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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**

<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Delbar</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Wheeles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Andre</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**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**

<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Delbar</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Wheeles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Andre</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gillless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**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**

<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Delbar</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Wheeles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Andre</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gillless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**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**

<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Delbar</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Wheeles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Andre</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**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**

<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Husari</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Delbar</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Wheeles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Andre</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Los Huertos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**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.

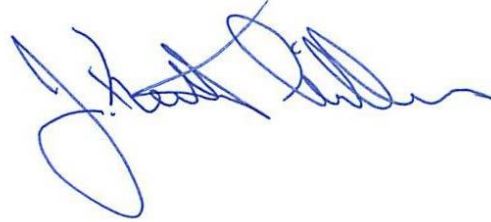
**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:



Matthew Dias  
Executive Officer



Keith Gilles  
Chair