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**Professional Foresters Examining Committee**

**OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Held: February 18th, 2016**

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

**Members Present:**

Otto van Emmerik – Chairman  
Kim Rodrigues – Vice Chairman  
Jason Poburko  
Dan Sendek  
Jon Gustafson  
Tom Osipowich  
Jerry Jensen

**Staff Participating:**

Matt Dias, Acting Executive Officer  
Shuhani Patel, Assistant to the Executive Officer

**CAL FIRE Staff:**

Bill Solinsky

**1. Approval of Open Session Minutes of December 10, 2015.**

Minutes were reviewed from the members of the PFEC and want to be approved with a few minor errors that needed to be corrected.

**02-08-01 Rodriguez moved the approval of the December 10, 2015 Open Session Minutes. Member Sendek seconded.**

**Roll Call:; Osipowich (Aye); Gustafson (Aye); Sendek (Aye); van Emmerik (Aye); Poburko (Aye); Jensen (Abstained). Motion carries unanimously.**

## **2. Reports from the Chairman and Executive Officer**

Acting EO reports that there will be changes to the Board membership as Kim Rodrigues will be resigning in May 2016 or until a replacement is found. Rodrigues has expressed interest in retaining her seat on the PFEC. Mark Rickett, a Range Management seat, will also be resigning and her last Board meeting will be in March 2016.

New Board member was appointed. Dr. Marc Los Huertos will be serving as a public member. He comes from Pomona University.

Thembi Borrás is resigning with the Board of Forestry to will start her new position with LaTour Demonstration State Forest as of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Connor Pompa is a new hire for the Board and will be filling the Forestry Assistant II position early March 2016.

Doug Wickizer will be filling the retired annuitant Forester I position on a part-time basis for the Board.

Forester III position has been flown. Board staff is awaiting applications.

## **3. RPF/LTO Responsibilities**

Acting EO stated that he revised the correspondence to CAL FIRE from the Board that addresses the issue of RPF/LTO responsibilities. This draft correspondence will be discussed at the coming Forest Practice Committee meeting and PFEC members are welcomed to participate in those discussions.

Member Rodrigues stated that CAL FIRE and CLFA can work together on a regulatory path if necessary.

## **4. Discussion of Contracts**

Two bidders had the same dollar amount bid for the Expert Grader contract. A coin toss was scheduled, according to policy, to decide on a bidder to fill the contract under those circumstances. Lindstrand will be extending his contract for another 2 years after winning the coin toss.

## **5. Discussion of Committee Membership and Chairmanship**

Chair van Emmerik stated that the current PFEC is fully staffed.

Acting EO stated that seven members may not be enough to assure a quorum at all meetings. Four applicants have showed interest in the past for filling PFEC membership roles and will remain on file if an upcoming seat were to open up.

Gustafson, CRM seat, may be replaced by Larry Forrero who has 20+ years of livestock experience, work with UC Extension, and is current a member of the CRM panel.

The next PFEC terms to expire doesn't occur until 2017.

## **6. Discussion of the Current Condition of the Professional Foresters Fund**

EO reported that the fund balance is in a healthy state and by next year, there will be 2 fiscal years worth of data collected from the accounting office for review.

Discussion of raising bi-annual licensing fees will occur after further data is collected.

## **7. Meeting Adjourned**