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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA
June 14, 2017

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Keith Gilles, Chair
Mark Andre
Rich Wade
Mike Miles
Darcy Wheelles
Marc Los Huertos
Susan Husari

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT: Katie Delbar

BOARD STAFF:

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

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director
Helge Eng, Deputy Director, Resource Management
Bill Solinsky, Forester III, THP Administration
Dennis Hall, Assistant Deputy Director, Forest Practice
Pete Cafferata, Forest Practice/Forest Hydrologist
Forester II
Eric Huff, Staff Chief, Forest Practice Program
Heather Williams, Information Officer

Natural Resources Agency:

Russ Henly, Assistant Secretary of Forest Resources Management, Natural Resources Agency

Announcement of Actions Taken in Executive Session.

No reportable actions taken.

Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Deferred to the July Board meeting.

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS

Report of the Chairman J. Keith Gilles

No report

Report of the Director/Department. Ken Pimlott

- **Department Succession**

- Scott Lindgren, AEU Unit Chief was recently appointed.
- Dennis Mathisen, State Fire Marshal, was recently confirmed by the Senate.
- 21 students graduated Peace Officer Training (POST) on June 9, 2017

- **Activity:**

Fire Season Statistics to date

- YTD for 2017, over 1,600 Fires for 17,678 acres in comparison to the average of 1,472 fires for 11,694 acres for years past.

- **Fire Season Staffing**

- All suppression aircraft are online and available for suppression response.

- **Fuels Treatment**

- The Department has implemented over 10,000 acres in prescribed fires accomplished as of the end of May and approximately 14,000 in fuels treatment;
- More prescribed fire is planned, but is contingent upon weather patterns. The Vegetation Treatment Program Programmatic EIR is critical in further fuels treatment planning and implementation.

- **Defensible Space**

- 151,000 Defensible Space Inspections accomplished as of the end of May
- Year to Date there have been over 30,000 downloads of the Ready for Wildfire app that was launched in April of 2017.

- **Governor's Budget**

- Emergency Drought Action (\$41.7m)
- Climate Adaptation (\$42.3m)
- Hiring and Training (\$14m)
- Davis Nursery (\$4.8m)
- SRA Grants proposed by Legislature (\$10m)
- Ave 40 Bridge design Yolo County (\$800,000)

- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Grant Program**

- Currently reviewing Forest Health grants.
- The Urban Forestry grants were released and are moving forward.

- **Homeowners Insurance Pilot Project**
 - The Pilot Project is working to identify areas where help is needed in providing information to the insurance industry when rating homes for fire insurance coverage and is looking at areas in the state where fuels have been treated to capture data on how it compares to community wildfire defense protection plans.
- **Cone Collection/Survey Packets**
 - Cone collection survey packets were distributed to the units to collect data on seed stalk that's available.

Report of the Regulations Coordinator

- a) Reviewed Rulemaking Matrix

Report of Executive Officer.

Executive Officer Dias provided an update on the following subject matters:

- Board staffing and training efforts;
- That the current joint Forest Practice/Management Committee will soon assume individual committee structures rather than serving the Board in a joint capacity;
- Legislative Update
- 2018 Fire Plan Steering Committee DRAFT Goals for the 2018 Revision of the Strategic Fire Plan.

Members Los Huertos and Husari commented that they would like to see a free-standing draft Goal focusing upon prescribed fire, or to have prescribed fire called out specifically within an existing draft Goal.

- Update on Tree Mortality Task Force activities was provided by Member Wade.

Report of the Standing Committees

Forest Practice Committee & Management Committee Joint Meeting

- Member Miles provided an update on Legislative Reporting for Exemptions and Emergency Notices
- Member Miles discussed Technical Rule Addendum #2 and Cumulative Impacts Assessment Checklist (14 CCR § 912.9)

06-17-01 Member Miles moved to approve the Initial Statement of Reasons for the regulation entitled “Cumulative Impacts Assessment Checklist, Technical Rule Addendum No. 2 and Appendix Amendments, 2017.” Member Andre seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Miles	Aye
Delbar	Absent
Wheeles	Aye
Andre	Aye
Los Huertos	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously; one seat vacant and one member absent.

06-17-02 Member Miles moved to authorize publishing a 45-Day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the regulation entitled “Cumulative Impacts Assessment Checklist, Technical Rule Addendum No. 2 and Appendix Amendments, 2017” with the word “Regional” removed from the Appendix under the category of Wildfire Risk and Hazard. Member Wade seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Miles	Aye
Delbar	Absent
Wheeles	Aye
Andre	Aye
Los Huertos	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously; one seat vacant and one member absent.

06-17-03 Chairman Gilless moved to re-approve the Initial Statement of Reasons for the regulation entitled “Cumulative Impacts Assessment Checklist, Technical Rule Addendum No. 2 and Appendix Amendments, 2017” with minor revisions, if necessary, to reflect the revisions to the rule text authorized for 45-Day Notice. Member Miles seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Miles	Aye
Delbar	Absent
Wheeles	Aye
Andre	Aye
Los Huertos	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously; one seat vacant and one member absent.

- 14 CCR § Exemptions
 - a) AB 1958 and AB 2029 Discussion and Review of Pleading Draft Regulatory Text
- Reviewed DRAFT Letter to Counties on Request to County Board of Supervisors to Appoint an Authorized Designee for review of Less Than 3 Acre Conversion Exemptions

Resource Protection Committee

- Safety Element Review
 - a. City of Novato
 - b. Mariposa County Response to Recommendations
- Fire Safe Regulations Certification Update
- Natural Resources Agency Safeguarding California Plan 2017 Update
- SB 732

Report of Board’s Advisory Committees

Effectiveness Monitoring Committee (EMC) – Chair, Dr. Russ Henly

a) Board Consideration of Appointments to the EMC

- Sal Chinnici, Humboldt Redwood Company (Reappointment)
- Justin LaNier Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Greg Giusti, Lake and Mendocino County Director ANR UC Cooperative Extension

06-17-04 Member Gillless moved to approve the re-appointment of Sal Chinnici, appoint Greg Giusti and Justin LaNier to the EMC. Member Los Huertos seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Miles	Aye
Delbar	Absent
Wheeles	Aye
Andre	Aye
Los Huertos	Aye
Gillless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously; one seat vacant and one member absent.

Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC) – Dan Stapleton

a) Reviewed Licensing Program Vital Statistics

06-17-05 Chairman Gillless moved to certify successful candidates for the April 2017 RPF and CRM Exam. Member Wade seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Miles	Aye
Delbar	Absent
Wheeles	Aye
Andre	Aye
Los Huertos	Aye
Gillless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously; one seat vacant and one member absent.

Newly Licensed RPFs and CRMs include:

**Jeromy Couch - RPF No. 3040
Scott Matheson – RPF No. 3041
Chad Stout – RPF No. 3042
Jamie Pusich – RPF No. 3043
John Vona – RPF No. 3044
Elizabeth Ebert – RPF No. 3045**

**Robert Howe – RPF No. 3046
Russell Garrison – RPF No. 3047
Mathew Cocking – RPF No. 3048
Jacob Birge – RPF No. 3049
Rachael Norton – RPF No. 3050
Jeff Stackhouse - CRM No. 113
Sarah Dawe – CRM No. 114**

b) Consideration of PFEC Appointment to Replace Member Tom Osipowich

06-17-06 Chairman Gilless moved to approve the appointment of Bill Snyder to the PFEC. Member Miles seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Miles	Aye
Delbar	Absent
Wheeles	Aye
Andre	Aye
Los Huertos	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously; one seat vacant and one member absent

06-17-07 Member Andre moved to approve the withdrawal of Mark Pawlicki (RPF No. 2680). Chairman Gilless seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Wade	Aye
Husari	Aye
Miles	Aye
Delbar	Absent
Wheeles	Aye
Andre	Aye
Los Huertos	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The motion passed unanimously; one seat vacant and one member absent

SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS

Presentation: Forest Carbon Plan Status Update, FCAT Team

Presentation: AB 1504 Forest Ecosystem and Harvested Wood Product Carbon Inventory, Nadia Tase, CAL FIRE Climate Change and Forest Inventory Specialist

Presentation: Update on Board's State Responsibility Area (SRA) Reclassification Process; Edith Hannigan, Board Staff Program Analyst

Presentation: Revised Draft of the Vegetation Treatment Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Report; Gabe Schultz, Northern Region Staff Chief Resource Management

Public Comment:

Barbara Highley, member of the public – Discussed her frustration of the designation of SRA that is applied to her neighborhood in El Dorado County. She requested that the Board or CAL FIRE provide an explanation of why her property is currently designated SRA.

Peter Gruchawka, member of the public (online comment) – Stated that he would like a list of the revisions to the VTPEIR.

CONCLUSION

Public Forum

Susan Robinson, Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch (online comment) – In relation to the AB 1504 discussion, is concerned that the USFS Forest Inventory Analysis does not capture the changes to above ground carbon stocks in the forested setting that occurs from Exemptions, Emergency Notices and Timber Harvest Plans.

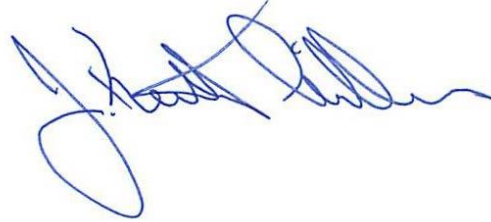
Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:



Matthew Dias
Executive Officer



Keith Gilles
Chair