

Memorandum

To: J. Keith Gillless, Chair, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Date: February 23, 2022

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From: Kevin Conway
Demonstration State Forest Program Manager
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Subject: Request to confirm appointment of members to the Jackson Advisory Group

The Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) charter requires members to be appointed by the Director and are subject to approval by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board). Candidates are chosen for their subject matter expertise in various categories outlined in the charter and are appointed for a 3-year term. An open solicitation for expertise in forest conservation, traditional ecological knowledge, and timber operations was conducted and interested candidates were interviewed.

Acting Director Mike Richwine appointed the following candidates to the JAG on February 9, 2022. This request is for the Board to approve the appointment of these individuals to a 3-year term (expiring 2025).

Joanna Nelson, Forest Conservation
Reno Franklin, Traditional Ecological Knowledge
Al Lawrence, Licensed Timber Operator

Candidate qualifications, the JAG charter, and an updated membership roster are attached to facilitate your review.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Cc: Mike Richwine, Acting Director, CAL FIRE
Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director of Resource Management, CAL FIRE



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January 6, 2022

Dear Mr. Conway and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE),

I have great interest in joining the Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) with the Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) to provide the Forest Conservation expertise you are requesting – in that role, I would continue to represent and communicate with the broader public. As an ecologist and the Director of Science and Conservation Planning with Save the Redwoods League (the League), I bring my expertise in ecology, forests within a watershed context, redwood and mixed-conifer forests in particular, and climate solutions. My organization and I create clear and direct pathways from primary research to conservation action and application – therefore serving as a good partner to academic scientists and the research functions of the forest, as well as those who carry out the functions of working forests, and all of the multiple uses of the JDSF.

In the JAG Charter, you state:

“The large size of JDSF [48,652 acres] makes it uniquely suited to research and demonstration at the watershed or sub-watershed level, and provides an opportunity to test new management techniques and regulatory standards. Information gained through research and demonstration programs is disseminated and available for application to all of California’s forestlands, public and private, industrial and non-industrial.”

I agree with the importance of understanding forests at a watershed scale. With research- and applied-conservation expertise centered in California, throughout the range of coast redwoods, I can also bring my international conservation experience to bear, from watershed-scale work with the Latin American Water Funds Partnership, and research in South Africa (another Mediterranean-type ecosystem) on the importance of protected headwater forests for downstream freshwater availability.

My ability to collaborate and provide expertise on stewarding redwood/conifer forests through rapid change, and conduct conservation planning with multiple groups relies on my unique perspective, training, and experience:

- A PhD in Environmental Studies (Ecology), and expertise in fire ecology, forest ecology, and coastal ecology;
- Collaboration, outreach and engagement between scientists, agency managers, non-profits, tribal communities (AK and CA) and the public, resulting in better stewardship; and
- 20 years’ experience designing, directing, implementing and evaluating research to support conservation objectives, centered in CA and including international research.



I am a scientist, a connector, and someone who moves smoothly between multiple communities in order to achieve stewardship goals. My science-to-action abilities are always in practice: for example, I am a fire ecologist (with field work in Greece, Alaska, and California) who is also certified as a Wildland Firefighter Type II in order to safely work on prescribed fire and forest restoration.

My ten years of professional work experience – since earning the PhD – includes leading science, conservation, policy, and community collaborations for forest conservation and climate action, with Save the Redwoods League, the Natural Capital Project of Stanford, and as a NatureNet Science Fellow with both Stanford and the Nature Conservancy. I maintain a strong network of conservation colleagues, including those in the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, state and federal land managers, Indigenous councils and nations, non-profit land trusts, and foundations.

I have deep experience in managing all aspects of conservation planning, from headwaters to the sea; eco-regional and site-specific conservation planning to support forest conservation, climate-smart restoration, and community access and stewardship requests. With the Amah Mutsun Land Trust, an Indigenous land trust of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band in Central California, as Co-Director of Stewardship, I was invited specifically to connect my climate- and ecological-science training with the tribe's relearning of their Indigenous knowledge and active stewardship. My cultural-ecological field work with Native Stewards resulted in respectful sharing across knowledge systems, reduced fuel loads on the landscape, and the first invitation to partner on a prescribed burn with your agency, CalFire. I have worked with multiple California tribes, and with traditional ecological knowledge (learning the correct, respectful phrase used by each tribe I work with for "traditional ecological knowledge"): as a guest of the Karuk tribe in a prescribed-fire training exchange (TREX) on the Klamath River; support for a multi-tribe Indigenous water commission; with tribes in a Cultural Competence group; and with a University of Southern California collaboration, "The West on Fire."

With the ability to work well with many different public groups; university, Cooperative Extension, non-profit, and government scientists; Indigenous, Native, and Tribal communities and nations; and commercial sectors, I can serve as a helpful member of the JAG. I have formal training and practice in science communication, facilitation, and conflict resolution.

Save the Redwoods League's and my interest in joining the JAG centers on the ability to start from a full understanding of the mandate and multiple functions of the JDSE, and then conduct collaborative inquiry on the types of research that address what we must do to protect forests and forest-function in a rapidly changing world – such as how to restore to the old-growth forests of the future, the role of carbon markets, the carbon sequestration potential of forests and soils, and ecosystem function in rising temperatures and more frequent droughts.

Thank you for considering my interest and willingness to serve,

Joanna Nelson, PhD, Director of Science and Conservation Planning

Joanna L. Nelson, PhD

Email: [REDACTED]

Summary

Ecologist and conservation scientist: forest conservation in coast redwoods and giant sequoia, land stewardship, watershed science, fire ecology, and coastal ecology, from headwaters to the sea. Building science-to-action projects, stakeholder relationships, collaboration and action, including respectful partnerships with Indigenous communities around stewardship.

Skills

- Leadership and communication
- Conservation ecology, restoration, and conservation planning
- Facilitation for groups
- Project Management
- Writing
- Research and science-to-action
- Strategy
- R (programming language)
- GIS
- Microsoft Office and Zoom
- Languages: Spanish, French, Hebrew, and Modern Greek

Experience

DIRECTOR OF SCIENCE & CONSERVATION PLANNING, SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE - 2021 TO THE PRESENT

I direct all aspects of Save the Redwoods League's science programs, which focus on coast-redwood and giant-sequoia forest health and restoration in a time of rapid environmental change.

FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL, LANDSEA SCIENCE – 2015-2021

Independent researcher and consultant in conservation science, sustainability, and project management for successful completion. Supporting communities, agencies, and non-profits to act on and adapt to climate change from an evidence base. For example, a) with the Amah Mutsun Land Trust (AMLT) as Co-Director of Stewardship, braiding climate science with traditional knowledge, I effectively traversed a continuum from research to action. I worked with the Native Stewards in the land trust on restoration and cultural- and prescribed-burning to reduce catastrophic wildfire. This resulted in safe work and expanded positive relationships with land-management and fire agencies; and b) with eight U.S. National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs), which are coastal science centers, I completed science, science-communication, and facilitation phases of the project. I surveyed end users (coastal managers), reported results back to researchers, convened the expert Advisory Committee, investigated

the scientific literature, and facilitated a group of 20 scientists in reaching consensus on evidence for action. This resulted in evidence-based action to restore and maintain coastal marshes in the face of sea-level rise. From start to finish, advised a landscape-scale restoration project, the Tidal Wetlands Project, in Elkhorn Slough NERR, California, evaluating four alternatives and deciding on one.

NATURE NET SCIENCE FELLOW, STANFORD/NATURE CONSERVANCY – 2013-2015

Created new science directly application to conservation action. Tackled the problem of data scarcity in watershed protection programs in Latin America Water Funds Partnership, while building monitoring and evaluations programs; posed solutions in Ridge to Reef connectivity where logging interrupts coral-reef-fisheries livelihoods in Fiji and Melanesia; and evaluated the shortfalls of food-safety measures in Central Coastal California. Managing projects across university and non-profit cultures, and across five different countries. Worked with experts as advisors: Drs. David Freyberg (Water Resources), Becky Chaplin-Kramer (Agroecology), and Mary Ruckelshaus (Fisheries and Marine Ecology) of Stanford.

ECOLOGIST AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW, STANFORD UNIVERSITY – 2012-2013

With the Natural Capital Project, a non-profit focused on ecosystem services science, I used strong analytical and experimental design skills to design and coordinate a monitoring network within watersheds in four countries in Latin America. Evaluated the effectiveness of water funds - shared conservation, finance, and governance structures - to provide safe drinking water to downstream cities, based on land management of upstream farmers and ranchers. Supported experimental-design phase through field implementation, and traveled to Quito, Ecuador, to work with multiple stakeholders.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

I write and manage contracts, Scope of Work descriptions, budgets, and multiple, simultaneous milestones and deadlines for projects; experience as an independent researcher and consultant. Completed courses in the Stanford Advanced Management Program. Managed projects with a partner non-profit and six international water funds in Latin America; with a colleague on protected lands/safe drinking water project in South Africa; and with university, government-agency, and tribal-council partners in Alaska. Co-managed Indigenous forest restoration with AMLT and Save the Redwoods League (the conservation-easement holder) in San Vicente Redwoods, California.

Education

University of California, Santa Cruz – Environmental Studies PhD (Ecology) 2011

Stanford University – Earth Systems MS 1999

Stanford University – Earth Systems BS 1997 (honors & Phi Beta Kappa)



Bio for Chairman Emeritus Reno Keoni Franklin

Chairman Reno Keoni Franklin is an enrolled member of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians. His family comes from the Kashaya villages of Dukashal and Aca Sine Cawa Li. He was raised in a traditional Kashaya family and taught his culture, language and traditions from his elder family members and other respected Kashia Pomo tribal members. He is both American Indian and Hawaiian (Makaiwi Ohana). He was elected Tribal Chairman in 2013 and served as Chairman until 2018, in 2022 he was re-elected to the position of Tribal Chairman.

Chairman Franklin has lived a majority of his life in service to his people. He started his career as a Fire Fighter stationed in Northern California in the beautiful town of Cedarville. His path of service led him back to his own Tribe, and in 2002, he returned home to work as environmental technician and tribal historic preservation officer.

Chairman Franklin followed multiple paths of service to tribal communities. In 2005 he was elected to a position of Vice Chair of Sonoma County Indian Health Project and then rose through elected ranks to eventually serve as the Chairman of the California Rural Indian Health Board (2008). In 2009 he became the first California Indian to be elected as Chairman of the National Indian Health Board. His work on the Indian Health Care Improvement Act led to the first reauthorization in more than 20 years and included modernizations and funding authorizations that all of Indian Country benefited from.

In 2009 Mr. Franklin was elected as the Chairman of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. His passion for tribal advocacy has taken him into many fields and he has been called on by Congress the President numerous times to provide expert witness testimony, assist in the development of federal, state and local policy and guide federal agencies in their tribal consultation process. In 2016, President Obama appointed Chairman Franklin to serve a 4 year term on the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, tasking him with providing a tribal perspective on historic preservation to the President and Congress.

In 2015, Chairman Franklin led the negotiating team that brought back 880 acres of coastal property back to his tribe. Named the Kashia Coastal Reserve, this property was acquired for the Tribe with the assistance of a broad collection of Local and State agencies, combined with funding from numerous non government organizations. It was the first time in 150 years that the tribe returned to ownership of coastal lands along the beautiful Sonoma County coast. The project sparked hope for other tribes across the country.

Chairman Franklin is a dedicated father, son, brother and member of the Kashia Pomo Tribe.

Al Lawrence

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RE: Jackson Advisory Group

Dear Sir:

As a lifelong resident and timberland owner of Mendocino County, I would like to participate on the Jackson Advisory Group (JAG).

I have held a Timber Operator License for over 40 years. My logging experience includes non-industrial, industrial and includes timber sale purchases from Federal and State lands. I include letters of recommendation for your review.

Sincerely,

 1-6-22

Al Lawrence

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Enclosures

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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

For 36 years, Al Lawrence has provided logging services and timber asset engineering to the California North Coast. He is experienced in a broad range of timber management services, including forest road construction and maintenance as well as timber harvests operations.

The guiding principals of Lawrence's work are:

- Customer Value - ensuring high quality services delivered safely, on time, and on budget.
- Communication - establishing clear lines of communication to meet the customer's needs and concerns;
- Integrity - fulfilling the highest standards of business and land stewardship ethics.

Business Identification Information

Tax Identification Number	[REDACTED]
California Timber Operator's License	A 8720
DUNS	[REDACTED]
California Certified Small Business	49700
Federal Certified Small Business	Yes

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AL LAWRENCE LTO CLASSES

3/8/07	California Emissions Workshop
2/8/08	ACL Workshop
3/21/08	CHP Bit Terminal Inspections
2/13/09	Driving to Get there
2/11/10	Renewable Energy Credit
3/18/11	Safety First
3/18/11	New Requirements with CSA
2/10/12	Social Media
2/10/12	Forest Carbon Legislation
1/16/13	Lawsuits, Timber Issues
1/16/13	Diesel Regulations 2013
1/17/13	Safety Issues 2013
1/17/13	Loggers Tax Briefing
1/17/13	Loggers Issues 2013
2/7/13	Red River Lumber Co.
2/8/13	CA Coop Forest Management
2/9/13	New Diesel Emission Reg.
2/9/13	How to Influence Carb Regs
2/9/13	Carb Emissions Regs

- 3/15/13 Utility Pole Manufacturing
- 3/15/13 CA Air Resource Board Regs
- 1/15/14 Wildfire Liability
- 1/15/14 Air Board Diesel 2014
- 1/16/14 Obtaining Financing: Am I a Risk?
- 1/16/14 Congressional Briefing/Rim Fire

Certificate of Membership

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Lawrence Timber

IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE

LOGGERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, Inc.

for the year 2021-2022




PRESIDENT


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Qualified Logging Professional

The Loggers Association of Northern California
hereby acknowledges that:

Lawrence Timber

has satisfied the requirements of the
Qualified Logging Professional Program,
as set forth under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

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Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group

The Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group (JAG) is an advisory body of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board).

Background and Importance

Policy for management of the state forests is provided by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Demonstration State Forests are managed according to management plans prepared by CAL FIRE and approved by the Board. Existing legislation and Board policy provide over-arching direction and limitations upon the management of the state forests.

The Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) is a 48,652-acre forest owned by the State and managed by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The largest forest in the State system, JDSF stands consist primarily of young-growth redwood, Douglas-fir, and hardwood tree species.

The Forest is managed primarily for research and demonstration associated with a range of forest management purposes, including environmental stewardship, timber production, and recreation. The large size of JDSF makes it uniquely suited to research and demonstration at the watershed or sub-watershed level, and provides an opportunity to test new management techniques and regulatory standards. Information gained through research and demonstration programs is disseminated and available for application to all of California's forestlands, public and private, industrial and non-industrial. In addition JDSF contributes to the economic stability of the local communities by providing high quality yields of forest products, which sustain local employment and tax bases. Outdoor recreation is another important benefit of JDSF.

Successful, well informed implementation of the updated Forest Management Plan is critical to JDSF operating within its mission.

Mission and Duties

Mission: The Mission of the JAG is to provide advice/recommendations to CAL FIRE and the Board regarding issues relevant to the periodic review of the JDSF Management Plan required under Board policy; ongoing implementation issues; and policy matters relevant to JDSF.

Duties: The JAG will conduct its activities in accordance with its Mission and in support of the goals of the Management Plan for JDSF. These goals are Research and Demonstration; Forest Restoration; Watershed and Ecological Processes; Timber Management; Recreation and Aesthetic Enjoyment; Information, Planning, and Staffing; Protection; Minor Forest Products; Property Configuration, and Education and Outreach.

On an ongoing basis:

1. Review and comment on ongoing implementation of the Management Plan and overall Forest management.
2. When requested by CAL FIRE or the Board, provide periodic recommendations on forest management policies and the Management Plan.

3. Review and comment on proposed even-aged harvesting.
4. Provide advice to CAL FIRE or the Board on other specific issues as determined by the Director, CAL FIRE staff, or the Board.
5. Provide input on Management Plan revisions and amendments.
6. Periodically discuss current forest management issues and provide advice on management direction and research needs.
7. Provide recommendations in regard to long-term research goals and actions under the management plan and provide an overview and assistance regarding identification and prioritization of research and demonstration projects. (Note: other advisory bodies may also be tasked with this).
8. Provide recommendations on monitoring approaches and where appropriate, assist with the interpretation and evaluation of monitoring information. (Note: other advisory bodies may also be tasked with this).

Completion of a Work Plan

The JAG will conduct an annual cycle of work planning to meet its mission of providing ongoing advice on JDSF. Once a work plan is created and adopted by the JAG, it will then be submitted to the Director and the Board for review and approval.

JDSF staff will participate in work planning.

Membership Appointment and Composition

Members are to be appointed by the Director and are subject to approval by the Board. Members do not “represent” particular interests; rather, they are to be chosen for knowledge and ability to represent the broad public interest. Members will be selected through an open solicitation and nomination process to be conducted by the Director. This process will include broad public notification of the opportunity to apply to be a member or to nominate others to serve.

The JAG will be composed of a minimum of 6 and up to 13 members from categories such as the following:

1. Licensed Timber Operator
2. Registered Professional Forester
3. Biologist
4. Forest Products Industry
5. Botanist and/or Ecologist
6. Physical Scientist (e.g., hydrology or geology)
7. Small Private Forestland Owner
8. Industrial Forestland Owner
9. Forestry Researcher
10. Environmental Advocate
11. Conservation Advocate
12. Recreation
13. Local Community

The majority of members shall have a local or regional perspective. "Regional" is defined as a perspective from the California Redwood Region (Monterey County to Oregon). Local or regional perspective may be a matter of expertise, not residency. At least one-third of the members shall have a statewide perspective.

Terms of Appointments

Terms for Appointments: Appointments shall be for three-year terms, and may be extended for successive one-year terms at the Director's discretion when a member is willing and there are no new applicants from the represented category. Extended terms are subject to termination at the Director's discretion. If a vacancy occurs before a member term expires, the appointment to fill that vacancy shall be for the rest of the regular term of that position.

Adjustment of Terms to Achieve Reappointment or Replacement of One-Third of Members Each Year When replacing or re-appointing the initial members of the JAG, the Director may make an adjustment of the length of the new term so as to eventually achieve an even cycle of replacing or reappointing one-third of the JAG members each year.

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The Director shall appoint a Chairperson from among the members of the JAG.

The Vice Chairperson shall be selected by the JAG from among its members. The Vice Chairperson shall chair meetings of the JAG in the absence of the Chairperson.

Roles and Responsibilities

- **JAG:** A consensus-seeking group of individuals representing public interests in JDSF. Members are expected to reach out to the public about the JDSF management issues they are working to address.
- **Board of Forestry and Fire Protection:** Provides direction and oversight on policy matters. It shall designate a member of the Board or a staff member to serve as a liaison to the JAG. Additionally it shall approve the JAG's work plans. As, Lead Agency, the Board is responsible for approving changes to the management plan for the Forest.
- **CAL FIRE:** Provides fiscal, policy, and technical support for the JAG's work, within staff and budget limits. As budgets allow, CAL FIRE may provide a neutral facilitator for the JAG, as determined to be necessary. CAL FIRE will pay reasonable and necessary travel costs of JAG members, consistent with State travel reimbursement policies.
- **Director:** Provides direction and oversight; establishes agenda priorities; ensures that adequate resources are available to support the JAG.
- **JDSF Forest Manager or Designee:** Is the main point of contact for the JAG Chairperson and directs JDSF staff regarding assistance to the JAG.
- **JDSF Staff:** Provides technical expertise for the JAG and subject matter experts to plan and manage specific discussion items and conduct intense work on single subjects, within staff and budget limits. Participates in and helps inform the JAG discussion.
- **Demonstration State Forest Program Manager:** Provides technical expertise to the JAG, JDSF Forest Manager, JDSF Staff, and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

- **Chairperson:** Leads the JAG meetings, ensures the Group conducts itself professionally and on task and on time; serves as liaison to the Director, Board, and CAL FIRE staff. The Chairperson is responsible for ensuring timely accomplishment of the JAG's workplans. The Chairperson is the point of contact for the JAG and is responsible for assisting the JDSF Forest Manager in preparation of the meeting agendas and completion of follow-up actions.
- **Vice Chairperson:** Fulfills the role of Chairperson when the Chairperson is unavailable. Assists the Chairperson and CAL FIRE staff in preparation of the meeting agendas and follow-up actions.
- **Board Research and Science Committee:** As directed by the Board, provides guidance on JDSF research and demonstration to the Board, CAL FIRE, and/or the JAG. The working relationship among the JAG, CAL FIRE, and the Board's Research and Science Committee will be one of coordination, collaboration, and information sharing.

Decision Making

Consensus Seeking The JAG will operate as a consensus-seeking body.

To determine a degree of consensus, members will note their level of support for items as, for example, Strong Support, Support, Disagreement, and Strong Disagreement. The JAG may modify these categories to better meet its needs. Issues without a broad degree of support will not move forward as representing the views of the JAG. The level of support for various items will be recorded.

If an item receives a vote of Disagreement, the group will be asked to continue working until it appears a resolution is not attainable, or move on to an area where more agreement is possible. When a resolution is not attainable, the members will note the nature of the disagreement and make a determination as to the best way to proceed in the particular issue area.

To the extent the group is able to provide a consensus based recommendation, the Director and the Board will give those recommendations the highest level of consideration. In the event consensus is not reached on any particular topic, the range of perspectives will be recorded and forwarded to the Director and the Board.

Where non-consensus recommendations or reports come forward from the JAG, the Director and the Board will give full consideration to the range of perspectives expressed by the JAG members and make their decisions based on the discretion and direction provided in statute and Board Policy.

All members must be fully advised of decisions made in their absence.

Minor and Major Decisions Not all decisions will have the same level of impact. Simple voting may be adopted for procedural or non-policy matters.

Select Decision Process in Advance Proposals for action should include the decision process to be used in considering the item.

Members are expected to always contribute their best personal thinking and act in the overall public interest, regardless of the initial positions of their communities of interest. Collaboration cannot be effective unless all parties are open to modifying their initial positions.

JAG Member Conduct

Members must be able to allocate time and resources to JAG activities. Attendance and participation are important to the continuity of the Group.

Should a conflict of interest arise for a member on a particular matter before the JAG, that member shall recuse him/herself from discussion and action on that matter.

Attendance

RSVP Members should advise the Chairperson and JDSF Forest Manager or designee if unable to attend a meeting. Members not in attendance can and should provide comment and input on agenda items to the Chairperson and the JDSF Forest Manager or designee prior to the meeting.

Extended or Frequent Absence If a member is unable to actively participate during the term of appointment, the Chairperson or the JDSF Forest Manager will ask him/her to reassess his/her ability to be an active member and may recommend replacement to the Director. The JAG as a whole will decide whether a member should be replaced due to absences.

Quorum A quorum is one person more than ½ of the current sitting JAG membership. In the absence of a quorum, the JAG will not engage in voting or taking actions, but may follow a consensus-seeking and informational process as a bridge to the next meeting when a quorum is present.

JAG Committees

Standing committees may be formed by consensus of the JAG to specifically address topics in the approved work plan.

The JAG in consultation with the JDSF Forest Manager may also form work groups or committees for topic-specific issues. Such committees will operate with well-defined scopes and specific start and end dates. The JAG may invite non-members who may provide technical expertise to the discussion.

Consultation

When additional expertise is advisable to assist the JAG in its deliberations, agencies such as Regional or State Water Quality Boards, Department of Fish & Wildlife, California Geologic Survey, NOAA Fisheries, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, professional organizations, and educational or research institutions shall be invited to participate in the discussion or in consultation. CAL FIRE will make these requests on behalf of the JAG.

Meetings and the Public

CAL FIRE is responsible for providing public notification of JAG meetings. All meetings shall be noticed at least 10 days in advance by sending an announcement of the upcoming meeting to all those who request to be notified of JAG meetings. An announcement also will be made to local newspapers and radio stations in Ukiah, Willits, Mendocino, and Fort Bragg. All meetings shall be open to the public and shall contain a section devoted to input from the public. The Chairperson may require that individuals and groups wishing to address the JAG to sign up at the beginning of

the meeting. Individual presentations may be limited by the Chairperson. The Chairperson may limit the total amount of time devoted to the public comment section. Additionally, the Chairperson may elect to solicit public opinion during other agenda items.

CAL FIRE and Board staff, the JAG and individual Group members will conduct their JAG-related activities consistent with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Government Code § 11120 *et seq.*). CAL FIRE and/or Board staff will provide the JAG with information and training on compliance with the Act.

Minutes

Draft minutes of the JAG meetings shall be reviewed, corrected if needed, and approved by the Group before distribution to the public. CAL FIRE will be responsible for taking minutes, revising them as requested by the JAG, distributing the minutes to the public, and maintaining the minutes, including posting them in a timely manner to the CAL FIRE JDSF website.

Amendments

The Director and Board may amend the charter, with the agreement of both parties. The JAG may recommend amendments to the charter, with these recommendations subject to the approval of the Director and the Board.

*Revised Charter, approved by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, 1/27/15
(previous approved versions dated 12/17/12 and 2/6/13).*

JAG Membership Roster (Updated February 2022)

Current Incumbent	Category Represented	Perspective	Initial Appointment Year	Next Expiration
Doug Albin	Biologist/CDFG	Regional	2011	2022
Michael Jones	Forest Researcher/UC Cooperative Extension	Statewide	2019	2022
George Hollister (Chairman)	Small Private Forestland Owner	Regional	2011	2023
John Anderson (Vice Chairman)	Industrial Forestland Owner/RPF	Statewide	2011	2023
Amy Wynn	Land Use Consultant and Outdoor Recreation Advocate	Regional	2012	2024
Charlie Schneider	Conservationist/Recreation Advocate	Regional	2017	2024
Chris Blencowe	Registered Professional Forester	Regional	2021	2024
Al Lawrence	Licensed Timber Operator	Regional	Pending (2022)	
Joanna Nelson	Forest Conservation	Statewide	Pending (2022)	
Reno Franklin	Traditional Ecologic Knowledge	Statewide	Pending (2022)	