

1 **CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION**

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3 Minutes – July 23, 2016, 2016

4 In person - Williams, CA

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6 CLFA President, Jay Fazio called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.

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8 DIRECTORS PRESENT: Harlan Tranmer, Christopher Dow, Kieran O'Leary, Mike Bacca, Jan

9 Caster, Stewart McMorrow

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11 DIRECTORS ABSENT: Stacy Stanish, George Gentry, Nick Knipe, & Sara Taddo Jones, Ron

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14 OTHERS PRESENT: None

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16 Jay welcomed everyone to CLFA's July meeting and thanked everyone for volunteering their time
17 to serve on the Board.

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19 Minutes – Chris Dow moved, with a second by Kieran O'Leary, to approve the June 21, 2016
20 minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously at 0932.

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22 **Financials –**

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24 • Director Stanish was not present to present financial info in person due to a fire
25 assignment.

26 • Director Bacca provided a brief impromptu report from Stacy Stanish that the financials
27 had not changed much since last report.

28 • Jay Fazio reported that many participants had signed up but not yet paid for their full
29 Archaeological Training course yet. This may be due to the ever increasing rates that all
30 parties have had to charge due to rising costs of doing business. Because there is a waiting
31 list, there is a concern that folks are going to cancel at the last minute and not be able to
32 attend the entire workshop if they are offered a spot at the last minute.

33 • A suggestion was made to establish a one (1) month deadline date to receive payment or
34 lose a seat at the full Archaeological Training course.

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37 **Correspondence – Jay Fazio**

38 • Jan Caster reported an issue with website job vacancy announcements.

39 • Harlan Tranmer reported on his efforts to increase involvement with RPFs in southern
40 California. He was able to make contact with an individual from Glendale Fire who reported
41 that forester communications are not really happening due to the lack of traditional
42 forestry.

43 • Director O'Leary reported a need for a retired status for CLFA membership that does not
44 cost as much as a normal membership.

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47 **Membership – Jay Fazio reported**

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- The Board continued the discussion of establishing a “retired membership category” as expressed to several board members from the retired RPF community. YG contacted Matt Dias to obtain a list of RPFs who have retired and/or relinquished their licenses. The Board reviewed the report prepared by Director Gentry regarding status of RPFs relating to their status as current, retired or withdrawn licenses.
 - Director Dow looked into the bylaws to ascertain how a bylaw change can be made and he presented some options for making this change. Potential options would be to amend article 4, section 7 relating to retired foresters who are no longer practicing forestry and have not withdrawn their licenses, this would be the less expensive way to include those individuals who are interested in active membership. We would need to define the title of these new membership categories, instead of calling these active sustaining or active contributing. A discussion ensued regarding possible changes to the bylaws regarding redefining an associate membership that would include retired - nonpracticing, retired-withdrawn and other individuals as currently defined within the bylaws of CLFA. A question of importance was submitted regarding how CLFA would prove this status. Director Dow suggested an informal survey of the membership to ascertain member’s thoughts on this change. Director Dow will draft some changes to our bylaws that will be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting. President Fazio will survey past presidents and members for thoughts on this change and to confirm how many retired members would we lose to a lower rate.
 - CLFA purged all non-paying members from the current member list.

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74 **Executive Director – Kathleen Burr reported:**

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- No report this month.

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78 **Forest Practice Committee – Mike Bacca reported:**

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- **White and Black Oak Woodland Management Prescription:** BOF approved the black and white oak woodland management special prescription. BOF is preparing final statement of reasons and draft text. When approved, it should become available for use January 1, 2017. This is not AB 1958, rather the BOF’s attempt to implement this law. This is a new special prescription that requires proof that the stand was historically stocked with these oak spp. Must have at least 35 ft² BA of these oak spp present.
 - **Drought Mortality Amendments, 2015** - nothing new to report.
 - **Working Forest Management Plan-** is up for potential adoption by the BOF in August.
 - **Utility Exemption-** will mandate disclosure of electrical utility lines within 200 feet of the plan boundaries- This is up for adoption in August by the BOF.
 - **Amendment to Conversion rules-** if an archaeological resource is discovered on an exemption or conversion, this rule will dictate how those resources will be protected.

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97 • **Listed Anadromous Salmonid Amendments, 2016** – met with broad scope support.
98 BOF voted and approved this amendment.

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100 • **Electronic Submission of Harvest Documents-** Nothing new to report.

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102 • **RPF/LTO Responsibilities-** Nothing new to report.

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104 • **Technical Rules Addendum (TRA) #2 revisions – Wildfire Hazard and Risk**

105 The PFC has begun discussion on the revisions to TRA #2. Minor changes are proposed
106 to some current text. This new section should outline how an RPF may address possible
107 impacts to Wildfire Hazard risk. BOF added 2 options for wildfire risk and hazard. Crown
108 bulk density, fuel length, current fuel loading, and other metrics used to assess the
109 potential hazard and risk.

110 **Legislation** – No report

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112 **Licensing** – No Report

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114 **Wildlife & Water Resources** – No Report

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117 **Education – Stewart McMorrow reported:**

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119 Fall workshop - North – October 7th- Nick Knipe

120 • This will be a one day brown bag field day. Re-forestation is the topic discussing
121 treatments, as well as, CFIP funding and other funds available to the small
122 landowner. Jeff Webster has a potential field trip area. The committee needs to
123 have the field day agenda defined and to Kathleen by the end of July.

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125 • Fall Workshop - Coast – This will be a one day brown bag field day. The committee
126 is discussing carbon projects as the workshop focus. Steve Smith, Interim Chief
127 Forester with the Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc., (RFFI) has been in discussion
128 with the committee and will lead the tour. The date will be October 21– so as not to
129 be in conflict with the Archeology Refresher Course and to avoid a potentially very
130 busy week just prior to October 15.

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132 • Spring Workshop –

133 ○ Venue – Lions Gate, McClellan, CA

134 ○ Dates – March 10 & 11, 2017

135 ○ Day 1 Workshop – The committee presented topics of focus including
136 exemptions & conversion exemptions – pros/cons, potential issues, marijuana
137 growing, and hazardous fuels reduction projects.

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139 representative,

140 ○ Looking at the counties – conversion permit – how does that affect RFPs,

141 ○ Tying in some of the learned knowledge from the vineyard conversions,

- 142 ○ Also looking into exemptions for the 1038 J & K bug kill, and
- 143 ○ Mega fire exemptions – salvage.
- 144 ○ Day 2 – conference – ½ day panel discussion on carbon projects both locally and
- 145 internationally.
- 146 ○ The conference & workshop will be finalized by the November Board meeting.

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148 **Communications – Kieran O’Leary reported:**

- 149 • Director O’Leary reported on his efforts to create virtual meetings where board
- 150 members can call in to the board meetings and provide the ability to attend
- 151 meetings when time or travel are limited for certain individuals. We will continue to
- 152 look into options.
- 153 • Director O’Leary expressed interest in providing a piece in the newsletter that would
- 154 be aimed at providing members with new info. May call this the “KO Comm Corner”.
- 155 • Please have all newsletter submissions to Kathleen by August 3, 2016.

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158 **Old business – Jay Fazio reported:**

- 159 ○ 60 second forester – Director Caster presented several draft videos that had been
- 160 prepared for review by the Board. Board comments included using different music and
- 161 selecting a varied subject matter for the videos.
- 162 ○ Watershed Pilot Project –
- 163 ○ WFMP – CLFA will present a letter supporting the language as is prior to August.
- 164 ○ CFA-AB 1492 team – Director Tranmer will attend August 24th.
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- 171 • Working Forest Management Plan- Director Bacca reported that the BOF is collecting
- 172 comments and will need to address those and may vote on this issue soon.
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175 **New Business- President Fazio Reported**

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- 177 • Retired member classification- Discussed above under Membership.
- 178 • Associated organizations logo on CLFA website- Forestry Helpline- This will be staffed by Dr.
- 179 Richard Harris and they have asked CLFA for our support. They would like to put info on this
- 180 helpline on our website. Directors engaged in a discussion of the opportunities and possible
- 181 issues surrounding granting this permission.
- 182 • Coast botany question- Board discussed botanical surveys for harvest planning
- 183 documentation at several scales.
- 184 • Small landowner forum-
- 185 • Website update- discussed articles and other potential options for presenting viewpoints
- 186 that appear to be opposing to general CLFA membership. Director McMorro suggested a
- 187 page on the website where articles can be posted that would present opposing viewpoints.
- 188 Articles posted in this location would have a disclaimer stating that the viewpoints expressed
- 189 on that page would not necessarily represent the viewpoints of the CLFA board or its

190 membership. Articles placed here would be for the general education and awareness of the
191 membership.

- 192 • Website update #2- CLFA has received several complaints about our website content.
193 Committees are not up to date and job announcements are not posting correctly or
194 updated. Director Caster passed along comments from members who have had issues with
195 position advertisements. President Fazio requested any issues with the website be
196 forwarded to him. President Fazio will discuss this issue with the Executive Director.
- 197 • Breakfast Group - Director Tranmer will update Breakfast Group information on our website
198 based on current status and incoming interest from general membership for new Breakfast
199 Group locations.
- 200 • Director O'Leary moved to explore costs of offering a part time paid position to our general
201 membership and to outside sources who would update our website on a weekly basis to
202 respond to regular update needs and current requests. Director Dow seconded the motion.
203 Motion passed. Director O'Leary will be the liaison for this purpose.
- 204 • CLFA Property and Storage - Currently this is being stored in various locations. Some of this
205 needs to be digitized and stored, other material may not need to be stored any longer.
206 President Fazio suggested that we scan items that are important and dispose of the other
207 materials. The challenge is in making the determination of importance. President Fazio
208 would like to purchase a hard drive for storage of this material.
- 209 • Director Dow moved to purchase a vehicle (hard drive) for electronic storage of proprietary
210 CLFA information that will be stored and managed by CLFA Executive Director. Purchase not
211 to exceed \$200. Motion seconded by Director Caster. Motion passed.

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213 Stewart McMorrow moved with a second by Mike Bacca to adjourn the meeting at 2:55pm.
214 Motion passed unanimously.

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216 Respectfully submitted,

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218 Stewart McMorrow
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