Request for Academic Applicants

ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS MONITORING COMMITTEE (EMC)

The EMC was formed in 2014 by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board). The Board sought to create an independent committee to assess the efficacy of the Forest Practice Rules and other related laws and regulations. As an advisory body to the Board, the EMC helps implement an effectiveness monitoring program that provides an active feedback loop to policymakers, managers, agencies, and the public by soliciting robust scientific research that addresses the effectiveness of these laws at meeting resource objectives and ecological performance measures related to AB 1492.

EMC meetings occur quarterly, typically last 4-6 hours, and are open to the public. Meetings are held in Redding, Ukiah, and Sacramento and are also available through live webinar. The Board supports the EMC with staff and annual funding for projects.

To view the EMC Charter, Strategic Plan, and Work Plan, please visit:
http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/committees/effectiveness-monitoring-committee/

MEMBERSHIP

The EMC includes representatives from academia, industry, state agencies, consulting firms, and non-profit agencies. The EMC is currently seeking to fill two (2) vacancies dedicated to Academic Representatives. Applicants must either hold positions in academia and/or be actively involved in research that is sponsored/funded by collegiate institutions.

Terms for EMC members range from two to three years and members are reimbursed for travel expenses if appropriate. Members are expected to do approximately 4 hours of preparation for each meeting. Members may listen to the webinar if they are unable to make the meeting, but cannot comment or vote on motions remotely.

As an advisory committee under the oversight of the Board, members of the EMC may be perceived as quasi-public officials. As such, it is important that the members be aware of and avoid potential conflicts of interest, and even the possible perception of a conflict of interest. Generally, members must avoid participating in or influencing any decision in which they have a direct or indirect financial interest or other personal interest. If any questions or concerns arise, EMC members can seek guidance from the Board’s legal counsel.

Interested applicants should meet the following requirements:

- Have professional experience in natural resources or resource monitoring.

- Demonstrate a working understanding of the California Forest Practice Rules and related laws.

- Work well in a collaborative group environment.

- Develop work products in a timely manner.

- Have expertise in hydrology, geology, fluvial geomorphology, aquatic ecology, fisheries, forestry, wildlife management, or resource monitoring and assessment.

- Have a working knowledge of forest management operations on private and state forestlands.

The Board’s mission is to lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands, and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.
HOW TO APPLY

Interested individuals can apply by submitting a letter of interest (including demonstration of a working knowledge of the California Forest Practice Rules and associated regulations) and their résumé.

Applications should be sent to:

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