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**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

-Meeting Held January 6, 2009-

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Doug Piirto (Chair), Tom Walz; Bill Snyder (CAL FIRE); Rhianna Lee, Kevin Shaffer, Lorna Dobrovolny (CA Department of Fish & Game); Addie Jacobson, Hugh Ewing (Ebbets Pass Forest Watch); Arne Hultgren (Roseburg Resources); Richard Gienger (Humboldt Watershed Council); Doug Ferrier (Forest Slopes Management); Bill Keye (CLFA); Bob Rynearson (Wm. Beaty & Associates); Gary Rynearson (Green Diamond).

Note: agenda items appear below in the order in which they were discussed by the assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 1: CONTINUING REVIEW OF DRAFT REGULATORY PROPOSAL FOR RENEWAL OF SUSTAINED YIELD PLANS (SYPS).

Staff introduced the item noting that the draft Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) and rule language had changed little since the December meeting. The assembly discussed the critical elements of the concept of sustained yield planning as well as field-level, operational realities. Chair Piirto noted that the SYP Workshop revealed consistent support for continuance of the regulation across constituencies. The assembly's comments echoed this expression of support. A publicly noticed conference call was scheduled for January 23, 2009 beginning at 10 AM. The purpose of the call is to devote more time to particular elements of the proposal in advance of the February Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PRIORITIES REPORT FOR 2009.

Chairman Piirto introduced the Report prepared by Executive Officer Gentry. Staff briefly highlighted the draft priority list of topics for the Committee's coming year. The assembly was encouraged to review the Report and provide input at future meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 2: CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF A MODIFIED TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN (MTHP) REGULATORY PROPOSAL FOR STREAMLINED PERMITTING OF FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION PROJECTS.

Staff introduced the topic and provided background on the purpose of the proposed regulation. The assembly discussed initial observations and criticisms of the proposal in addition to support for the general concept of fuel hazard reduction on a large scale.

Mr. Kevin Shaffer representing the Department of Fish and Game offered numerous substantive observations and suggestions for improvement of the proposal. In particular, he offered the wise observation that field review teams working with MTHP fuel reduction projects should possess expertise in fuel modification, fire ecology and fire behavior.

Mr. Doug Ferrier was asked to present his written comments and suggestions for modifications of the rule proposal. The assembly discussed these suggestions at length and the Members noted that a number of Mr. Ferrier's revisions should be further considered.

Deputy Director, Bill Snyder was then asked to present his written comments on behalf of the Department. The assembly likewise discussed these comments and suggestions noting again that a number of Mr. Snyder's observations required further consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ONGOING REVIEW OF THE DRAFT PTEIR GUIDANCE DOCUMENT.

Deferred to February Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: REVIEW OF JACKSON ADVISORY GROUP PROGRESS REPORT AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR FULL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE GROUP'S PROPOSED WORK PLAN.

Deferred to February Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT ON COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PACIFIC FOREST AND WATERSHED LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE PACIFIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL.

Deferred to February Meeting.

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING:

1. Continuing Review of Draft Regulatory Proposal for Renewal of Sustained Yield Plans (SYP).
2. Continuing Discussion of a Modified Timber Harvest Plan (MTHP) Regulatory Proposal for Streamlined Permitting of Fuel Hazard Reduction Projects.
3. PTEIR Guidance Document Review.
4. Review of Jackson Advisory Group Progress Report and Possible Approval of the Group's Proposed Work Plan. (Committee and Full Board).
5. Review of Committee Priorities for 2009.
6. Presentation by Department on Collaborative Research and Management Opportunities for the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands administered by the Pacific Stewardship Council.
7. Presentation of Department's Plan for Implementation of Electronic Timber Harvesting Document Posting at Redding and Fresno Offices. Status Report on Electronic Posting of Public Comments.

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