot projects regarding cumulative effects.
Vern Goehring, California Native Plant Society wanted to make a commitment to the Agency, the Board and Cal Fire regarding the Native Plant Society’s continued engagement in the process.

Sue Robinson commented on THP’s desk and field review. The public to should be able to review the specific comments made on PHI’s. She also suggested tracking time spent on fire related activities.

11. Forest Practice Rule Implementation and Effectiveness Monitoring (FORPRIEM) program.
   a. Watercourse Crossings - Pete Cafferata
   b. Roads - Clay Brandow

   No Public Comment received.


   No Public Comment received.

   a. Criteria for Selection of Projects
   b. Projects Selected
   c. Fire Severity, Treatment, Education, Prevention and Planning (STEPP) program overview.

CONCLUSION


   Jodi Frediani, commented on less than 3 acre conversions, and issue related to them.

   Eric Carlson, thanked FPC for reviewing the priority on RPF responsibilities vs. LTO responsibilities also thanked the Board for assisting with LTO license renewals.

   Richard Gienger, 15th Annual Coho Confab, Governor Brown introduced a policy relative to Native Americans in 2011/12 regarding interagency collaboration when working with Native American tribes.

   Ed Struffenegger, presented the Board with a copy of the Northern Spotted Owl Science Compendium.

15. Adjournment.
Respectfully submitted, ATTEST:

George D. Gentry Mark Andre
Executive Officer Vice Chair

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