

California Forest Pest Council Annual Business Meeting Heidrick Ag History Center, Woodland, November 16, 2005.

Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. He noted that there have been additional sponsors of the meeting. Scott noted that a resolution was being proposed and introduced Kevin Turner. Kevin reported that funding for fuels treatment had been reduced and he is asking that the CFPC write a letter to restore San Bernardino National Forest funding. There was a question about the exact amount of funds available and how they are being used. Kevin noted that the figures in the resolution came from a letter by Diane Feinstein but he will verify that the numbers are accurate before the letter is sent. Kevin moved that the resolution be accepted as proposed. Julie Lydick noted that reduced mortality has led to reduced funding, and Region 5 has shifted their funding priorities to the Central Sierras. Kevin noted that many planned projects will have to be shelved. It was unclear where the money would come from. Scott asked for the vote and the resolution was approved. Text of this resolution follows at the end of these minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Jones gave a financial report and referred to a handout that was available. He noted that he is also the treasurer for the COMTF. The CFPC balance at the beginning of the year was \$17,174. He estimates that we will be close to breaking even on the annual meeting. The current account balance is \$17,091. The COMTF account currently has a balance around \$9,000. Scott noted that the Pitch Canker Task Force is also in good financial shape.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Disease Committee- Bill Woodruff reported that there were no changes in officers, and there were no resolutions. Bill will continue as committee chair and Tom Smith is secretary.

Insect Committee- Laura Merrill reported that Dave Schultz was elected as the chair and Beverly Bulaon was elected secretary.

Southern California Committee- Glenn Barley is the acting chair. It was noted that the committee did not meet this year.

Weed Committee- Scott reported that Craig Ostergaard was elected chair at the July weed tour. The 2005 weed tour was held in the Martell area July 20-21 and about 170 attended. Bob Rynearson was elected committee secretary. Bob will organize the 2006 weed tour, which is being planned for the McArthur area. The Forest Vegetation Management Conference, which is the annual meeting of the Weed Committee, will be held in Redding January 17-19, 2006.

Editorial Committee- Steve Jones commented that the proceedings will be published on the CFPC website. The conditions report is also posted on the website. The website was upgraded this year to provide for storage of more CFPC publications.

Pitch Canker Task Force- The task force is still meeting regularly and has a meeting planned for December 2 in Davis. [Note; this meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled]

California Oak Mortality Task Force- Mark Stanley is chair and will continue that role although he recently retired from CDF. The next task force meeting is scheduled to be held in March in Monterey.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathleen Edwards gave a report on the status of the Dahlsten scholarship. This scholarship was established in 2003 but no awards have been made to date. She hopes to have a scholarship

announcement posted on the CFPC website in December and will mail to selected universities. Let her know if there are others that should be included. A selection committee will make the award announcement prior to the end of the spring semester. There was some concern that semester breaks may limit student access and that application period should be extended into February. There was some discussion on encouraging contributions to the scholarship fund next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott opened the meeting for the election of officers. [Jesse Rios assumed the chairman's duties for the election of council chair](#). Scott was nominated for the position of chair and was unanimously re-elected. He thanked the council for their support and noted that personal commitments may preclude his continuing as chair in the future. He noted that many past chairs have been from private industry.

Scott described the vice-chair position and asked for nominations. Bill Morrison, forester for Soper-Wheeler, was nominated and unanimously elected. Scott asked for nominations for secretary. Mike Bohne, USDA Forest Service, was nominated and unanimously elected. Scott asked for nominations for three member at large positions, who besides supporting the executive board are also members of the annual meeting program committee. Susan Frankel, Bruce Barr and Chris Dabney were nominated. Scott moved that the slate of nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Scott thanked the program committee for an excellent meeting and thanked all those who attended. He encouraged members to get involved in the organization. Finally he thanked all the sponsors for their support. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Prepared by Jesse Rios, secretary

March 14, 2006

Attachments: "Resolution to restore fuel treatment funds to the San Bernardino National Forest"; "Meeting comments".

RESOLUTION: CFPC Letter Requesting the Restoration of Fuels Funding For the San Bernardino National Forest

- WHEREAS hazardous fuel conditions continue in the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains following the record drought and resultant tree mortality and
- WHEREAS fuels treatment funding for the San Bernardino National Forest has been reduced from \$30 million in fiscal year 04/05 down to \$5 million in fiscal year 05/06 and
- WHEREAS \$5 million in fuels treatment funds is only sufficient to cover the salaries of employees hired to prepare fuels treatment projects with very few funds being left for on the ground work and
- WHEREAS San Bernardino National Forest Fuels treatment projects are critical to the success of the integrated efforts of the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) in both San Bernardino and Riverside Counties to protect mountain communities from wildfire and to restore health to the forest.

- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the California Forest Pest Council draft a letter to Undersecretary Mark Rey of the U.S. Department of Agriculture requesting that fuels treatment funding be restored to its previous level with copies of the letter being sent to Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Congressman Jerry Lewis and Congresswoman Mary Bono.

Resolution approved by the California Forest Pest Council November 16, 2005