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**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**  
**Middletown, CA**  
**July 21, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

J. Keith Gilles  
Rich Wade  
Susan Husari  
Mike Miles  
Stuart Farber  
Marc Los Huertos

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mark Andre

**BOARD STAFF:**

Matthew Dias, Executive Officer  
Edith Hannigan, Board Analyst  
Laura Alarcon-Stalians, Board Analyst  
Connor Pompa, Forestry Assistant II  
Ali Karaouni, Board Counsel

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:**

Ken Pimlott, Director  
Janet Barentson, Chief Deputy Director  
Janet Upton, Deputy Director, Communications  
Dr. Helge Eng, Deputy Director, Resource Management  
Scott Upton, Northern Region Chief  
Dennis Hall, Asst. Deputy Director, Forest Practice  
Matthew Reischman, Asst. Deputy Director, Resource Protection & Improvement  
Pete Munoa, Deputy Chief, Land Use Planning  
Chad Moxley, Battalion Chief, Land Use Planning  
Jason Neuman, Battalion Chief, Land Use Planning  
Dan Stapleton, Forester II, Headquarters  
Kevin Lindo, Fire Captain, Land Use Planning  
Gene Potkey, Fire Captain, Land Use Planning  
Brian Barkley, Fire Captain, Land Use Planning  
Dave Loveless, State Forests Program Manager  
Stewart McMorrow, Forester II, LAMRC  
Stacy Stanish, Senior Environmental Scientist

**Executive Session**

Discussed items listed

- a. Christ v. California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection, et al., Court of Appeals (3rd District), Case No. C076957
- b. Discussion of permanent replacement of Board Executive Officer

**Announcement of Actions Taken in Executive Session.**

Ali Karaouni, Board Counsel, stated that the items on the agenda were discussed during the Executive Session. No Board actions were taken.

**Approval of May 2016 Meeting Minutes.**

**07-21-01 Member Farber moved to approve the June 2016 Meeting Minutes as presented. Member Miles seconded.**

**Roll Call**

<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Farber</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously with one member abstaining and one absent.**

**MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS**

**Report of the Chairman.**

Chairman Gilless thanked all Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest staff and CAL FIRE Lake-Napa Unit (LNU) for assisting in planning of the field tour. Chairman Gilless remarked that the devastation from the Valley Fire incident was unbelievable, and thanked Staff Member Edith Hannigan for her terrific planning and coordination with CAL FIRE LNU to make the field tour a memorable day. He also stated the conditions seen in the aftermath of the Valley Fire was a sobering event to see, and a powerful reminder of why the Board goes to great length to institute fire prevention and protection rules and regulations. He praised CAL FIRE staff for their heroic efforts in the Valley Fire incident, with their early citizen evacuations and effective coordination with limited resources. He also stated that he is extremely impressed with the post-fire activities going on at Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest and that the forest is an exemplary example of what a demonstration state forest should be.

Dr. Gilless also announced that Mr. Matt Dias had been selected to as the permanent Executive Officer position for the Board, and that they are well into the personnel and HR process to make his selection official. Chairman Gilless also remarked that he and Member Andre are providing input into the Department’s Forest Climate Action Team (FCAT)

**Report of the Director/Department. Chief Ken Pimlott.**

**My suggestion here is to just reference the Directors Report. However, if you want some notes here are my edits.**

Department Succession and Recent Appointments

- Tonya Hoover, State Fire Marshal, retired effective July 15, 2016. Mike Richwine, Asst. State Fire Marshal, will be the Acting State Fire Marshal until a permanent replacement is made.

#### Current Conditions

- Chief Pimlott thanked the Board for holding this month's Board Meeting at the Valley Fire Incident. He is very proud of all the CAL FIRE resources that were assigned to the incident.
- CAL FIRE will continue to mount aggressive initial attack on all wildfires with the goal of keeping them less than 10 acres
- 66 million trees are estimated to be dead or dying. In some areas, such as eastern Fresno county 80 to 100 percent of the trees are dead.
  - There is an immediate concern for public safety, as these conditions could increase fire intensity and size.
  - CAL FIRE is working with various fire protection districts, landowners, and utility companies to install effective fuel breaks and vegetation management areas in high hazard counties.
- IMT 4 was assigned to the tree mortality problem and produced fuel condition maps, accessible through smart phone QR readers, to help educate firefighters and the public on current fuel conditions in high hazard areas of the state
- The Department's Very Large Air Tankers (VLATs) have been extremely busy dropping water and retardant on fires throughout the state.
- The Budget was signed by the Governor a few weeks ago, with CAL FIRE receiving much of its request.
  - The Department is budgeting for Automatic Vehicle Locator Devices, which will place a GPS device on all CAL FIRE suppression vehicles, to help staff effectively manage and move resources in fire incidents.
- The Department's helicopter replacement process is on track. There are monies within the budget for this process, and DGS will be visiting vendors to discuss specific specifications that must be met for these new helicopters. Once the visit occurs, bids will be entertained from vendors.
- The CAL FIRE Executive Staff has been in discussion with the leadership of CAL FIRE Union Local 2881 on Professional Standards Program (PSP), to help govern behavior within the ranks and for chief and company officers to effectively manage their staffs.
- The FCAT program is kicking into high gear with a very aggressive timeline to meet the Governor's AB 32 mandate.
- The Department has entered into "Good Neighbor Agreements" with federal and other state agencies to help deal with forestry and fire protection problem on a landscape level.
- The Department and other agencies have been granted one million dollars for vegetation management efforts along the California portion of U.S. Route 50, with the program being known as "Fire Adapted 50."
- With the unprecedented amount of tree mortality and wildfires, there has been much effort to place more funds and interest in the Department's nursery at the LA Moran Reforestation Center. Chief Pimlott announced that the center has lost their manager Stewart McMorrow to take the Forester II position as Forest Stewardship Forester, but that he is still providing invaluable efforts into collecting seeds and raising seedlings to augment the efforts of private native plant nurseries.
  - The goal of the center is not to become a full nursery, but to help augment private native plant nurseries with additional seeds and seedlings.
- Soquel Demonstration State Forest's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House will be occurring August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Member Farber thanked the Chief for his report, and commented that his executive staff and rank and file employees deserve a lot of credit for all the work they have done on not only the Valley Fire, but also across the whole state. Member Farber additionally added that he is glad to see that the LA Moran Reforestation Center is getting emphasized, after many years of budget cuts.

**Report of the Regulations Coordinator.** The Board's Regulations Coordinator reported on ongoing regulatory matters.-Matt Dias, Executive Officer

- The Executive Officer provided a review of Rulemaking Calendar.
  - The 1038(k) Exemption, "Drought Mortality Amendments, 2016" has become permanent as of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It is an effective too for landowners to deal with the unprecedented levels of tree mortality. The permanent rulemaking language has slight edits made from the second emergency readoption including different provisions to control logging slash heights.
  - A Section 100 Repeal was submitted and approved by the Office of Administrative Law, to delete the reference to the District Technical Advisory Committees in the FPRs, due to a statutory repeal made in AB 1414.
  - The "Working Forest Management Plan" is currently within the 45-Day public comment period and the initial hearing will be at the August Board Meeting.
  - Also, the "Less than 3 Acre Conversion Amendments, 2016" and "Utility Notice of Overhead Operation Amendments, 2016" are also within the 45-Day public comment periods and will also have their initial hearings at the August Board meeting.

a) The Board was presented with the regulatory text for the "White and Black Oak Management Special Prescription" and the Final Statement of Reasons. Chair Gillless asked for additional Board member comment.

**07-21-02      Member Miles moved to approve the "White and Black Oak Woodland Management Special Prescription" FSOR. Member Farber seconded.**

**Roll Call**

<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Farber</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gillless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously with one member absent.**

**Adoption of the White & Black Oak Special Prescription Rule Text.**

**07-21-03      Member Miles moved to adopt the regulatory text referred to as "White and Black Oak Woodland Management Special Prescription". Member Farber seconded.**

**Roll Call**

<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Farber</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gillless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously with one member absent.**

**Report of Executive Officer.** The Board's Executive Officer reported on ongoing administrative matters, proposed state or federal legislation or programs, or new items coming before the Board. Matt Dias, Executive Officer provided a report upon the following:

a) An overview of the Legislative Report.

- A legislative analysis of AB 1958 was included for the Board Members' review, which included language pertaining to the potential amendment for reporting on the effectiveness of exemptions.
- AB 2029 is under the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> amendment process, regarding Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project Exemption (AB 744), to increase the diameter of trees removed to a 26" at stump height limit. This has incrementally increased since the initial adoption of the bill. Also, a limit of 600 feet of road construction to facilitate this fuel removal has been included for this amendment process. This has been done for the overarching goal of fire protection and prevention.
- SB 1136 would affect the Board, if passed, by removing the responsibility of fiscal reporting of on the SRA fee from the Board to the Department. It is currently on suspense with an unknown outcome for this legislative season.
- Member Wade unable to attend the Tree Mortality Task Force's last meeting, but EO Dias participated through a webinar broadcast.
  - Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) provided updates at the meeting on their activities regarding tree mortality in the 6 counties where there is an emergency declaration. PG&E gave a presentation on how they are not only removing hazard trees from their utilities, but also giving consultation and tree removal aid to adjacent public and private landowners.
  - 6 counties are part of the drought emergency declared by the governor and have received priority for allocation of SRA grants.
  - Caltrans is in the process of spending approximately \$20 million on USFS land for treating power line right of ways.
  - There was discussion of purchase agreements expiring in the next coming months in regards to biomass removed from California timberlands.
  - The California Insurance Commission will be asked to join the task force to provide input on home landowner whom are losing their insurance will be able to remain insured through the State or other means.
- The Trinity County moratorium on less than 3 acres is likely to be extended from the 45-day emergency ordinance for an additional 10 months and 15 days. This is in regard to an elevated level of conversions being used for marijuana cultivation. The County may establish an ad hoc committee to further investigate this issue.
- The Board is planning on hosting a workshop in regards to less than 3 acre conversions and marijuana production at their September 2016 meeting. A myriad of stakeholders are being asked to participate in the workshop.
- Member Farber asked the Executive Officer about AB 1958, in regards to consistency with the adopted "White and Black Oak Management Special Prescription." Dias stated that the rulemaking effort, if adopted, would be a special prescription for use under THPs. AB 1958 would authorize the Board to develop regulations for an exemption under the FPRs for oak woodland management.

**Report of the Standing Committees.** Committee Chairpersons will report on the items discussed from Committee meetings.

-Forest Practice/ Management Joint Committee, Members Farber and Miles provided updates on:

- Draft edits were made to the Board's grazing policies, specifically policy "Range Management 0335" and "Special Uses of State Forests 0351.6." These revisions were made to increase and implement the use of grazing and prescribed herbivory in the demonstration state forest management plans.

**07-21-04** Member Farber moved to adopt the revised Board Policies “Range Management 0335” and “Special Uses of State Forests 0351.6”, with minor suggested edits. Member Wade seconded.

**Roll Call**

<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Farber</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously with one member absent.**

- Chief Eng reported that CAL FIRE would remove Departmental policies on demonstration state forest management, as they are duplicative.
- Member Farber and Member Miles went on to discuss that amendments to the Board’s Technical Rule Addendum #2 and 14 CCR 912.7. Member Miles stated that they are seeking to align the TRA #2 with current CEQA guidelines for consistency.

-Resource Protection Committee, Member Husari provided an update on:

- Chair Husari reported on the discussion of creating and maintaining a list of all counties regarding their status on PRC §4290 certification from the Board in a table format.
- Member Husari praised Tuolumne County for being extremely responsive with changes the Board recommended to attain PRC § 4290 certification within county ordinances.

**07-21-05** Member Husari motioned to accept Tuolumne County’s local ordinances as meeting or exceeding PRC §4290 in lieu of 14 CCR 1270. Member Los Huertos seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Farber</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously with one member absent.**

- Member Husari also thanked CAL FIRE’s Land Use Planning team that was present at RPC meeting, field tour and Board meeting.
- The cities of San Leandro and Oakland submitted their General Plan Safety Elements to the Board for review. Ms. Hannigan discussed the duplicative nature of General Plan Safety Elements and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, and is investigating how to best develop Board policies and programs so that the Board meets the requirements of GOV § 65302.5 in a manner that is also time and cost efficient for local jurisdictions.
  - Member Los Huertos added that a crosswalk between the two plans would be great to see, as it would reduce redundancy and plan review times by the agencies having approval authority.
- Chief Shew presented the SRA Prevention Fee Expenditures report to RPC.

- PRC §4214(f) states that the Board has very specific reporting requirements, and some areas of the report are lacking. Specifically information on defensible space inspections. Member Husari wants to see data on how effective these inspections were on achieving compliance from landowners. SRA expenditure data is not available by specific county from the Department, as CAL FIRE reports data only by Unit. This will have to be explained in the Board's SRA report.
- Member Husari provided updates on drafting changes to the Board's General Plan Safety Element assessment documents.
- The Cal Poly Final Report is out regarding dead end roadways and emergency evacuations, and Member Husari asked the members to please read the report as it will be discussed next month.

## Report of Board's Advisory Committees.

### - Forest Pest Council - Katie Harrell

- Nine eastern states are participating in the 2016 National *Phytophthora ramorum* Early Detection Survey of Forests (AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, PA, SC, TN and TX). To date 308 samples were collected this spring with 126 analyzed. 6 samples have been found positive for *P. ramorum*, three each from Alabama and Mississippi. All the positive samples came from nurseries previously associated with positive findings.
  - 20 new infestations have been found in the central and southern coast of Oregon so far this year in or beyond the Generally Infested Area.
  - Ten western Washington state waterways were baited for *P. ramorum* this spring, with no positive findings. Two of the waterways had previously tested positive.
- The open period for submitting fiscal year 2017 Farm Bill suggestions to implement Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Programs is from July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Two CA nurseries that ship interstate were found to be *P. ramorum* positive during spring 2016 inspections. One was in Santa Clara County and one in Sacramento County.
- Surveys of botanical gardens completed that previously detected *P. ramorum* in Kitsap County, WA during 2015 were found to be no longer positive.
- USDA APHIS revised conditions upon interstate movement of regulated soil from *P. ramorum* quarantined areas when being brought to APHIS-Approved labs for testing.
- A patent (US #9,320,283 B2) has been issued for the use of *Trichoderma asperellum* on *P. ramorum* infested soils. It was found to bring *P. ramorum* down to below detectable levels in mock nursery conditions in an 8 week period. The product still has to be approved and appropriately licensed by the US EPA.
- A recently released study by Cobb et al. (2016) found that the interaction of wildfire and forest pathogens/diseases leads to a greater loss of soil nutrients and carbon.
- In Riverside County 44 additional plants have been found infested with the Golden Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB). San Diego County (Pio Pico Campground) has found 7 new trees infested with GSOB.
- Social media has been an effective platform on spreading the word that transporting firewood is not allowed because of the possible transportation of pests around the state.

### - Effectiveness Monitoring Committee – Member Farber

- Provided updates on EMC meeting in Ukiah on June 17.
- Participation from CAL FIRE Forester/Hydrologists Pete Cafferata and Drew Coe on research projects, both present and future, has been fantastic.
- Discussion of appointment of Ali Dunn of the State Water Resources Control Board to the EMC. Ms. Dunn's resume was distributed to the Board members and public, and was also posted on the Board's website.

**07-21-06 Chairman Gilless moved to appoint Ali Dunn to the Effectiveness Monitoring Committee. Member Los Huertos seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call**

<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Farber</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously with one member abstaining and one member absent.**

- Member Farber discussed ranking project proposals that have been submitted to the EMC. Currently two projects have been ranked. Final study designs for these two projects are pending.
- Member Farber is in discussion with the Executive Officer to have this Appendix F Ranking Table included in the 2017 EMC Strategic Plan for Board review.
- A formal "Request for Research Proposals" draft has been created to meet this need, with it likely being approved at the next meeting. The goal is to solicit new projects.
- The next EMC meeting will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Redding at the USFS/CAL FIRE North Operations Building.
- Thanks was given to CAL FIRE Forester III/Hydrologist Pete Cafferata, for his work in reviewing projects, being the committee minutes taker and contributing his expertise to the discussions.

**-Range Management Advisory Committee – Edith Hannigan**

- RMAC last met on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.
- Sheryl Landrum, Executive Director of the San Diego Resource Conservation District, Ms. Hannigan, and Mr. Tom Smith, CAL FIRE Senior Plant Pathologist, will give a short presentation on the impacts of the invasive shot hole borers, such as those seen on the Board's field trip to San Diego in May, to the California Board of Food and Agriculture. They will be highlighting the ways RMAC believes CBFA can take leadership action to address this issue.
- Recommended changes of Board policies associated with grazing in demonstration state forests were presented to the RPC on Tuesday at the committee meetings. Ms. Lesa Osterholm, RMAC Co-Chair, was present at the last FPC/Management meeting in June, and led a discussion at the RMAC meeting about how to increase communication between RMAC and the Board. Emphasis was especially placed on communicating more effectively to the Board on new and emerging grazing and prescribed herbivory research. The next RMAC meeting will be in early September at the Resources Building in Sacramento.

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

- Gave an update on realigning the PFEC structure with the statutory mandates defined in PRC §763. 14 CCR §1122 is may not provide the necessary clarity and flexibility and may be recommended for revision through rulemaking.
- Former CAL FIRE (formerly CDF) Director Dr. Jerry Partain, RPF has passed. Mr. Dias stated that Dr. Partain was instrumental in the building of Humboldt State University's forestry program and contributed immensely to the practice and study of forestry. Member Husari expressed kind words and condolences to his family, saying that she studied under Dr. Partain's tutelage when she was a student at HSU.



- There are 1197 valid RPF's and 80 valid CRM's as of this month.
- Mr. Dias recommended that the Board accept the results of the April 2016 RPF examination, and license the following successful applicants:

Cody Reid – RPF 3023

Justin Coffman – RPF 3024

Mary Mayeda – RPF 3025

Glen Gerbatz – RPF 3026

Fletcher Nelson – CRM 108

**07-21-07 Chairman Gilless moved to accept the results of the April 2016 RPF Examination, and approve the licensing of the successful applicants as stated above. Member Miles seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call**

<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Farber</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Motion passed unanimously with one member absent.**

- Dias stated that this exam had approximately a 20% pass rate which is well below average.

**SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS**

**Presentation: CDFW/CAL FIRE Water Drafting Workshop Overview**, Bill Condon, CDFW Timberland Conservation Program Manager, Angela Moran, CDFW Environmental Scientist, and Stacy Stanish, CAL FIRE Senior Environmental Scientist, spoke about workshops held in the past few months that were successful interagency training opportunities for RPFs and licensed timber operators (LTOs) on limiting environmental effects when utilizing water drafting on timber management activities. Mr. Condon, Ms. Moran and Ms. Stanish reported that the classes had great attendance, and have received great reviews from the workshop attendees.

**Presentation: Red Rock Biofuel Project**, Tad Mason, CEO, TSS Consultants: Mr. Mason gave a presentation to the Board on pilot projects seeking to convert woody biomass to jet and diesel fuels. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Mason asked the Board for a letter of support for these projects. Chairman Gilless spoke for the Board in saying that a letter would have to be discussed in more detail before one could be submitted, as the Board cannot support a specific business or business venture. However, if Board members are in agreement, an official letter of support from the Board could be created to support the idea of converting woody biomass to fuel, without reference to any specific business or project. Mr. Mason agreed with Chairman Gilless's notion, and thanked the Board for their consideration.

**Presentation: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Demonstration State Forests Wildlife Monitoring Update**, Stacy Stanish, Senior Environmental Scientist, CAL FIRE. Ms. Stanish presented information about wildlife monitoring underway at the demonstration state forests. Cameras have been placed at all of the demonstration state forests to survey for species that may be in each forest's boundary. Ms. Stanish also updated the Board on spotted owl surveys that have been occurring within the demonstration state forests.

**Public/Agency Comment:** Chief Dennis Hall, Asst. Deputy Director, CAL FIRE, thanked Ms. Stanish for her tireless work as being one of only two wildlife scientists that CAL FIRE has on staff. Chief Hall also stated that Ms. Stanish is an RPF, and has been absolutely invaluable to the

Department, helping with such things as marking trees to be removed due to the unprecedented tree mortality.

**Hearing: Listed Anadromous Salmonid Amendments, 2016.**

Connor Pompa, CAL FIRE Forestry Assistant II, presented an overview of the proposed rulemaking text. Mr. Pompa stated that a draft FSOR was included for the Board's review, but the Board has since received public comment, which will need to be addressed in the document. Therefore, Mr. Pompa and Mr. Dias recommended to the Board that adoption of the text and FSOR not occur until the August 2016 meeting. The Board accepted the recommendation. Public comment that was received in the 45-day noticing period was also discussed, which included letters from CAL FIRE Deputy Director Dr. Helge Eng, and Fred Blatt and David Fowler of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**Public Comment:**

George "YG" Gentry (California Forestry Association) Spoke in support.

Cedric Twilight (Sierra Pacific Industries) Spoke in support.

Bill Condon (California Department of Fish and Wildlife), spoke in support.

Joh Ambrose (NMFS), spoke in support.

**Board Discussion:**

The Board thanked the commenters, and stated that they are in agreement that this rulemaking effort should move forward. No revisions were offered by the Board members to the Notice, Rule Text, or ISOR. Chairman Gilles directed Mr. Pompa to appropriately address the public and written comments within the FSOR, and to present it at the August 2016 Board meeting for possible adoption.

**Public Forum**

- Greg Giusti, Forest Advisor for Lake and Mendocino County, UC Berkeley Extension, thanked the Board for coming to see the conditions of the landscapes left after the Valley Fire incident, and all the work that has been done to repair the communities and forested landscapes. Mr. Giusti also commended CAL FIRE's firefighting crews on their efforts to suppress the fire and evacuate the area's residents. Mr. Giusti made the point that if CAL FIRE staff did not remove many of dead and dying trees around the county, residents who were victims of the fire could not rebuild their homes or lives. Mr. Giusti has helped Lake County find funding to receive 100,000 seedlings for the area's reforestation efforts. Although he praised the work being done at Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest, he said that many local private landowners were caught off guard by the multiple fires (Valley, Jerusalem, and Rocky), and have no economic means to revegetate their land. The Lake County Wine Growers Association, local Rotarians and high schools have volunteered manpower to help plant seedlings free of charge. Mr. Giusti also challenged the Board to help support Director Pimlott in restoring service foresters within CAL FIRE ranks in any way they can. There is a strong need for them, especially when massive reforestation efforts are needed in the wake of destructive wildfires. As the removal of dead and dying trees is continuing throughout Lake County, it has been very difficult to find mills that will take the salvaged logs. Immense praise was given to Sierra Pacific Industries, Collins Pine, and Mendocino Redwood Company for taking these logs to their mills, mitigating what could've been a larger disaster. Even with these salvage efforts, there's still going to be millions of dead trees sitting on the landscape, which hampers the restoration efforts. Mr. Giusti says that he will be in close contact with Ms. Hannigan and the CAL FIRE Land Use Planning team to make Lake County a more fire safe community. Lastly, he wanted to notify the Board and the public that the University of California is hosting the Redwood Science Symposium September 13-15 in Eureka.

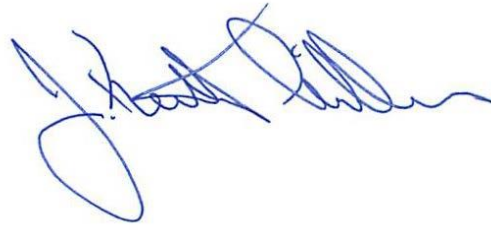
**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Dias  
Executive Officer

ATTEST:

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Keith Gilles  
Chair