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**Professional Foresters Examining Committee****OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES****Held: June 12th, 2014**

Resources Building, 1416 9th Street
15th Floor Large Conference Room, No. 1506-12
Sacramento, California

Members Present: Doug Ferrier, Chairman
Otto van Emmerik, Vice Chairman
Jerry Jensen
Dan Sendek
Jon Gustafson

Staff Participating: Matt Dias, Executive Officer - Foresters Licensing
Shuhani Patel, Assistant

Members of Public: Kevin Conway, CLFA Representative

1. Approval of Open Session Minutes of February 13th, 2014 Meeting.

06-12-01 Member Jerry Jensen moved to approve the open session minutes with a few minor grammar corrections and Member Otto Van Emmerik seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Reports of Chairman and Executive Officer

EO reported that Grader Len Lindstrand needs an extension on his contract for another year's term. Carl Yee will no longer be the expert examiner and a new contract is being developed and flown for opening bidding on the Expert Examiner position. CRM guidelines for rulemaking are still under way. The approved that is focusing on generating interest in RPF applicant from the forest service has still not been disseminated to all Region V forestry and rangeland employees. Out of state Carbon Auditors are trying to contract with consulting RPFs for the purposes of verification of carbon stocks on California projects. Air Resources Board (ARB) has contacted EO regarding the necessity of RPF's involvement for both in state and out of state carbon credit verification projects. The Licensing Office has also been contacted by consulting RPFs who have asked questions about the RPF responsibility in regards to verification of carbon stocks. The EO has directed the questioning RPF to 14 CCR 1602.1.

EO stated that the Engineering Board contacted him regarding adding designing bridges to the RPF examination to test for experience and/or knowledge in that area. This is still an ongoing issue, but a potential outcome could be to include questions about bridge design, maintenance, and potential

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environmental impacts on future exams. This will be an ongoing topic of discussion and the EO will have to contact the Board of Engineers to conduct further outreach.

3. Introduction of Newly Appointed PFEC Member (Dan Sendek)

Dan Sendek has been appointed to serve as a public member of the PFEC. He was the past Executive Officer of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and Licensing and is currently working for Cal Fire as a Staff Chief of Cooperative Fire. He is not currently serving in Forest Practice.

4. Discussion of Substitution of Education for Work Experience (14 CCR 1621.4)

Ferrier stated that 4 years of qualified experience will be given to an individual that has a degree from a SAF accredited forestry program. No more than 5 years of experience should be given to an individual that has an advanced degree. On the lower end of the spectrum, a minimum of 2 years of qualified experience can be given to an individual that has course work related to forestry on their transcripts from a community college. EO mentioned that 3 years of experience can be given if the degree is from a non SAF approved program. All qualifications on an application will be reviewed on a case to case basis for determinations of allotted qualifying time and individual applications are reviewed on a conditional basis.

5. Discussions of the Current Condition of the Professional Foresters Fund

EO stated that the current fund balance as of April 30, 2014 is \$374, 430.01 and the balance 3 months prior was at \$489,297.23. Dias will continue receiving fund balance reports from the accounting office every fiscal month and fiscal year to have accurate records. Further discussion will occur at future PFEC meetings.

06-12-02 Member Jerry Jensen moved to adjourn the open session and Member Otto Van Emmerik seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.