BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA
Announcement Date: June 29, 2007

FULL BOARD:

REGULAR SESSION
July 11, 2007
Time: 4:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE AND REGULAR SESSION
July 12, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m.

*FIELD TRIP
July 10, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
*See attached itinerary

COMMITTEES:

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE
July 11, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
July 11, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

POLICY COMMITTEE
July 11, 2007
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
July 11, 2007
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Those requiring further information regarding this meeting notice may contact George D. Gentry, Executive Officer, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA, 94244-2460, (916) 653-8007. This meeting notice is also available in electronic format at:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/bof/board/board_current_docs.html
The Board may take any non-hearing agenda item out of order as time permits and may discuss agenda items scheduled for committees, including legislation. The Board may act on recommendations by its committees on items listed in their respective agendas, including recommendations for notice of rulemaking. If you wish to speak on a specific agenda item, please fill out a card provided for this purpose at the sign-in table and hand it to a member of staff prior to the meeting. Those wishing to speak on particular agenda items may do so when they are heard by the Board. The Board reserves the right to solicit additional public comment if the need arises for a particular agenda item.

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BOARD AGENDA

REGULAR SESSION
July 11, 2007
Time: 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order


The Board will discuss the contents of the DEIR and Management Plan. This discussion is intended to identify outstanding issues and questions the Board members may have regarding these documents. If necessary, this discussion may be continued, at the discretion of the Chair, until the following day.

3. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE AND REGULAR SESSION
July 12, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m.

4. Call to Order

5. Adjourn to Executive Session

Executive Session: (Closed to the Public) Discussion of Matters Related to Foresters Licensing such as Certifications; Voluntary Relinquishments; and/or Revocations of RPF Licenses/CRM Certifications Under Section 11126 (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3) of the Government Code; Employee Evaluation Under 11126 (a)(1); also Discussion of Pending and Potential Litigation Under Section 11126 (e) of the Government Code. (The Executive Session may be reconvened if determined necessary.) Cases to be discussed are: CP-96-01, Joaquin Andres Acosta.

6. Reconvene Regular Session

7. Announcement of Actions taken in Executive Session


11. Report of the Unit.

12. Report of Board’s Advisory Committees

- California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF)
- Range Management Advisory Committee
- Monitoring Study Group
- Professional Foresters Examining Committee.

Possible Action Items: Issuance of RPF Licenses/CRM Certifications, Withdrawals, Reinstatements, Voluntary Relinquishments, Suspensions, Revocations, or other Actions.


The proposed changes to the Forest Practice Rules (FPRs) amend sections related to “Protection and Restoration in Watersheds with Threatened or Impaired Values”, and are generally termed Threatened or Impaired rules (T/I rules). These regulations define planning and operational requirements for timber harvesting and planning watersheds where State or federally listed threatened, endangered or candidate populations of anadromous salmonids are present or where they can be restored. The T/I rules currently expire on date of December 31, 2007. The proposed regulatory amendments, entirely and solely involve changing the expiration date of the regulations to December 31, 2008.


The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is proposing changes to the Forest Practice Rules (FPRs) for development of a Road Management Plan (RMP) as a supplement to the Timber Harvest Plan (THP) process. The RMP provides a means for addressing long-term issues of sustained timber production and cumulative watershed effects from the transportation system on fish, wildlife, the beneficial uses of water, and watersheds on a landscape basis. A RMP specifies measures to be applied to a forest transportation system to protect, maintain, and enhance the beneficial uses of water and other environmental resources consistent with the objectives of the timberland owner.

15. Hearing: Coho Salmon Incidental Take Assistance, 2007

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is proposing a regulatory action that would enable the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to establish certain incidental take permitting procedures authorizing the take of coho salmon under California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The proposed regulations set forth certain definitions and substantive measures that facilitate an expedited process for obtaining incidental take permits from the DFG for timber operations that may result in the take of coho salmon. The incidental take permitting procedures, including the expedited process, are being proposed by DFG under a separate rulemaking proposal.


Note: Committee Chairpersons will report on the outcomes of Committee meetings. The Board may act in response to Committee recommendations. Possible Action Items: Recommendations to Board (See Committee Agendas which are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.)


Note: The Board’s Regulations Coordinator will report on ongoing regulatory matters. The Board may act in response to requests of the Regulations Coordinator on items presented in the report. Possible Action Items: Recommendations to Board for Regulatory Actions (See Committee Agendas).

Note: The Board’s Executive Officer will report on ongoing administrative matters, proposed state or federal legislation or programs, or new items coming before the Board. Possible Action Items: The Board may act in response to requests of the Executive Officer on items presented in the report.

19. Public Forum

Note: Members of the public may address the Board on any topic within its jurisdiction not otherwise on the agenda. Submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments will be included in the record before the Board. Please be prepared to summarize comments to three minutes in length, or otherwise at the discretion of the chairman. Submit your request to address the Board under this item via supplied speaker cards prior to the item being called.

20. Adjournment
COMMITTEE AGENDAS

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE
July 11, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

1. Discussion and update of the Threatened or Impaired Watershed literature review.

2. Discussion and review of 14 CCR 1038(i) Forest Fire Prevention Exemption, 14 CCR 1052.4 Fuel Hazard Reduction Emergency Notice, and Board information to Assemblyman LaMalfa on AB 1515. Possible Action Item: Recommendation to Board for 45 Day Notice of Publication of amendments to 14 CCR 1038 (i) and 14 CCR 1502.4.

3. Discussion and review of pending rule packages for hearing:
   a. Watersheds with Threatened or Impaired Values Extension, 2007
   b. Coho Salmon Incidental Take Assistance, 2007

4. Discussion and review of Potential Emergency Regulations for the Tahoe Basin

5. New and Unfinished Business (Road Rules Committee Update)

   Note: The Forest Practice Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
July 11, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

1. Presentation by the Department of a draft work plan for Demonstration State Forest Management Plans.


3. Discussion of Governance work plan and priorities.

4. Update and discussion regarding possible utilization of NetMap program.

5. Discussion and review of pending rule packages for hearing:
   a. Road Management Plan, 2007

6. New and Unfinished Business

   Note: The Management Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.
POLICY COMMITTEE
July 11, 2007
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.


2. Discussion of the Joint Policy for Anadromous Salmonids.

3. Update on the Research Committee.

4. Update on the Board and Department’s Climate Change and Biomass activities

5. Discussion of the Board Strategic Plan
   A. Work Plan Development
   B. Indices Development


Note: The Policy Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
July 11, 2007
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. Discussion of Recommendations Checklist for reviewing General Plans. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendation to full Board for adoption.

2. Update on General Plan Safety Element Reviews pursuant to GC 65302.5. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations to the City of Petaluma, City of Mt. Shasta, City of Sierra Madre, County of Humboldt, County of Napa, City of Dorris (Siskiyou), City of Pomona, City of Duarte (LA County), City of Riverside, and Town of Ross (Marin).

3. Discussion of the VTP Process/Framework for Policy Review. **Update on VTP EIR.**


5. New and Unfinished Business.

Note: The Resource Protection Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Tour Itinerary

HIMONT MOTEL - 43021 Bridge Street, Fall River Mills

July 10, 2007

0800    Introductions

0800-0930  Fountain Fire regeneration SPI/RRC/FGS/WBA (the cost of devastating fire; threat to Burney; and the large financial commitment from private landowners)

0930-1100  Fuel thinning around the Burney WUI; FGS

Lunch; short presentation of area geology (Burney Falls State Park)

Travel east on Highway 89 ~30 min.

1300-1400  Meadow restoration by silviculture, elk habitat (WBA; Dixon Flat)

1400-1500  Ecotones, silviculture, long-term fire rehab, RRC (Pondosa Burn etc)

1500-1600  Dana cutoff SPI; silviculture, carbon sequestration, advanced regeneration, etc.

Travel to Hat Creek Ranch by 5 PM

The public must be prepared to provide own transportation and food. To minimize traffic, it is requested that car pooling be fully utilized.