BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION MEETING MINUTES

Sacramento, CA

August 23, 2023

**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION MEMBERS**

**Present:**

* Chairman J. Keith Gilless
* Katie Delbar
* J. Lopez
* Elizabeth Forsburg-Pardi
* Rich Wade

**Absent:**

* Mike Jani
* Chris Chase
* Dawn Blake

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

* Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer
* Dan Stapleton, Asst. Executive Officer, Foresters Registration
* Jeff Slaton, Senior Board Counsel
* Jane Van Susteren, Senior Environmental Scientist
* Dr. Kristina Wolf, Environmental Scientist
* Anna Castro, Executive Assistant
* Andrew Lawhorn, Forestry Assistant II
* Alexandra La Plante, Administrative Unit Manager
* Katie Harrell, AGPA

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF PRESENT:**

* Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director, Resource Management, CAL FIRE
* Eric Huff, Assistant Deputy Director, Forest Practice Program, 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 discussed the following matters, and no reportable actions were taken.

* California Chaparral Institute, et al., vs California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Case No. 37-2020-00005203)
* RCRC vs Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Case No. 22CECG00123)

**Consent Calendar Items:**

* Review of Rulemaking Matrix
* RPF-CRM Vital Statistics, Approval of License Withdrawals
* Effectiveness Monitoring Committee
	+ Approval of the funding recommendations for 1 EMC project proposal: 2023-003: Pre-and Post-Harvest Fuel Loads and Implications for Site Productivity.

**08-23-01 Chairman moves to accept items A, C, and D on the Consent Calendar as noticed. Member Forsburg Pardi seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**Report of the Chairman, J. Keith Gilless**

Chairman Gilless recognized that this is an emotional and disturbing time in our community with so many problems in the wildfire world right now: Greece, British Columbia, and fires in Hawaii. Our sympathies to all who have family in those affected areas. Chairman stated that he feels that we should be working on policies to deal with reality of climate change but more fundamentally work on issues like fire safety, evacuations and land use planning that CAL FIRE and the Board work on.

**Report of the Director, Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director, Resource Management, CAL FIRE**

Forest Practice Program

Staff Update

Chief Eric Huff has been promoted to Assistant Deputy Director for Forest Practice. This position was previously held by Dennis Hall.

Watershed Protection Program

* Watershed Protection Program (WPP) monitoring staff have completed the second round of post-fire Notice of Emergency Timber Operations monitoring. An internal draft of the monitoring report is anticipated to be complete in late September or early October.

Resource Protection and Improvement

Urban and Community Forestry

* CAL FIRE and the USDA Forest Service now have a fully signed agreement for $43.2 million in Inflation Reduction Act funding for Urban and Community Forestry. This will fund several positions for the program. There will also be over $30 million for competitive grants. Areas of focus will be tree planting and care, improved urban forest management, training and workforce development, and possible other areas of focus. Program expects to advertise a request for proposals sometime in September, with awards projected to occur in December of 2023 or January of 2024.

Forest Entomology and Pathology Program

* Staff is participating with the Department of Food and Agriculture in planning a series of field trips for legislators and their staffs concerning invasive species in California. Staff will be involved in highlighting the dangers of invasive species to our forests, woodlands, and urban forest environments.

Demonstration State Forests

Jackson

* A Recreation Task Force Meeting was conducted on July 15, 2023, addressing public comments related to building of unauthorized trails in vicinity to Little Lake Road. The field trip included visiting impacts from unauthorized trail construction to an ephemeral stream and a nearby wet area, and to other trails being considered for adoption. Approximately 19 members of the public attended.
* The Jackson Advisory group will be meeting on September 15, 2023. Public comment period will be opened on the scope of work to hire the contractor that will help update the management plan.

Mountain Home

* Access to Mountain Home remains restricted to authorized vehicles only due to winter storm damage with no estimated date for the roads to be made safe for public access.

Soquel

* The forest closure remains in effect with no estimated date of re-opening.
* A team of four Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and three California Office of Emergency Services representatives visited the Forest on July 31, 2023, and August 1, 2023, to review the storm damage and proposed repairs.
* Two bids were received for the emergency road repair contract.

Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection

Prescribed Fire Program

* The Prescribed Fire Claims Fund has been available since June 19, 2023, now available for Prescribed Fire and Cultural Burning and there have been 32 approved applications to date.

Good Neighbor Authority

* A Statewide Good Authority agreement between CAL FIRE and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been awarded through a grant application to BLM from CAL FIRE. This agreement under the Good Neighbor Authority will allow any authorized restoration work on BLM lands statewide including fuel break installation, hazardous fuel mitigation, post-fire recovery, or other mutually agreed upon action to combat the risk of catastrophic wildfire and habitat decline. CAL FIRE now has an opportunity to continue work across federal ownership where CAL FIRE and BLM management priorities align.

Cultural Resources Program

* Several vacant Cultural Resources Specialist positions in the program have been advertised or will be soon. The positions will be Environmental Scientists or Senior Environmental Scientists. Cultural Resources education and experience will be required characteristics.

Wildfire Resilience

Reforestation Services

* Cone survey results are coming in for the 2023 survey season, however it is looking as though there will not be a very robust cone crop across most of the State. Survey crews are seeing a few potentially collectible crops and staff are monitoring the crops to assess viability.
* The Nursery has already received 215,000 seedling requests for the 2024 growing season. The application period will close on August 15, 2023.
* The 234,000 seedlings grown this year are vigorous and healthy.
* The Seed Bank in partnership with the Communications Program created a new outreach program called Reforestation Because of You. It is targeting private landowners within the main areas where there are seed shortages.

Climate and Energy Program

Forest Health

* Executed grant agreements for FY 22/23 Forest Health and Post-Fire Reforestation and Regeneration grant awards are being finalized in the month of August.
* Forest Health Program has begun planning for a Fall 2023 grant solicitation with up to $120 million available for Forest Health grants and up to $50 million for Post-Fire Reforestation and Regeneration grants.
* Tribal Wildfire Resilience recommended funding offers were approved by CNRA Secretary Crowfoot. CAL FIRE and CNRA will be working together for an award announcement mid-late September 2023.

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

* The Task Force meeting will be held on August 29, 2023, in Sacramento from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. The agenda will include a demonstration of the new Interagency Tracking System; the public launch of the decision support tool Planscape; and a panel discussion on Regional Frameworks including regional leaders.

Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)

Forest Health Research Grants

* The Forest Health Research Program received 35 full proposals intends to award up to $5.5 million in early September for research projects addressing priority topics in forest health and wildfire management.
* FRAP has been hosting a science webinar series focused on sharing results from CAL FIRE funded research. To date we have hosted eight webinars with 46 attendees on average. Registration and recordings of past webinars can be found on the FRAP website.

Data Analysis and Monitoring

* FRAP has been supporting an inter-agency effort to develop regional planning data sets referred to as Regional Resource Kits (RRK) as part of the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force. RRK’s have been developed for the Sierras, Central Coast, and South Coast.
* FRAP has provided funding under a Forest Health Research Grant for Climate and Wildfire Institute to develop a Forest Data Hub. The Forest Data Hub is expected to support inter-Agency Treatment Tracking, Regional Resource Kits, and Planning Tools. A prototype of the Forest Data Hub is expected to be available in September.

Fire Protection Program

Fire Protection Operations

* As a result of the successes of the partnership between Alert California and CAL FIRE in the pilot project using the Alert California camera system artificial intelligence to assist with the fire and smoke detection, CAL FIRE will be providing this technology to all 21 CAL FIRE Emergency Command Centers and the Region and Sacramento Intel offices.
* In support of the devastating wildfires in Canada and in conjunction with the recently signed MOU with British Columbia Wildfire Services, three CAL FIRE personnel were requested and are currently assigned to assist with the fire behavior analysis and intelligence decision support at two of the British Columbia Wildfire Service’s Fire Centers which serve a similar function to a Geographic Area Coordination Center.

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

* Staff from the aviation programs recently returned from a cooperative visit to New South Wales with whom we continue to collaborate on similar challenges and opportunities.
* AMU staff has been assigned to the NTSB investigation following the Broadway incident aviation accident.
* TAO staff are working under the Safety Program on an internal after-action document for the Broadway incident.

Cooperative Fire Protection

Local Government Program

* The Local Government Program currently has 37 of 77 FY 23/24 Cooperative Fire Protection agreements in the process for renewal or completed.

State/Federal Programs

* DR-4683 December/January Storms FEMA tabletop and in-person site inspections for AEU, CZU, Davis Mobile, and SLU have taken place to confirm damages to CAL FIRE facilities.
* DR-4699 February/March Storms deadline to submit damages to FEMA closed on July 29, 2023. All damages have been submitted to FEMA.

Camps and Crews Program

* The current statewide strength of Type I Handcrews is 134 of the 233 funded. This includes 61 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Crews, staffed out of a total of 152 funded, 29 California Conservation Corps (CCC) Crews staffed out of 32 funded, 30 of the 35 funded CAL FIRE Firefighter I Crews and 14 of the funded 14 California National Guard Crews.
* The current CDCR inmate crew strength is 976 inmates out of the allocated 2584, leaving the Conservation Camp Program with a shortage of 1608 inmates. The total CDCR crew capacity is 38%.

Safety/EMS Program

Safety Program

* The Department’s Annual Focus on Safety due date was July 31, 2023. The feedback on this year’s document was very positive.

Academy Training Program

July Statistics

* Graduated five Fire Control Academies.
	+ 15 Firefighter II completed their training from Training Center North
	+ 12 Firefighter II completed their training from Training Center South
	+ 96 Company Officers graduated from Training Center
* Provide Driver Operator 1A for 48 employees.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee

* Next Meeting will be held on September 19, 2023, both in person and virtually via Zoom.
* September presenters will be:
	+ Indigenous Stewardship Network presenting a Cultural Burning Presentation.
	+ Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority.

Wildfire Preparedness

Defensible Space

* The Model Defensible Space Program is available for local jurisdictions to use as a guide for creating an ordinance and starting a Defensible Space program at their local level.

Pre-Fire Plan (Fire Plan)

* Annual Unit Fire Plans are ready and are being posted publicly.
* Third FHSZ SRA comment period has concluded, and all comments are being evaluated.

Firewise

* Currently 704 communities in good standing.
* 700th Firewise Community – Upper Mark West Springs Community in Sonoma County. The community event was held on August 12, 2023.

Wildfire Prevention (WP) Grants

* First year we had a full digital process for solicitation, 248 apps for $400 million in apps. $115 million available to disperse.
* On July 27, 2023, WP Grants announced 96 awards for $113 million in funding.
* Governor’s Office provided the Communications Press Release on July 28, 2023.
* State Senate and Assembly members were notified on August 2, 2023, of the awards in their respective districts.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)/Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program (DEI)

Latino Heritage Month

* Our staff along with other colleagues across CNRA are well under way in planning Latino Heritage Month, which occurs in September. This conversation on various Latino related discussion topics.

CAL FIRE’s 2024 Strategic Plan

* CAL FIRE is actively working on its updated 2024 Strategic Plan. In preparation for the upcoming year, we have engaged with a wide array of diverse stakeholders, as we strongly value honest feedback as it plays a pivotal role in gathering varied and valuable perspectives, insights, ideas, and candid diverse opinions. Our efforts have extended to over 100 tribal groups across the state, inviting all to take part in a short survey.

**Board Comment:**

Chairman Gilless stated the Board was very excited to hear about Eric Huff’s promotion with CAL FIRE and looking forward to continuing interaction with him. Is the BLM MOU basically based on the Forest Service MOU?

* Deputy Director Reischman stated that it is under the Farm Bill, Good Neighbor Authority. Both are operating under the same federal authority but the way the agreements are structured is a bit different. This is a direct agreement between CAL FIRE and BLM. It is basically the same type of land practices. Restoration, Forestry, road improvement and reforestation.

Chairman Gilless asked if there is a similar authority for working with Park Service?

* Deputy Director Reischman stated that they currently do not have one with Park Service.

Chairman Gilless inquired on the issues of filling positions that were specifically on the archeologist side?

* Deputy Director stated that traditionally have always used the archeologist classification which State Parks owns that classification. State Parks is one of the few that uses the archeology classification. To increase the pool of applicants we were able to reclassify those position providing more in salary. One of the requirements is that they have a background in archeology to meet the archeological requirements of Office of Historic Preservation.

**Public Comment:**

Richard Gienger has questions regarding the scoping regarding Jackson and the JAG Meeting. What is the extent of the public comment period and what is being requested? How long will it be before results of the comment feed into the selections of a contractor that you are trying to have take the over the new Management Plan including Co-management?

* Deputy Director Reischman stated that public comment should be opened in the next few days. The scope of work is currently posted on the Jackson website. We will be receiving public comment some time up to the 10th to be discussed at the meeting on September 15th.

Richard Gienger shared his views regarding the scoping for modernizing the Management Plan and the Co-management element. He feels that having it opened official for a week or two is not long enough. Also there has not been any formal response to the letter from Priscilla Hunter about her concerns that was from over a year ago.

* Deputy Director Reischman appreciates Mr. Gienger’s comments and agrees. Just want to state that the JAG is a public process. We want to have these discussions not only at the JAG meeting and the intent is to be transparent. We want public comment and public buy in. The public comment has been opened since July.

**Report of the Executive Officer, Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer**

Staffing Update

* In the process of filling our vacant positions. Nothing new to report.

Legislative Update

* The Legislator has been in recess and there is not anything new to report.

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

Presenting four Final Statements of Reasons for the Board to consider.

1. Consideration of adoption of rule text and approval of the Final Statement of Reasons for Rulemaking titled “Maximum Sustained Production Amendments” the proposed action will add Fire Protection and Management for Fire Prevention into the Maximum Sustained Protection.
	* The Rulemaking was approved for noticing in May 2023. It was noticed for at least 45-days beginning on June 2, 2023. The Board conducted a hearing at last month’s meeting on July 26, at which time the Board received 2 public comments on the action all of which were in support of the action. Before you today are the Final Statement of Reasons. Board staff recommends approval on adoption of those documents.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**08-23-02 Member Forsburg-Pardi moves to approve the Final Statement of Reasons for the “Maximum Sustained Production Amendments 2023”. Member Wade seconds the motion.**

**Amend: The Final Statement of Reasons misidentifies George Gentry’s comments as in his role for California Forestry Association, not, as is stated, California Licensing Forestry Association. Chairman Gilless proposes a friendly amendment to the language in the Final Statement of Reasons to correct his identification. Member Forsburg-Pardi and Member Wade accept friendly amendment.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**08-23-03 Member Forsburg-Pardi moves to adopt the draft regulatory text for the rulemaking entitled “Maximum Sustained Production Amendments, 2023” and authorize staff to take all actions reasonably necessary to have the adopted regulations go into effect, including making appropriate non-substantive changes and any changes to facilitate OAL review and approval. Member Wade seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

1. Consideration of adoption of the rule text and approval of the Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas Silviculture Amendments” 2023. The proposed action will result in Forest Practice Rules for Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas that conform to the existing framework for Timber Harvest while considering the natural scenic resources that lead to the designation of those areas, Special Treatment Areas.
	* The rulemaking action was approved for noticing by the Board in May of 2023. It was noticed for at least 45-days beginning on May 6, 2023. The Board conducted a hearing at last month’s meeting, July 26, 2023, at which time the Board received five public comments on the action. All were in support of the proposed action. Before you today I have the final statement of reasons and I will provide the rule text if necessary.
	* Board staff recommends approval and adoption of those documents.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**08-23-04 Member Forsburg-Pardi moves to approve the Final Statement of Reasons for the “Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas Silviculture Amendments”. Member Wade seconds the motion.**

**Amend: The Final Statement of Reasons misidentifies George Gentry’s comments as in his role for California Forestry Association, not, as is stated, California Licensing Forestry Association. Chairman Gilless proposes a friendly amendment to the language in the Final Statement of Reasons to correct his identification. Member Forsburg-Pardi and Member Wade accept friendly amendment.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**08-23-05 Member Forsburg-Pardi moves to adopt the draft regulatory text for the rulemaking entitled “Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas Silviculture Amendments” and authorize staff to take all actions reasonably necessary to have the adopted regulations go into effect, including making appropriate non-substantive changes and any changes to facilitate OAL review and approval. Member Wade seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

1. Consideration of adoption of rule text and approval of the Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Tractor Operations and Cable Yarding Amendments”.
	* The rule making action was approved for noticing by the Board in May of 2023 and was noticed for at least 45-days beginning June 2, 2023. The Board conducted a hearing at last month’s meeting, July 26, 2023, at which time the Board received three public comments on the action. All were in support of the action before you today are the Final Statement of Reason and draft file rule text.
	* Board staff recommends approval and adoption of these documents.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**08-23-06 Member Wade moves to approve the Final Statement of Reasons for the “Tractor Operations and Cable Yarding Amendments, 2023”. Member Forsburg-Pardi seconds the motion.**

**Amend: The Final Statement of Reasons misidentifies George Gentry’s comments as in his role for California Forestry Association, not, as is stated, California Licensing Forestry Association. Chairman Gilless proposes a friendly amendment to the language in the Final Statement of Reasons to correct his identification. Member Forsburg-Pardi and Member Wade accept friendly amendment.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**08-23-07 Member Wade moves to adopt the draft regulatory text for the rulemaking entitled “Tractor Operations and Cable Yarding Amendments, 2023”, and authorize staff to take all actions reasonably necessary to have the adopted regulations go into effect, including making appropriate non-substantive changes and any changes to facilitate OAL review and approval. Member Forsburg-Pardi seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

1. Consideration of adoption of rule text and approval of the Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Ford Definition Amendment”.
	* The rule making action was approved for noticing by the Board May 2023. It was noticed for at least 45-days beginning on June 2, 2023. The Board conducted a hearing at last month’s meeting on July 26, 2023. The Board received three public comments on the action all which were in support of the action. Before you today are the Final Statement of Reasons and draft final rule text.
	* Board staff recommends approval and adoption of those documents.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**08-23-08 Member Wade moves to approve the Final Statement of Reasons for the “Ford Definition Amendment, 2023”. Member Forsburg-Pardi seconds the motion.**

**Amend: The Final Statement of Reasons misidentifies George Gentry’s comments as in his role for California Forestry Association, not, as is stated, California Licensing Forestry Association. Chairman Gilless proposes a friendly amendment to the language in the Final Statement of Reasons to correct his identification. Member Wade and Member Forsburg-Pardi accept friendly amendment.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**08-23-09 Member Wade moves to adopt the draft regulatory text for the rulemaking entitled “Ford Definition Amendment, 2023” and authorize staff to take all actions reasonably necessary to have the adopted regulations go into effect, including making appropriate non-substantive changes and any changes to facilitate OAL review and approval. Member Forsburg-Pardi seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Delbar: Aye**

**Lopez: Aye**

**Forsburg-Pardi: Aye**

**Wade: Aye**

**Jani: Absent**

**Chase: Absent**

**Blake: Absent**

**Gilless: Aye**

**Motion passed.**

**Report of the Standing Committees**

**Resource Protection Committee, J. Lopez, Chair**

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

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

**Public Comment:**

Larry Hanson commented on the impacts of the WLPZ. He thinks that this is not the place to do any commercial logging.

**Management Committee, Elizabeth Forsburg-Pardi, acting Chair.**

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

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

Effectiveness Monitoring Committee, Liz Forsburg-Pardi, Co-Chair

The Effectiveness Monitoring Committee meet to recommend funding proposals that were then approved this morning.

* One was recommended for funding:
* EMC 2023 03 pre- and post-Harvest Fuel Loads for Site Productivity.
* Two proposals were reviewed but will not be recommended for funding:
	+ EMC 2023 01
	+ EMC 2023 04
* Fourth proposal EMC 2023 002 Assessing Fire Hazard Risk and Post Fire Recover for Watercourse and Lakebed Protection Zones and repairing in areas of California is being reviewed for potential funding and pending changes to the proposal.
* Next full public meeting of the EMC will be on January 18, 2024.
* November meeting will be an EMC field tour tentatively scheduled for November 16th at the Boggs Mountain Demonstration Forest.
* The EMC still has four seats that are still opened.
	+ Two in the Monitoring Committee
	+ One open seat for the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation, Katie Harrell, Board staff

* The Board was supplied with a copy of an educational outreach document for the cellulous nanocrystals as valued based additive for low carbon footprint concrete with limestone. This was approved in March by the Board.
* The Joint Institute has seven projects currently under way. Three that are closing and four new ones for the fiscal year.
* The Forest Biomass Pile data collection project is anticipated to be presented to the Board in November.
* The assessing the use of cellulous nanocrystals to improve the service life of concrete. This will be presented to the Board for review in January.
* Two projects that will be presented to the Board in January.
	+ The mixed species cross laminated timber test.
	+ Procurement of forest drive renewable natural gas to meet California Public Utility Commission targets.
* Three projects that are underway this fiscal year:
	+ CEQA guidance handbook. Considering the value of a new CEQA guideline amendment.
	+ Development of life cycle counting mall for biofilm production from forest biomass waste in California.
	+ The assessment of State Purchasing Protocol related innovative wood products.
* Next Joint Institute Meeting will be September 15, 2023, from 9:00 to noon.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Overview of Administrative Civil Penalty Process Under the Forest Practice Act, CAL FIRE Legal Counsel

**CONCLUSION**

**Public Forum**

**Public Comments:**

Kimberly Burr, Sonoma County wanted to thank the Board for all their work. Wants to say that she feels that we treat our forest very gently. She would like to see some changes in how we go about our forestry so that we can protect our old growth forest. Also voiced her concerns on biomass.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:





Edith Hannigan J. Keith Gilless

Executive Officer Chairman