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Photo: *The "Delta Fire" burns near the Sacramento River threatening transportation infrastructure, forests and water quality.*

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Professional Foresters Registration shall protect the public interest through the regulation of those individuals who are licensed to practice the profession of forestry, and whose activities have an impact upon the ecology of forested landscapes and the quality of the forest environment, within the State of California.

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CURRENT BOARD OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION COMPOSITION

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.

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The View from the 15th Floor

By Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, licensing

The year 2018 turned out to be the year of the most destructive fire on record as the Camp Fire raged through Butte County, decimating the rural community of Paradise and others nearby. Eighty-six (86) deaths have been attributed so far to the fire along with over 20,000 structures damaged or destroyed, 153,336 acres of landscape consumed, an anticipated cost of \$100 million dollars for fire suppression and billions of dollars in property damage. According to CAL FIRE incident information, approximately 500,000 more acres burned in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) in 2018 than in 2017, with a total combined USFS and CAL FIRE burn acreage of 1,671,214 acres for 2018. From a historical perspective, this is about average in California for acres consumed by fire prior to modern day fire suppression policy enacted around 1910.

Because of these large, destructive and deadly fires the legislature has taken action with the passing of Senate Bill 901. This law creates two separate appropriations, one for \$165,000,000 and one for \$35,000,000, for each Budget Act through the 2023–24 fiscal year from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to

CAL FIRE for purposes relating to forest health, fire prevention, and fuel reduction. In so doing this, the state intends to increase the pace and scale of fire prevention and fuel reduction projects and to educate landowners on management of forests for improved forest health. It is a large undertaking that the State of California is planning; doubling the number of acres treated annually while investing in and promoting forest health and resilience to landowners. CAL FIRE is now developing six prescribed fire teams, three in the northern region and three in the southern region of California. These teams will consist of fire captains, fire apparatus engineers, forestry assistants and forest technicians who are dedicated to completing layout and application of prescribed fire on established vegetation management program projects (VMP). These jobs offer an excellent pathway for prospective foresters since the VMP programs will be supervised by agency Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) and offer qualifying work experiences. Moreover, it is also a ground floor introduction to work at CAL FIRE with a predictable pathway into the forest resource management field or a career in firefighting. If you have knowledge of young people interested in becoming a forester, CAL FIRE has many great opportunities. See the CAL FIRE website on forestry careers at the link below.

http://calfire.ca.gov/about/about_careers_forestry

In July of this year, the Board appointed two new industry RPF members to the Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC). Mr. James Hawkins is a Forest Manager for Green Diamond out of Korb, CA in Humboldt County and Frank Mulhair is a District Forester for Sierra Pacific Industries out of Martell, CA in Amador County. Both these men have many years of experience and active participation in forestry issues in California and it is a pleasure to have them on-board.

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) Staff continues to grow and evolve as we now have a new Environmental Scientist to help collect and evaluate scientific information related to a plethora of Board issues. Brandi Goss comes to us by way Yreka, California where she participated in salmon recovery and survey efforts. We also have a familiar face returning in Katie Harrell who is the Board's new Associate Governmental Program Analyst. One of Katie's primary duties will be to guide the meetings of the Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation. Katie as you may know, was under contract to the Board to provide information and status updates on forest pests and pathogens and served on the California Oak Mortality Task Force. We are very happy to have both join us here at the Board.

CORRECTIONS

In my previous article [Redwoods in Spain](#) from the June 2018 addition of Licensing News, Johnathan Rea was identified as a Simpson forester when in fact he was employed by CAL FIRE. Also in 1992, the cadre of American visitors were received by the King of Spain, Juan Carlos de Borbon, not his son. My apologies.

Snapshot in History



State Forester Francis Raymond presenting or being presented the film "Command Decision" in 1969 by George Fox.

CAL FIRE DIRECTOR KEN PIMLOTT RETIRES



Left to Right: CAL FIRE Director Ken Pimlott pictured here with the winning Forestry Challenge team from Del Oro High school, Chase Nairn-Howard, Del Oro teacher Nic Russo, and Broghan Martin.

CAL FIRE Director and RPF Ken Pimlott will be retiring this year after more than 30 years in the fire service. A graduate of Humboldt State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Forest Resource Management, Chief Pimlott started his career as a reserve firefighter with the Contra Costa Fire Protection District then joined CAL FIRE beginning as a seasonal fire fighter in the Tulare Unit in 1987. He has held a variety of resource management and fire protection positions within the department, including Pre-fire Management Division Chief, Fire Chief for the City of Moreno Valley and program manager for CAL FIRE's Cooperative Fire Protection Programs. Prior to being appointed, Chief Pimlott was the Deputy Director of Fire Protection, responsible for CAL FIRE's statewide fire protection programs, including Command and Control Operations, Cooperative Fire Protection, Conservation Camps, Fleet Management, Aviation Management, Training and Safety.

Under Chief Pimlott's direction, CAL FIRE has become the premier fire fighting force in the world. His leadership on a multitude of decision points has helped to protect the lives and property of all Californians. We owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his service.

REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

The 2018 Board had an active year with several new regulations and amendments to existing regulation. A full list can be viewed at the [Board website](#).

REGULATION FILES (new addition to Board's website)

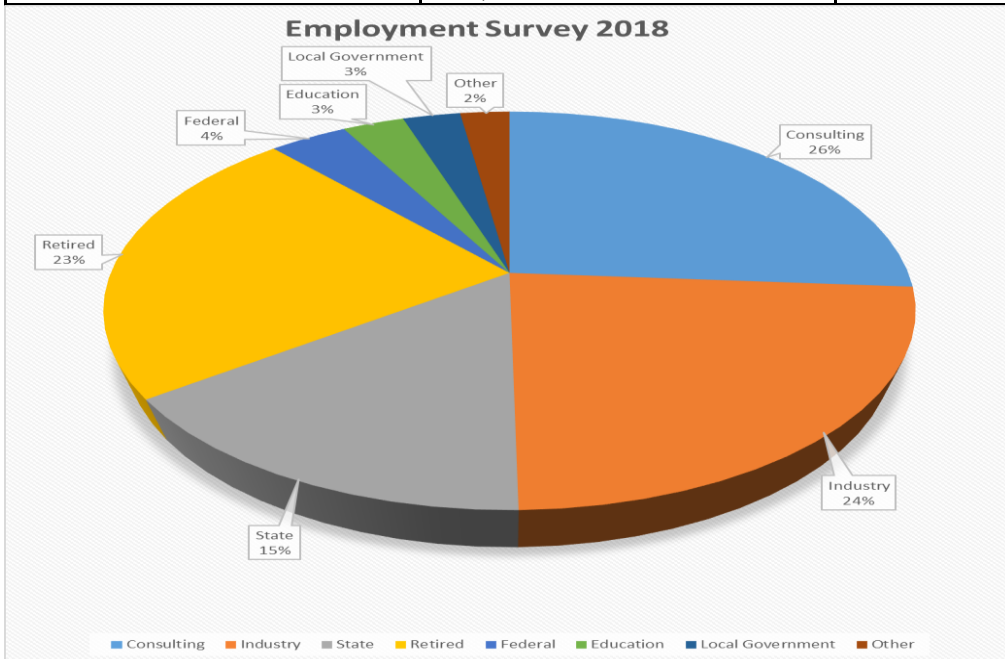
All regulation files are now available at the Board website [here](#).

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS & CERTIFIED RANGELAND MANAGERS

RPF and CRM Rolls

The table below indicates the known status of all current and former registrants by license type as of November 6, 2018.

STATUS	RPF's	CRM's
Valid	1,132	88
Withdrawn	166	6
Revoked (non-payment or disciplinary action)	755	11
Voluntarily Relinquished	678	10
Suspended	1	0
Deceased	312	5
TOTAL	3,044	120



RPF and CRM Examination Announcements

The Spring 2019 examination has been scheduled for April 5th, 2019 and the deadline for NEW applications will be February 8th, 2018. The October 2019 Examination has been scheduled for October 4th and the deadline for NEW applications for that exam is August 9th, 2018. The examination notice can be located online on the Professional Forester Registration webpage.

NOTICE: All RPF examinations in 2019 will be conducted at the Sierra College campus in Rocklin, CA, northeast of Sacramento. This is the result of cost cutting measures to maintain the RPF licensing fund. Exam Notices can be found at the following link:

http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/professional_foresters_registration/rpf_and_crm_examinations/.

Those interested in taking the RPF or CRM examinations are encouraged to contact Dan Stapleton with any questions about qualifications prior to submitting an application and exam fee. Dan may be reached at 916-653-6634 or by email at dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov.

In Memoriam

This section is devoted to the memory of those fine foresters who have passed from our ranks. Regrettably, I am sometimes late in getting this information posted. So that I may provide timely remembrances, if you have knowledge of an RPF or CRM passing, please forward this information to my Board email address at dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov so that I can pay tribute to these individuals at the next Board of Forestry meeting and in the next edition of Licensing News.

Peter Berck



Peter Berck, one of the world's foremost forestry economists and a professor in UC Berkeley's Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, or ARE, died of cancer Aug. 10 at age 68. Berck earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from UC Berkeley and a doctorate in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He returned to campus as an assistant professor in 1976, where he remained for the duration of his career. Berck never retired, continuing to advise students and conduct research even as his illness worsened, according to his wife, Cyndi Berck. "Peter was probably the most beloved professor in any field," Cyndi Berck said. "He had an open door policy in

his office — he always had tea and coffee and loved hearing his students' life stories." Cyndi Berck said her husband had a love of the outdoors that began after he joined the Boy Scouts of America while growing up in New York. He became involved in leadership positions with the Boy Scouts as a district chair and assistant scoutmaster of Berkeley Troop 6 when his youngest son joined the organization. "He wanted to expand ethnic diversity in the sense that scouting is for everyone," Cyndi Berck said. "He was supportive of progress in the last several years of opening the scouts up regardless of sexual orientation or gender and he was in a position to be part of that process." Peter Berck's love for the outdoors translated into his academic pursuits — he wrote more than 100 research papers on a variety of topics, including forestry economics, management of natural resources and agricultural adaptation to climate change, according to Cyndi Berck. Peter Berck recently developed a computer model to simulate impacts of environmental regulation on the California economy, which is now widely used by the California government to inform the state's fiscal policy, according to the ARE website. Cyndi Berck said her husband used this model to analyze the impacts of California greenhouse gas regulation, which determined that moving toward renewable energy would reduce the price of energy in California. — *Produced by Amanda Bradford at dailyca.org*



Michael J. Fascilla, RPF #2542. Mike went to be with the Lord on Nov. 18, 2016. He was born to Ralph O. Fascilla and Adeline Gorstein Fascilla in Pacoima, California, on Sept. 29, 1953, and grew up with his parents, brother Mark, and sister Melinda in Mountain View. Mike graduated Mountain View Union High School in 1971, and married his high school sweetheart, Kathy Steves, in 1974. Together they attended Humboldt State. Mike and Kathy have two sons, Daniel and Christopher; and four grandsons: Koichi, Masa-Yuki, Thaddeus, and Marcello. He is also survived by his brother, Mark and sister, Melinda. Mike started work with the Forest Service in 1976, and worked in different Mother Lode districts, finishing in Groveland Ranger District — a total of 20

years. He then worked 17 years at Sierra Pacific Industries as a private forester until he became disabled with stomach cancer. Michael had many friends in the logging community, as well as his sisters and brothers at Chapel in the Pines, Twain Harte, where he loved to fellowship. He was a wonderful encouragement to all those who were fighting cancer, and always said with the Lord's help, he would overcome cancer. He gave it all he had and praised God. We know he will be counting those board feet in heaven's forests!



Mitchell Alan Perdue, CRM #30. September 12, 1961 - November 20, 2018. Escondido. Mitch passed away in his sleep on a family vacation with his beloved wife, Paige, and daughters, Cache and Callie. "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "Wow! What a Ride!""

Outreach for Future RPFs *by Dan Stapleton*

2018 was a big year for my outreach efforts. I attended my first SAF National Convention in Portland, Oregon and made outreach presentations to over 300 California Conservation Corps members in Fortuna, San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, San Bernardino, San Diego, Napa and Ukiah and approximately 100 college students in the Humboldt County area. Forestry enrollments in California continue to inch upwards, at least at Humboldt State University and I am now a contributor on the Forest Management Task Force for Technical Education, Outreach and Workforce Development. I hope to encourage a new push in our community colleges to provide forestry and fire sciences courses and help spur student interest in the field and into becoming licensed as foresters.

I look forward to any opportunity to provide outreach to expand the roster of registered professional foresters. If you are an educator in the natural sciences in high school or college and are interested in scheduling an outreach presentation, feel free to contact me. I am also open to suggestions from the registry. Call the Office of Foresters Registration 916-653-8031 or email me at dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov.

First Ever - Southern Region Forestry Field & Exam Prep Seminar

November 28 & 29, 2018 were the dates and Mountain Home Demonstration Forest and CAL FIRE Tulare Unit Headquarters were the locations for our first ever Southern Region Forestry Field and Exam Prep Seminar. The purpose of this endeavor was to combine the RPF Exam Preparation seminar with an additional, in the woods seminar detailing basic commercial forestry terminology and practices. With my many outreach presentations south of Sacramento, I have come to find there is just not that many opportunities for forestry and fuel reduction field personnel in southern California to experience the commercial side of the business where trees are harvested and hauled to conversion

facilities to be made into forest products. This of course is one of the most important aspects of being a forester. Although qualifying experience is not limited to just commercial application of forestry, the exam is weighted heavily to such principles. By combining these two activities I hope to inform those who would otherwise not have any exposure to "blind leads" and "busheling".

This event combined with the CLFA sponsored RPF Exam Prep Seminar provided information to 31 prospective registrants for the upcoming 2019 RPF exams.

Disciplinary Actions Report

Since the last issue of the Licensing News, five new complaints have been filed:

CASE NUMBER: _____ **333**

ALLEGATIONS:

It is alleged that the RPF failed to contact the county planning agency for which a less than three-acre conversion exemption was implemented. The RPF in submitting the exemption had indicated there were no county regulations required when in fact there were. The RPF when interviewed conceded the county planning agency was not contacted as indicated with his signature on the conversion exemption document. This led to significant actions required by the landowner to mitigate environmental conditions.

AUTHORITY:

The PFEC found there was evidence of negligence in the actions of the RPF but that there was no evidence of gross negligence under PRC § 778 (b). The RPF received a Confidential Letter of Concern from the Professional Foresters Examination Committee (PFEC). Case 333 is now closed

CASE NUMBER: _____ **334**

ALLEGATIONS:

It is alleged that from 2014 through 2018 the RPF in question on numerous occasions did not sufficiently supervise the work by the LTO or supervised designee. That in turn led to timber trespass and tree marking outside of specifications made under amendment by the RPF. In addition, the RPF had numerous plans returned, multiple times for failing to include requested information.

AUTHORITY:

The Executive Officer is currently investigating the complaint for violations under PRC § 778 (b).

CASE NUMBER: _____ **335**

ALLEGATIONS:

It is alleged that from 2017 through 2018 the RPF on numerous occasions did not sufficiently survey for and protect archaeological resources on numerous Emergency Notices.

AUTHORITY:

The Executive Officer is currently investigating the complaint for violations under PRC § 778(b).

CASE NUMBER: _____ **336**

ALLEGATIONS:

It is alleged that in 2018 the RPF did not adequately supervise an Emergency Notice resulting in trespass, heavy equipment on landslide areas, and not adequately treating slash.

AUTHORITY:

The Executive Officer is currently investigating the complaint for violations under PRC § 778(b).

CASE NUMBER: _____ **337**

ALLEGATIONS:

It is alleged that in 2018 the RPF did not adequately inspect an Emergency Notice that resulted in trespass, heavy equipment on landslide areas, and slash that was not adequately treated.

AUTHORITY:

The Executive Officer is currently investigating the complaint for violations under PRC § 778(b).

Meetings of Interest and Special Announcements

PFEC Meeting Date

The next PFEC meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2019. The public is free to attend the open session meetings in person. Agendas and other information can be found 10 days prior to the meeting date at the link below:

http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/professional_foresters_registration/

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Meeting Dates.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 22 and 23, 2019 in Sacramento, CA at the Resources Building. The full Board meeting is on the 23. The remaining 2019 Board meeting schedule has been set and can be viewed online at the following web link:

http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board_business/

THE 2018 FORESTRY CHALLENGE - Students From Del Oro High School Make Presentation at December Board of Forestry Meeting

At the December meeting of the Board of Forestry, Broghan Martin and Chase Nairn-Howard, seniors from Del Oro High School, gave a presentation summarizing their focus topic on fieldwork and recommendations at the El Dorado Forestry Challenge in late October at Leoni Meadows Camp, south of Placerville.

They were two of a three-student team from Del Oro, which participated for the first time this year. Leoni Meadows Camp, which has a Nonindustrial Timber



management Plan(NTMP), is interested in conducting a timber harvest and wants to know if the market conditions are right. Twenty nine Forestry Challenge teams collected data on 1/10 acre plots and calculated the volume and value of the trees available for harvest, while retaining a basal area of 140 square feet per acre to maintain habitat for the Great Grey Owl.

Using current information on lumber prices and logging/hauling costs, they determined that Leoni Meadows would meet its financial goals if they harvest approximately 107 acres, based on today's market. The managers at Leoni Meadows presented the data to their board of Directors the following week, and they used it to make a decision to harvest in 2019.

Board Chair Dr. J. Keith Gillless complimented the students, saying that their topic was as challenging as many presented at UC Berkeley's forestry summer camp at

Meadow Valley, and that their analysis was at or above par, compared to upper division university students. Also complimentary of the presentation was Director Pimlott, who was in the audience.

At the event, after the data was collected, assembled, and given back to the students, they were able to consult with foresters while coming up with their recommendations in two, 20-minute "Ask a Forester" appointments. During the Challenge, teams of students also completed field training, followed by a field test, to assess their technical forestry knowledge and data collecting skills.

The team from Del Oro High School, along with 23 other teams from Orange to Trinity Counties, have been invited to the state championship event, April 25 to 27 at Camp Sylvester, in Tuolumne County.

Lois Kaufman Receives the Prestigious Francis H. Raymond Award

In 2018, the Francis H. Raymond (FHR) Award committee considered several nominees for the FHR Award. The award is named after Francis Raymond who was appointed State Forester in 1955 and served within the Division of Forestry for forty years until his retirement in 1970. Following his retirement, Mr. Raymond continued his efforts in the field of forestry and resources protection. He successfully lobbied for both the establishment of Departmental status for



the then Division of Forestry, as well as being an outspoken proponent of the licensing of professional foresters in California. As an acknowledgement of his accomplishments, Mr. Raymond was issued RPF No. 1 in 1973.

The FHR Award, seeks to recognize those individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions during the prior five years to the protection and wise use of the forested resources of California. This years' voting was unanimous to award **Lois Kaufman** for her many efforts to coordinate and promote forest management in her position with the California Tree Farm Committee. Lois was nominated by Brita Rustad who shared her experience working with Lois along with California Tree Farm Committee Chair Bill Snyder, Fran Beldon of Forest Landowners of California, George "YG" Gentry of the California Forestry Association and Jim Robbins with CAL FIRE. Lois also spoke of her migration



to California using a ride share with people she did not know and reflected on her experiences as a female minority in the male dominated forester field. One thing to be sure, Lois has a quick wit and wonderful sense of humor making this award ceremony quite memorable. Below is a bulleted list of Lois's accomplishments:

- In her ten years with ATFS Lois has expanded her role to act as a liaison to organizations such as the Buckeye Conservancy, the California Licensed Foresters Association, and Forest Landowners of California (FLC)
- In 2013, Lois secured the grant to fund the Buckeye Forest Project, a two-day event that included foresters, local landowners and state and federal agency representatives to gain mutual understanding of regulations and landowner issues.
- In 2016, Lois helped spearhead the 60-Second Forester, a series of short videos produced by CLFA, California Tree Farm System and the Society of American Foresters (SAF) that were meant to educate the public about California forestry issues.
- In 2017, Lois participated in the Forest Landowners of California Fly-In to Washington D.C. to communicate policy needs and values of forest landowners in California.
- Also in 2017, Lois orchestrated the first joint meeting of the California Tree Farm System and Forest Landowners of California in Tuolumne County, which included informational talks, workshops and field tours.
- More recently she has become a Director on the Board of the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District in Shasta County.
- In 2018, Lois's participation and leadership helped pave the way for the My Sierra Woods Project. This project is a collaboration among conservation groups, Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs), and forest market partners to conduct outreach to over 10,000 nonindustrial private landowners and engage them in forest restoration for carbon benefits.
- My Sierra Woods will lead to more than 720 projects across more than 42,000 acres. MSW will use wood-products markets to offset project costs, provide landowners with reimbursements for fuels-reduction activities, and facilitate reforestation on properties in need.

Congratulations Lois and thank you for your contributions to forestry in the State of California!

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's New Website

Coming up in early 2019, the Board of Forestry will be maintaining a new website with updated graphics, structure and functionality. We think this will be a step forward in providing important information on important matters about the states forests.

CALTREES Forms

In an October letter to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board), the California Licensed Forester Association (CLFA) expressed their concerns with the new CALTREES timber harvesting forms and the deadlines established by CAL FIRE for their use. The concerns were many. Matt Dias, the Executive Officer of the Board will be responding in a letter to CLFA in the coming days to address the multiple concerns about CALTREES. At this time the Board is considering focusing comments and concerns specific to the CALTREES form to a single point of contact to be determined. The response to the CLFA letter will be posted in a matter of days after the distribution of the winter 2018 Licensing News. The letter, once posted, can be viewed under HOT TOPICS at the following Board [Link](#). Stay tuned.

Renewal Fees and Emeritus Forester

Renewal fees and the prospect of an Emeritus Limited License remain on the Professional Foresters Examining Committee's (PFEC) agenda for the upcoming January meeting. Renewal fees have not changed going on 28 years now while Registration has dropped by over 1/3. The foresters fund balance is now at \$12,000 and will be depleted by 2020 unless action is taken this year. Approximately 50% of our registrants have been registered for 25 to 30 years making a fee increase problematic with those who would be close to retirement or not actively using their license. Projections for renewal fee alternatives are now ranging from \$380 biennially to the maximum we can charge by statute \$ 500 bi-annually. To be clear here, this is a revenue problem. The costs associated with Foresters Registration have increased by less than 1% since the last renewal increase in 1991, but the revenue has declined by one third due to declining RPF registry. Moderate renewal increases may be possible by raising the renewal fee incrementally every two to five years or by providing retention of more seasoned RPFs through the reduced rate of the Emeritus Limited License.

Per the CLFA proposal for the Emeritus Limited License:

"In order to recognize distinguished RPFs, incentivize these individuals to maintain their license and help keep the licensing fee at a reasonable price, the CLFA would like to propose an emeritus or limited license for RPFs. The license would require individuals to be in good standing with the PFEC and to have practiced forestry for a minimum of 25 years as an RPF. The limited license would prohibit the RPF from signing or participating in the review of any commercial timber harvesting documents. The license would be provided at a reduced rate of the full RPF license rate.

We hope that this type of license would encourage experienced RPFs to maintain a limited license and stay involved in the forestry profession; this license could also be seen as a distinguished class of RPFs.

Some regulatory considerations which could be used include:

(a) The board may issue, upon an application prescribed by the board and payment of a fee not to exceed one- hundred dollars (\$190), an emeritus or limited license (registration), to a Registered Professional Forester who has been licensed by the board for a minimum of 25 years and who holds a license that is not suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined, or subject to pending discipline under this chapter.

(b) The holder of an emeritus or limited license issued pursuant to this section shall not engage in any state harvesting permit for which requires a Registered Professional Forester to sign their name and RPF Number to. A RPF holding an emeritus or limited license shall be permitted to use the titles "retired forester," and/or "professional forester, emeritus."

(c) The holder of an emeritus or limited license shall be required to renew this emeritus or limited license biennially (\$ 190.00).

(d) In order for the holder of an emeritus or limited license issued pursuant to this section to restore his or her license to active status, he or she shall back pay the full license fee for the duration of time he or she was emeritus or limited RPF and submit an application to the board who shall determine if the individuals license is not suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined, or subject to pending discipline under this chapter prior to approval."

So that we can narrow down the impact of the projected renewal fee increases and to evaluate the acceptability of a limited license to the registry of professional foresters, I have included a survey form on the last two pages of this newsletter. The form has seven questions and should not take long to complete. It can be filled out and mailed to the Office of Foresters Registration or you can simply click the Survey Monkey link on the page and take the survey. Answers

remain anonymous and will be used for review in PFEC deliberations and possibly to help secure funding for the Office this spring, since our projections indicate there will be none after the next fiscal year. We will have gone 28 years by 2019 without any renewal fee adjustments. It is now time to decide on an acceptable level of funding for our independent licensing office to carry us into the next decade. Otherwise we will be subject to the uncertainties of competing for general fund money to run the Office of Foresters Registration. For comparison, below is a list of California licensing fees for other professions in the state:

California Professional License Renewal Fee Summary							
Professional License	\$ Amount	Frequency	Renewal Fee Annual Cost Only	Examination Application Fee	Late Penalty Fee	Certificate Replacement Fee	Retired License Fee
Certified Engineering Geologist	\$67.50	Biennially	\$33.75	\$100.00	\$33.75		
Certified Hydrologist	\$67.50	Biennially	\$33.75	\$100.00	\$33.75		
Licensed Educational Psychologists	\$80.00	Biennially	\$40.00	\$200.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	\$110.00	Biennially	\$55.00	\$275.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Engineer	\$115.00	Biennially	\$57.50	\$150.00	\$57.50	\$10.00	\$62.50
Surveyor	\$115.00	Biennially	\$57.50	\$150.00	\$57.50	\$10.00	\$62.50
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	\$140.00	Biennially	\$70.00	\$375.00	\$65.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor	\$175.00	Biennially	\$87.50	\$380.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Registered Nurse	\$190.00	Biennially	\$95.00	\$150.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	
Registered Professional Forester	\$190.00	Biennially	\$95.00	\$200.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	
CPA	\$120.00	Annually	\$120.00	\$299.00	\$60.00	\$10.00	\$75.00
Pest Control Applicator	\$120.00	Annually	\$120.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$20.00	
Realtor	\$245.00	Biennially	\$122.50	\$60.00	\$61.00		
Court Reporter	\$125.00	Annually	\$125.00	\$40.00	\$62.50		
Geologist	\$270.00	Biennially	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$6.00	\$62.50
Geophysicist	\$270.00	Biennially	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$6.00	\$62.50
Pest Control Advisor	\$140.00	Annually	\$140.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$20.00	
Architect	\$300.00	Biennially	\$150.00	\$400.00			
Physical Therapists	\$300.00	Biennially	\$150.00	\$450.00			
Real Estate Broker	\$300.00	Biennially	\$150.00	\$95.00	\$75.00		
Physician Assistants	\$312.00	Biennially	\$156.00	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	
Landscape Architect	\$400.00	Biennially	\$200.00	\$35.00		\$30.00	
Residential Appraiser	\$415.00	Biennially	\$207.50	\$485.00	\$62.50	\$50.00	
Psychologists	\$420.00	Biennially	\$210.00	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$5.00	\$50.00
Certified General Appraiser	\$465.00	Biennially	\$232.50	\$535.00	\$62.50	\$50.00	
Chiropractor	\$250.00	Annually	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$25.00	
Pharmacists	\$520.00	Biennially	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$150.00	\$35.00	\$45.00
Physician/Surgeon	\$857.00	Biennially	\$428.50	\$1,348.00	\$42.85	\$50.00	\$32.00

RPF & CRM Renewal Fee Demographic Survey

1. Are you an RPF or CRM?

RPF

CRM

2. How long have you been registered as an RPF or CRM? Select the box closest to your status.

5-10 years

21-25 years

11-15 years

26-30 years

16-20 years

30 years or

3. How many more years do you expect to remain registered? Select the box closest to your plans.

5 to 10 more years

10 to 20 more years

20 to 30 more years

4. The current renewal fee structure for an RPF is \$ 190 biennially and for a CRM it is \$ 70 biennially. It has been 27 years since the last renewal increase for RPFs. The current registry for RPFs has declined by 1/3 over that same period.

At a \$ 500 biennial renewal rate for RPFs and a proportional increase for CRM to \$ 184 biennially, indicate below how your license status may change.

Voluntary relinquishment (retirement)

Withdrawal

No change in license status

5. At a \$ 440 biennial renewal rate for RPFs and a proportional increase for CRM to \$ 162 biennially, indicate below how your license status may change.

Voluntary relinquishment (retirement)

Withdrawal

No change in license status

6. At a \$ 380 biennial renewal rate for RPFs and a proportional increase for CRM to \$ 140 biennially, indicate below how your license status may change.

Voluntary relinquishment (retirement)

Withdrawal

No change in license status

7. Almost 50% of all RPFs have been registered for at least 25 years. Discussions at the Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC) have been focusing on increasing renewal fees in the wake of an increasingly older RPF demographic to maintain the functions of the Office of Professional Foresters Registration. A proposed option to retain more experienced RPFs includes a limited license for RPFs with 25 year or more of registration. Under this limited license, older registrants may be able to perform all the duties of an RPF, however they would not be able to sign any timber harvest documents or documents currently requiring an RPF. The limited license would freeze the current biennial renewal rate at \$ 190 for those who qualify, but would require full repayment of the full fee if the limited license holder opted to become fully licensed again.

From what you have been presented here regarding a limited license, would you be in favor of a limited license for registrants with 25 years or more in the registry to help offset registrant losses due to retirement and withdrawal and to maintain a qualified body of experienced professionals to help provide supervisory functions for young professionals and to assist in various forestry projects?

Yes

No

If you would like to participate in the survey electronically, please click on the SURVEY MONKEY [Link](#) below:

Survey Monkey
RPF Renewal Survey [Link](#)

If you would like to participate in the survey through mail, please either scan the form and email to [Dan Stapleton](mailto:Dan.Stapleton) or mail the form to the address below:

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