

A dense forest of tall, thin trees with golden-brown foliage covering a hillside under a clear blue sky.

# **Business Meeting**





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- **Members at Large (3)** - one year term (current: Susan Frankel, Akif Eskalen, Mark Stanley)
- **Chairperson** – two year term (current: Bob Rynearson)
- **Vice Chairperson** – two year term (current: Scott Carnegie)
- **Secretary** – two year term (current: Kim Corella)



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#### 4. Appointments:

- Council Treasurer –
  - ***Steve Jones***
- Audit Comm.: ***Kim Corella & Chris Lee***
- Editorial Comm. Chair (*CAL FIRE*)
  - ***Tom Smith***
  - Editor-in Chief – ***Katie Harrell***
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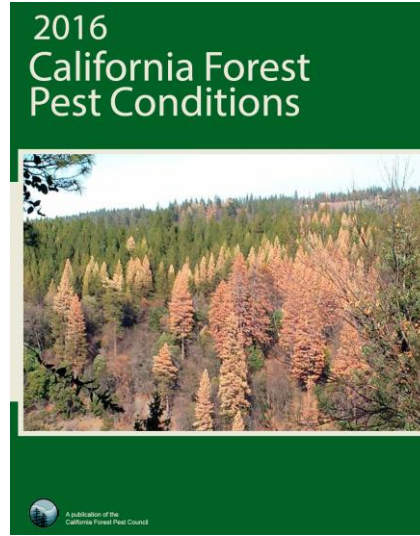


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