BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION MEETING MINUTES

Sacramento, CA

June 19, 2024

**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION MEMBERS**

**Present:**

* Terrence O’Brien, Chair
* Elizabeth Forsburg-Pardi, Vice-Chair
* Chris Chase
* Mike Jani
* Rich Wade
* Dawn Blake
* Ali Jahangiri

**Absent:**

* Katie Delbar
* J. Lopez

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

* Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer
* Dan Stapleton, Asst. Executive Officer, Foresters Registration
* Jeff Slaton, Senior Board Counsel
* Robert Roth, Board Counsel
* Jane Van Susteren, Senior Environmental Scientist
* Anna Castro, Executive Assistant
* Andrew Lawhorn, Forestry Assistant II
* Alexandra La Plante, Administrative Unit Manager
* Mazonika Kemp, Office Technician
* Marcie Yates, Staff Services Manager, Land Use Planning
* Alexandra Vest, AGPA
* Kristina Wolf, Senior Environmental Scientist
* Dan Craig, Regulations Program Manager, Forester III

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF PRESENT:**

* Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CAL FIRE
* Anale Burlew, Chief Deputy Director, Forestry & Fire Protection, CAL FIRE
* Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director Resource Management, Forest & Fire Protection, CAL FIRE
* Eric Huff, Assistant Deputy Director, Forest Practice, CAL FIRE
* Helen Lopez, Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs, CAL FIRE

**Announcement of Action(s) Taken in Executive Session:**

Jeff Slaton, Senior Counsel for the Board reported that during executive closed session the Board considered the four items on the closed session agenda. With respect to the three Litigation matters the Board discussed and took no reportable actions. With respect to the Civil Penalty CP-23-04 the board adopted the Administrative Law Judge Proposed Decision.

1. California Chaparral Institute, et al., vs California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Case No. 37-2020-00005203)
2. Valdovinos and Madrigal v. Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, et al. (Case No. 23CHCV0166)
3. Bareilles v. Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Case No. 24CV00809)
4. Board consideration of the Administrative Law Judge Proposed Decision for Civil Penalty CP-23-04 Timberline Pacific Co. (Nicholas Kreck)

**Consent Calendar Items:**

1. Review of Rulemaking Matrix
2. Approval of June minutes.
3. RPF-CRM Vital Statistics, Approval of License withdrawal requests.

**06-19-01 Member Wade moves to accept items on the Consent Calendar with the removal of the June minutes. Member Forsburg-Pardi seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Jani : Aye**

**Chase: Aye**

**Blake: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Jahangiri: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Lopez: Absent**

**Blake : Absent**

**O’Brien: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**Report of the Chairman, Terrence O’Brien**

Chairman O’Brien recognizes Dan Stapleton to note the following Registered Professional Foresters of their passing:

* Doug Leisz, RPF#249
* Ryan Tompkins, RPF#3108
* Mitchell Hayden, RPF#2810
* Mark Pawlicki, RPF#2680

Chairman O’Brien stated that on Friday Board Member Blake, Executive Officer Edith Hannigan and himself will be visiting the Jackson Demonstration State Forest. He is looking forward to trip along with CAL FIRE staff and members of the Jackson Advisory Group.

**Report of the Director, Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CAL FIRE**

* Currently across the state we have had 2,153 fires.
  + In the last 48-hours alone resources have been responding to at least 1 vegetation fire every hour.
  + So far this year and a large portion of that is a grass crop that has burn 89,784 acres across the State of California. This time last year the State had burn 5,747 acres. The 5-year average of acres burn is 16,065 acres.
  + The Spring Fire is 51 acres and 100 percent contained it occurred in Tuolumne County. The Aero Fire is currently in Calaveras County 5,351 acres burned through the community of Copperopolis and is burning in New Melones and Lake Tulloch. It is currently 33% contained. The Sites Fire is in Colusa County, west of interstate 5, largely in the foothills between Williams and Willows. Buring in Stonyford and it is currently 15,565 acres, 5% contained and a CAL FIRE Management team has been assigned. As well as managing the point fire in Sonoma County. 1207 acres, 50% contained. In Shasta County there was a small fire in the community of Jones Valley, 45 acres, now 90% contained and has been repopulated from those evacuees. In San Bernardino County the Hesperia Fire 1,807 acres, 94% contained. The Post Fire in Los Angeles is located on the top of the Grapevine, Interstate 5, burning west of Interstate 5 moving south towards lake pyramid burning in multiple jurisdictions so the fire unit is unified command. 15,698 acres, 39% contained.

Resource Management

Forest Practice Enforcement and Timber Operator Licensing (LTO)

* There are currently 1406 total active licenses and 114 active civil penalties.

Forest Practice Administration

* Online submission functionality for Timber Harvesting Plans (THP’s) through the California Timber Regulation Environmental Evaluation System (CalTREES) went live for the regulated public on June 10, 2024.

Resource Protection and Improvement Program

Urban and Community Forestry

* CAL FIRE’s Urban and Community Forestry grants funded by the US Forest Service through the Inflation Reduction Act were submitted by 128 applicants requesting nearly $150 million. $30.8 million is available to award. Application reviews and scoring will occur during June and July.

Demonstration State Forests (DSF) Program

Boggs Mountain and Las Posadas

* Staff have noticed an increase in tree mortality on Las Posadas. Unit staff is assisting with falling roadside hazard trees and slash clean-up.

Jackson

* Deputy Chief Emily Smith accepted a promotion to Staff Chief, Wildfire Planning and Statistics, within the Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Program. Mendocino Unit Deputy Chief Ryan Smith (no relation) will oversee JDSF going forward. We thank Chief Smith for the leadership she has provided to JDSF and the JAG.

Soquel

* Soquel remains closed to all public use Monday-Friday except on Public Holidays to accommodate operations on the Sulphur THP and a Forest Health Grant administered by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection Program

Prescribed Fire Program

* We are currently at a total of 79,381 acres of fuel reduction projects this fiscal year with 23,868 acres of prescribed fire acres.

Wildfire Resilience Program

Reforestation Services Program

* RSP has received notification that the USFS State, Private and Tribal Forestry Program is planning to award CAL FIRE $18 million for reforestation to support three private industrial forestland owners’ recovery efforts from recent destructive wildfires. The funding will be sub awarded to California Forestry Association to distribute the funding. Private industrial forestland owners include Sierra Pacific Industries, Collins Pine Company and Big Creek Lumber. All the funding will support reforestation needs because of the Dixie, CZU Complex and Monument Fires.

California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

* CFIP is on standby for accepting new grant agreements due to the budget freeze. In May 2024, staff had approximately $1.1 million in new agreements that are being drafted but will not be signed or implemented until the budget issues are rectified. One notable proposed project in this funding batch is a 130-acre post fire restoration project within the footprint of the 2020 North Complex in Butte County. This proposal includes reforestation and release treatment on lands that were salvage logged under an emergency notice and partially reforested following the fire.

Forest Stewardship

* WFR block Grants – Solicited and then awarded 4 new block grants, however only two were executed and encumbered prior to General Fund spending freeze. Glenn County RCD was awarded $3 million for post fire forest restoration on private timberlands within the Mendocino National Forest that were affected by the Ranch Fire. CARCD was also awarded approximately $3 million to continue technical assistance and wildfire resilience work.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

* The 2024 Forest Legacy Program grant solicitation is on hold pending the spending freeze. If the solicitation moves forward, nine applicants will be invited to submit a full application to compete for up to $10 million.

Climate and Energy Program

Wood Products & Bioenergy

* Staff notified successful Business & Workforce Development grant applicants of award offers on May 29, 2024, and began executing grant agreements.
* Workforce Development awarded 5 with $6 million in funding. Business Development had 15 award offers with funding amount of $11 million. With a total of $17 million in funding.

Forest Health

* Successful applicants for FY2023-2024 Forest Health and Post-Fire Reforestation and Regeneration grants were notified of their awards on April 4, 2024. Seventeen Forest Health and nine Post-Fire Reforestation awards for $153 million were officered. The funds appropriated to the Post-Fire Reforestation and Regeneration are from the General Fund and are therefore currently frozen but grant agreements for Forest Health awards are in process.

Tribal Wildfire Resilience

* Tribal Wildfire Resilience grants have also been affected by the General Fund budget freeze. Previously announced awards that have not yet been executed are on hold.

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

* The next meeting of the Task Force will be July 12, 2024, in Sacramento. The agenda will include a review and forecast of state and federal budgets, and update of treatment tracking and core metrics and a focus on regional organization around multi-agency investments. There is no need to register for the in-person meeting. Register to attend virtually via Zoom.

Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)

Forest Health Research Grants

* The Forest Health Research grant program was open in January 2024 and received 85 concept proposals requesting a total of $42 million. Review of proposals by an interagency technical review panel is now complete. FRAP intends to award approximately 13 awards for scientific research projects addressing wildfire and forest management for $4.5 million. Award announcements will likely be made to applicants the week of June 17, 2024.

Fire Protection

Fire Protection Program

Law Enforcement Cost Recovery

* Through May 2024, CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers have made 55 arrests and issued 130 citations.
  + 38 of those arrests are for Arson.
* In FY 23-24, approximately $148.9 million in suppression costs has been collected by Civil Cost Recovery.

Aviation Management Unit (AMU)Tactical Air Operations (TAO)

* CAL FIRE’s full suite of aircraft has been deployed across California as of June 17, 2024.

Cooperative Fire Protection

Local Government Program

* The Local Government Program and Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), in coordination with the EMS program, have been working on the placement of Cal-JAC students in Units for preceptorship. Currently the Units of SDU, LNU, and CZU have accepted students. This effort is in part to the new MOU with Cal JAC enhancing paramedic recruitment and retention.
* LG Program has recently developed new templates for unit guidance to align with verbiage in the Local Government agreements (LG-1). The templates include a cooperator 12-month notification of intent (board resolution template) to continue services. If the letter to cooperators notifying the cooperator that CAL Fire will be continuing service at a specified level and will bill for services. This template is signed by the Directors designee, the Deputy Director of Cooperative Fire and routed through the regions to the Unit. These Templates will align the current process with long standing language in LG-1.

Hand Crew Program

* On June 12, 2024, an open house celebration took place at Pilot Rock Fire Center and demonstrated the successful transition of the former CDCR Camp to CAL FIRE Firefighter I Fire Center.
* The Master Cooperative Agreement between CAL FIRE and the National Park Service (NPS) was awarded on June 10, 2024. This agreement authorizes CAL FIRE Hand Crews to perform wildland fire fuels management, conservation activities, and outdoor resources and recreation projects on NPS lands.
* As of May 29, 2024, the crew status is as follows:
  + 126 out of 236 Type I Hand Crews
  + 14 additional firefighter Hand Crews that are in training and shortly will become Type I Hand Crews.
  + There are another 15 between CDCR and CCC partners that are staffed less than 12. Crews are still available but respond to local emergencies only.
* There are 5 Hand Crews that were subject to the down staff on June 30, due to lack of funding but a proposal was placed on the Governors May revision budget to make those 5 crews permanent ongoing giving us 38 firefighters hand crews in total.

Safety/EMS Program

* The Safety Program and the San Diego Unit are using the recent lithium-ion battery storage facility fire in Otay Mesa as an opportunity to conduct PPE research from these types of incidents. The focus will be on contamination/exposure levels and the best cleaning practices. This is believed to be a first of its kind research with impacts to the fire service on national and international levels.

CAL FIRE Training Centers

* The CAL FIRE Regular Basic Course (RBC) graduated 30 Peace Officers on Friday, June 7, 2024. These Law Enforcement Officers are currently in their Field Training Program.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Wildfire Risk Reduction

* Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee:
  + The Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 13, 2024, where the Committee received a presentation from Len Nielsen on the Liability Fund program update as well as the Hazard Mitigation Programs overview presentation from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).
  + The next Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 16, 2024.

Wildfire Preparedness

* Burn Permits: Since the launch of the new application, nearly 140,000 burn permits have been issued through the CAL FIRE burn permit platform.

Home Hardening:

* The first home has been retrofitted through the California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP). Located in the Kelseyville Riviera community, the home had defensible space and home hardening work done to better prepare it for wildfire resilience.

Wildfire Planning and Statistics

* Wildland Fuels Reduction Reporting:
  + CalMAPPER Version three – Preparing for production push to the current version, which includes numerous enhancements to the interface.
  + CalMAPPER Version Four – Working with Technosylva and internally on developing Version Four that will include new data entry workflows.

Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

* Wildfire Prevention Grants Program:
  + Sacramento Review was held on May 21, 2024, for the FY 23-24 Wildfire Prevention Grants solicitation.

Communications

Education and Safety Messaging

* Statewide fireworks safety and enforcement messaging will begin June 25, 2024.
* Summer Fire prevention and safety messaging continues through the summer.

Program and Project Messaging

* The CAL FIRE website continues to see numerous enhancements to the incidents page and map, including near real-time aircraft activity, integration of ALERTCalifornia cameras and increase incident updates.

**Board Comments:**

* Member Chase asked what is the issue that prevented the CFMA Agreement from being extended this spring?
  + Director Tyler stated that it was due to interpretation of the agreement and the template not working for California.
* Member Jani commented on the Forest Practice Administration’s section, regarding the memo that has been broadcast informing the regulated public of the new functionality of online THP submittals and the revised THP and NOI forms. Who was the memo distributed to and how do you get the information out?
  + Eric Huff, Assistant Deputy Director, CAL FIRE stated that that memo was distributed through Board’s email distribution list and was posted on CAL FIRE’s website.
* Member Forsburg-Pardi thanked Director for the communication that the department has done particularly on the incident updates website. Also on the proactive engagement with the public on defensible space and educating the community on when we have prescribed fires and what it means. It is great to see that this information is getting out to the public.
  + Director Tyler stated that they continue to strive for better communications in areas that are lacking.

**Public Comments:**

* Richard Gienger mentioned the biometrics program and its importance. Also mentioned that there are good things that are occurring in Jackson.

**Executive Officer Report, Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer**

Executive Officer Hannigan reported the following to the Board.

* Staffing Update:
* Annual Report has been revised to reflect the changes requested at the May meeting.

**06-19-02 Member Jani moves to approve the Annual Report for 2023. Member Wade seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Wade : Aye**

**Jahangiri: Abstain**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Blake: Aye**

**Jani: Aye**

**Chase: Aye**

**Blake: Absent**

**Lopez: Absent**

**O’Brien: Aye**

**Motion Passed**

* Legislative Updated Report is in Board members binders
* Review of Jackosn Advisory Group Revised Charter is an action item. There were a couple of revisions made based on public feedback that was received.
  + We moved from a number list to a bulleted list of the desirable qualifications for JAG members.
  + Also deleted reference to a tribal advisory council. The tribal advisory council does not report to the JAG. They are a separate entity and it was inappropriate to include them in the Charter.
  + The revised charter was published online on June 6th for public review. The Board received 2 public comments. After discussion with the Chairman and CAL FIRE a decision was made to strike the phrase “upon request” or “as requested” throughout the document in response to those comments.

**Board Member Comments:**

* Member Jani reviewed the letter from Andy Wellspring and shared that he is going to move this item ahead. But would like to make some points regarding the letter Mr. Wellspring submitted about the way this was presented to the public and to us. Just wanted to state that we can do better in having more clarity and for people to understand. Also, stated that the effort that was made was appropriate given the fact that it needed to be clarified what the JAG is there to do and what their purpose is. Member Jani thanked Executive Officer for the work that she has put in.
* Member Chase commented that he agrees with Member Jani’s comments on the format of the redline. He understands that there have been a lot of changes made over time and that it’s difficult to capture in the document. But it is very difficult looking at this redline to reconcile the draft that we are reviewing with the original. He stated he appreciated the recently dropping the “as requested” that is an improvement and he also intends to advance this as well.

**Public Comments:**

* Richard Gienger stated he appreciates Member Chase and Jani’s comments. He also commented on the JAG responsibilities and co-management.
* Larry Aguilera, citizen thanked CAL FIRE and the Board for all the hard work. He also stated he agrees with Richard Gienger’s comments. But at the same time, he was at the last JAG meeting and this information was given to them at 5:30 am and they said they were not going to vote on it until the next meeting in July to have time to review it properly. But now you are going to approve it? So, what’s the point of having JAG if you don’t give them time to review it.
* George Gentry, Senior Vice President, California Forestry Association he stated that he spent several years as the Executive Officer of this Board and help write the first charter for the JAG. Also, wanted to point out that he feels it’s important to mention that when he was in office there was a lawsuit that was over the authorities of the Board and so he was looking at the organizational roles and responsibilities and it starts off with principle responsibly for including the Management Plan of JFSF. However, if he had one wish it would be that the Board add a line directly from public resources code 740 that says: “the board represents the states interest in the actuation and management of state forest among which is the approval of the Management Plan for JFSF”. He feels it is important that you always state clearly what your authority is.
* Phyllis Aguilera, concerned citizen, she just wanted to comment on what Executive Officer stated about the changes that to me were minimal. Ms. Aguilera wanted to make sure the Board is aware of all the changes and is okay with those changes before voting.

**Agency Comment**:

* Matthew Resichman, Deputy Director for Resource Management, CAL FIRE, thanked the Board for their comments and are noted. He stated that he understands that the formatting was challenging. The intent was to be as open and transparent as possible with this JAG Charter update. Also thanked the public for their comments. Looking forward to the JAG’s review and discussion at their next meeting. The department supports the revisions to the JAG.
* Member Jani asked if the department supports George Gentry’s addition?
* Deputy Director Rieschman stated he would like to see the draft where language would go into the document. It seems like a reasonable comment so yes.

**06-19-03 Member Wade moves to approve the Charter for the Jackson Advisory Group with amendment to include reference to PRC 740. Member Jahangiri seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Wade : Aye**

**Jahangiri: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Blake: Aye**

**Jani: Aye**

**Chase: Aye**

**Delbar: Absent**

**Lopez: Absent**

**O’Brien: Aye**

**Motion Passed**

**Report of the Regulations Coordinator, Jane Van Susteren, Senior Environmental Scientist**

Consideration of amended rule text and Supplemental Statement of Reasons for issuance of 15-day notice for the Rulemaking titled “Wet Areas, Meadows, and Restoration Activities, 2024”.

**06-19-04 Member Chase move to authorize Board staff to submit the amended rulemaking entitled “Wet Areas, Medows, and Restoration Activities, 2024” for noticing of the 15-day Comment Period and take all appropriate actions consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act for this purpose, including preparation and submission of the Supplemental Statement of Reasons. Member Blake seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Wade : Aye**

**Jahangiri: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Blake: Aye**

**Jani: Aye**

**Chase: Aye**

**Delbar: Absent**

**Lopez: Absent**

**O’Brien: Aye**

**Motion Passed**

**Report of the Standing Committees**

**Forest Practice Committee, Rich Wade, Chair**

Forest Practice Committee met yesterday and we have one actionable item coming out of the proceedings yesterday for the Board to consider. The committee discussed the following 4 agenda items:

* The committee discussed the issue of overlapping harvest documents. The department created a two-page memo that highlighted several of the issues and the committee will continue that discussion next meeting.
* Discussed the continuing consideration of rulemaking for treating fuels in the WLPZ allowing heavy equipment to operate. This has been an ongoing discussion for many months and we will continue discussions next month.
* The Board has been involved with discussions with Department of Fish and Wildlife pertaining to California database and access to database by small landowners.
* Considered the rulemaking for Watercourse Crossing and Emergency Notice Watercourse Crossing Requirements 2024. Committee is asking board to consider this item and Member Wade made a motion to the Board.

**Public Comment:**

* Richard Gienger commented on the consideration of the Rulemaking for Watercourse Crossing and Emergency Notice Watercourse Crossing Requirements 2024.
* David Fowler, Water Resource Control Board thanked the committee for taking the item up from the October 2022 letter from the combined Water Boards in response to the call for regulatory review. He stated that the Waterboard is in full support of this consideration.

**06-19-05 Member Wade moves to authorize Board staff to submit the rulemaking entitled “Watercourse Crossings and Emergency Notice Watercourse Crossing Requirements, 2024” for noticing of the 45-day Comment Period and take all appropriate actions consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act for this purpose, including preparation and submission of the Notice of Proposed Action and Initial Statement of Reasons. Member Jani seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jahangiri: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Blake: Aye**

**Jani: Aye**

**Chase : Aye**

**Delbar: Absent**

**Lopez: Absent**

**O’Brien: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**Management Committee, Chris Chase, Chair**

The Management Committee met yesterday and discussed 2 items on the agenda:

* Discussed the Basal Area Stocking Standards and Uneven-Aged Working which is led by George Gentry, California Forestry Association. He provided an overview of the work the group has done. Clarity was provided to the group to stay focused on the use of uneven-aged silviculture and retention standards. The group is going to revisit again the Basil Area retention standards Statewide in multiple districts. They will seek input and guidance on whether it is appropriate.
* Discussed mature Tanoak retention and recruitment. Staff prepared a brief overview of the issues that we are considering and the guidance that we provided Board staff was to draft a white paper in the next couple of months that looks at issues related to the retention and recruitment of mature Tanoak.

**Public Comment:**

* Richard Gienger shared that he is glad to hear that Board staff will be working on a white paper in the next couple of months on Tanoak.

**Resource Protection Committee, Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer**

Executive Officer shared that she will be giving the update of yesterday’s meeting due to Member Lopez’s absence. Member Ali Jahangiri attended his first committee meeting yesterday.

* Land Use Planning Program Update was given by Chief Rudy Baltazar on behalf of Deputy Chief Carmel Barnhart.
* Subdivision Review Program
  + Staff continues efforts working Jurisdictions on identifying developments of providing surveys.
  + They have reviewed 3 subdivisions reviews. The City of Dunsmuir, San Bernardino County and the City of Chino Hills.
  + Three safety elements were reviewed from Alameda County, Solano County and the City of Irvine.
* Discussed was also the Final Fire Risk Reduction Community List and a presentation was given by Marcie Yates, Land Use Planning Program Manager at the meeting.

**Final Fire Risk Reduction Community List presented by Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer and Alexandra Vest, AGPA. Land Use Planning.**

**Board Comments:**

* Member Chase stated that he is glad to hear that the barriers for lower income, cities, counties and districts to participate in this. Is there a role the Board can play in outreach and promoting the program to increase participation? Also, feels that there is an opportunity to do even better.
  + Edith Hannigan agreed that there is an opportunity for increasing participation from other agencies.
* Member Jani asked if the committee would consider creating a three-page pamphlet that people could find in their fire district and say let’s do this?
  + Edith Hannigan stated that it is part of the plan to create a pamphlet.

**Public Comment:**

* Emily Acken, Fire Fuels Management Specialist with the San Lucia Communities and just want to say that we are 28th on that list. We are so proud to be on there. We appreciate the efforts of the programs of Edith, Marcie, and Alex who were very responsive. Also, would like to encourage the promotion of this program and volunteers to promote it to her neighbors.
* Mike Garabedian asked are there any factors that might preclude an entity from being considered? Also, since we can rank wildland urban interface by county, is that included and considered and if not, could it be?
  + Edith Hannigan stated that there really isn’t anything that would preclude anyone from applying to be on the list.
* Phyllis Aguilera commented if the budget cuts will have an impact on this program. She also asked if the tribal communities could participate in program.
  + Edith Hannigan clarified that yes, tribal communities are encouraged to apply and would have to meet the criteria under Special Districts.

**06-19-06 Member Forsburg-Pardi move to approve the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Resolution 2024-02, approving the 2024 Fire Risk Reduction Community List. Member Jahangiri seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jahangiri: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Blake: Aye**

**Jani: Aye**

**Chase : Aye**

**Delbar: Absent**

**Lopez: Absent**

**O’Brien Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**Report of the Board’s Advisory Committees**

**Effectiveness Monitoring Committee, Liz Forsburg-Pardi, co-Chair**

The EMC met on Monday, June 17th and re-appointed Sal Chinnici to the seat on the Monitoring Community part of our Committee.

EMC reviewed seven initial concept proposals received and response to its request for proposal. It was voted to request full project proposals from 4 of the applicants. At the next EMC meeting in August the EMC will review those full proposals and also review our Annual Report and workplan.

**Range Management Advisory Committee, Dr. Marc Horney, Chair**

The RMAC has met 3 times in 2024, most recently in May. We are currently working on plans for a field tour at the Van Black Ranch and the Deer Creek Hills. Dates have not been finalized. This workshop will be focusing on the effects of livestock grazing on native floor as part of our annual ongoing educational series for the public and professionals.

**Presentations**

**Effects of Forest Management & Wood Utilization on Carbon Sequestration & Storage in California: Results, Nadia Tase, Forest Inventory and Climate Change, FRAP and Kendall DeLyser, Director, Climate Science, American Forests**

**CONCLUSION**

**Public Forum**

**Public Comments:**

* Karen Pitts shared to let the small trees grow, let fallen trees stay, no heavy equipment, no mastication, and no removing the trees.
* John Armstrong stated he is glad to see some salvage logging being done.
* Richard Geinger stated it would be nice if the tribal outreach person would work together with Lopez and others in getting some progress on the land situation.
* Larry Aguilera shared his view on wherever there was fog like the Bay Area there were beautiful Redwood trees. Have you thought about re-foresting wherever there is fog?

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:





Edith Hannigan Terrence O’Brien

Executive Officer Chairman