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NorCal SAF Secures State & Private Forestry Grant

By Mike De Lasaux

The NorCal SAF has secured almost \$300,000 in grant funding through the US Forest Service State & Private Forestry Grant program. The grant will provide 3 years of partial funding for the following long-time NorCal SAF educational programs: the Forest Stewardship Helpline, Forest Conservation Days (FCD) and Forestry Institute for Teachers (FIT). The grant will also support Forest Stewardship Workshops which will be offered in collaboration with UC Cooperative Extension and others.

The grant requires a 1 for 1 match that will be covered by existing NorCal SAF FIT reserve funds and volunteer contributions of time by members, cooperating agencies and other sources.

The grant was sought as a strategic move to maintain NorCal SAF educational programs, especially the FIT. Since FIT began it has been largely supported by generous donations from the forest products industry and allied organizations. When it became clear that the economy would have a severe economic impact on industry ability to continue to support the FIT it was determined that grant funds could help to offset the shortfall. The existing FIT reserve funds and the large in-kind contributions associated with both FIT and FCD make this grant feasible. The Forest Stewardship Helpline (1-800-738-TREE) has been supported by the Forest Service State & Private Forestry funds since its inception.

If you have questions about this grant contact Mike De Lasaux (mjdelasaux@ucdavis.edu) who has provided the leadership on developing the proposal.

The grant requires a 1 for 1 match that will be covered by existing NorCal SAF FIT reserve funds and volunteer contributions of time by members, cooperating agencies and other sources. NorCal SAF members can easily document any in-kind hours. Check out http://ucanr.org/saf_inkind for more details!



Membership Report Winter 2009

By Kathleen Jordan, NorCal SAF Membership

Have you shared the benefits of SAF membership with your friends and colleagues? Check our website to access professional publications, networking opportunities, and employment information along with membership recruitment tools. The membership goal for Northern California State Society is 702 members by December 31. Our membership on September 30 is 648 including 103 student members. This is excellent work on recruiting and retention of student members. Please reach out to help lapsed members and recruit new members.

Welcome new Northern California State Society members

- Gary Schroeder --- Bay Area Chapter (new)
- Raphaela Buzbee --- University of California Berkeley Chapter (new)
- Andrea Hardlund --- University of California Berkeley Chapter (new)
- Matthew Strausser --- University of California Berkeley Chapter (new)
- Ariel Thomson --- University of California Berkeley Chapter (new)

Christopher Valness --- Humboldt State University Chapter (new)

Bradley Graham --- Sac Tahoe Chapter (transfer in)

Gina Thompson --- Sac Tahoe Chapter (transfer in)

Lee Reno --- Humboldt State University Chapter (reinstated)

Wayne Knauf --- Forty Niner Chapter (reinstated)

Remember to renew your membership for 2010

2009 National Convention in Orlando

by *Raphaella E. Floreani Buzbee,*
UC Berkeley Forestry Student

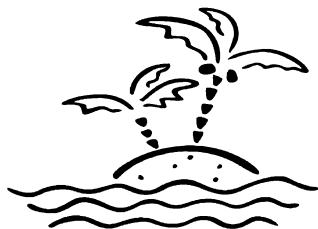
At 4:00am on Wednesday September 30, about ten UC Berkeley forestry students in business attire were picked up in a rainbow bus. The bus belongs to a fellow forester who gave us an early ride to the airport. From there we were on our way to The Society of American Forester's 89th National Convention at Walt Disney World, Florida.

When our plane landed in Orlando, Mickey's Magic Express Bus took us to the Coronado Springs Resort, a hotel and convention center. Upon arrival, we immediately headed for the General Reception which transitioned nicely into the annual Quiz Bowl. Our team made it to the semi-quarter finals, only to be defeated by eventual winner Oregon State. Afterwards, we checked out the pool, complete with large faux-Mayan temple and waterslide.

The next morning, I missed the keynote speaker for a little shut-eye. In retrospect, I do regret this decision after hearing recommendations for Charles C. Mann's *1941*. After lunch the "Science and Technical Program" began. These were lectures categorized as Forest Biology and Management, International Trade and Markets, Longleaf Pine and Renewable Energy among many others. After hearing the effects of deforestation on global temperatures, I scoped out the Exhibition Hall, where I acquired quite a collection of free pencils, mints, pamphlets, business cards and beer cozies. Later in the afternoon, hoping to learn about Black Bear Management, I found myself absorbed by white-tailed deer. By now it was surely dinnertime. Our Berkeley group gathered and caught a bus to Downtown Disney. We settled for an ironic Irish pub where we ended up dining with John Helms, previous president and vice-president of SAF, as well as past Berkeley professor of silviculture.

On Friday, I handed out résumés at the job fair and attended talks on Laurel Wilt, Gene Conservation in Tropical Forest Ecosystems and a fascinating program on Evergreen Oak Forests of the Central Himalaya. This unfortunately turned out to be the end of my SAF experience, as our student group made the rash decision to enjoy Disney's Magical Kingdom for the evening.

Saturday was my return flight, so I bid sunny Orlando, or rather sunny Disney World, goodbye. Although it is obvious that my trip to SAF combined business with pleasure, I call it a great success. I feel like I returned with new information and ideas as well as a better understanding of forestry today. See you next year in Albuquerque!



NorCal SAF Newsletter

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The NorCal SAF Newsletter welcomes letters from its readers. Correspondence should refer to articles published in the past 3 months, to general professional discussions or events, or to SAF policies and activities. Letters should be approximately 300 words in length (about one double-spaced, typed page) and are published as space permits. Note: Letters may be edited for length, clarity, style, and to avoid duplication. Letters deemed to be personal attacks will not be published. Prior to publication, cited individuals are offered the opportunity to review letters pertaining to them or their work; if they choose, they can respond to those letters that contain errors of fact or interpretation. Such responses are limited to approximately 200 words—these responses will usually be published in the following issue.

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The NorCal SAF Newsletter is looking for a New Editor. After three years as newsletter editor, Karin Linnen is passing the torch to another forester. The newsletter editor is a paid position. Some job duties include proficiency in Excel, Adobe Photo Shop, HTML, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Home Publishing, graphic design, write articles, and recruit NorCal members for correspondence in newsletters. For more information contact NorCal SAF Executive Director Jane LaBoa, by January 4th, 2010. Email resumes to ncsaf@mcn.org or call 1-800-738-TREE

Winter Forestry Calendar for 2009

Jan. 20-21	31 st Annual Forest Vegetation Management Conference: "A Thrifty Forest " Holiday Inn, Redding , CA .For more information contact Danielle Lindler, Program Coordinator at fvmc@gotsky.com or to register visit www.fvmc.org
Jan. 30	NorCal Winter Meeting, Sacramento. See pages 7-10 in newsletter for more details
Feb. 9-10	Board of Forestry meeting, Sacramento. For more information contact 916-653-8007
Feb. 9-10	Pre- and Post-Wildfire Forest Management for Ecological Restoration and Fire Resiliency, Sacramento. For more information visit http://ucanr.org/wildfire2010 Or call 1-530-224-4902. Register by January 11 th and save \$25
Feb. 24-26	2010 Annual CFA Meeting, Sacramento. For more information call (916) 444-6592 or email to cfa@foresthealth.org
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March 13-19	Forest Conservation Days, Saratoga . Contact 800-738-TREE or ncsaf@mcn.org for more details

Updates from the Chapters

Sacramento-Tahoe Chapter

Brian Barrette, Past Chair

The October meeting featured California Licensed Forester's Association Legislative Consultant, Bill Keye. Bill provided an update on policy issues and agencies affecting working forests. The chapter hosted Dr. Greg McPherson with the Center for Urban Forest Research in November. Dr. McPherson's presentation highlighted why urban forestry is growing so rapidly and engaging communities to plant and manage their trees. The chapter does not meet in December due to the holidays and encourages chapter members to attend NorCal' Winter Meeting in January. The chapter will host Forest Service Deputy Region Forester, Jim Pena on 2/18/10 and welcomes SAF members and guests to attend.

The mid-year membership purges hit us pretty hard, with 22 members failing to renew. The chapter officers actively contact members to retain them.

John Corbett, long time Sac-Tahoe/SAF member, passed away in July 2009. Our chapter, in partnership with the Tahoe National Forest, is planning a memorial to John and the profession of forestry at the new Truckee Ranger District office. We hope to dedicate the site next summer. Please send donations to our chapter Treasurer, Rich Wade, 3888 Garnet Road, Pollock Pines, CA 95726-9517. If you're able to assist with construction or materials, please contact Jane LaBoa, at ncsaf@mcn.org, (530) 885-1398.

High Sierra Chapter

*By Thomas W. Catchpole,
Education Committee Chairman*

This year Chapter member Ramiro Rojas was awarded the "SAF Presidential Field Forester of the Year" at

the National SAF Convention in Orlando, FL (see page 5 for more details) Chapter member James Bates received his 50 year SAF membership recognition award at the winter meeting. Thomas W. Catchpole was elected as an SAF Fellow this summer. In addition Thomas Catchpole was on the staff for the Forestry Institute for Teachers held at HSU in July as well as the Meadow Valley and Sonora FIT's. The HSU FIT had the largest group ever this year. Photos are enclosed of the HSU FIT teachers.

The October Meeting was held in Fresno. A business meeting was conducted along with committee reports and elections of chapter officers before dinner. A Reedley College Forestry student reported on her experiences at the National SAF Convention. The after dinner speaker was Linda Pollock, who is the Archaeologist for CAL FIRE. Linda gave the chapter members insight into our great cultural resources and also important aspects to consider when managing the forests around these resources. Her presentation was on an archaeological study that she had conducted on a air tanker fire retardant jettison area near Miller-ton Lake in the foothills of Fresno County that was educational and enjoyable to the chapter members.

The Cecil Metcalf Memorial Scholarship Fund for Reedley College students in Forestry and Natural Resource Management was discussed. The chapter has had an education fund "SAF Turkey Shoot Fundraiser" for several decades. The Turkey Shoot was discontinued last year. For the second year the High Sierra Chapter's Education Fund fundraiser is the "2010 SAF Calendar." The calendar features beautiful local natural landscape and scenery photos. A limited number of two year old potted Giant sequoia trees will

also be sold as a scholarship fundraiser in Prather. The chapter is looking for suggestions on other fund raisers for the Scholarship Fund.

Southern

San Joaquin Chapter

By Brian Rueger, Chapter Chair

The Southern San Joaquin Chapter has had a busy 2009 summer and fall meeting schedule. The Chapter continues to meet regularly on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are held in either Tulare or Kern County.

Recent meeting programs have included a presentation by Anne Lombardo, Program Representative for the Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project (SNAMP). Anne has been involved in public outreach and education for SNAMP's research project located in eastern Madera County.

Jim Kral, Forest Manager for Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest, headlined the June 2009 program in Springville. Jim gave an overview of the diverse activities that are ongoing on the State Forest. Jim also introduced the summer interns that were working seasonally at the Forest.

The August meeting consisted of a field trip to Greenhorn Mountain Park in Kern County. Matt Pontes and several associates from Kern County staff showed the Chapter their recently completed timber harvesting/fuels reduction project in a high use recreation area on county lands. The project is a successful example of how commercial timber harvesting can be utilized as a management tool to meet forest health, fire protection and recreational objectives. Sierra Forest Products, in Terra Bella, provided Registered Pro-

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Looking back at 2009 FIT



Teachers at the July 2009 HSU FIT standing on steam the engine at Scotia, CA after the group took a tour of the old PALCO mill now under new management.

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Professional Forester (RPF) assistance on the project and a local market for the logs.

Bill Lyon, Field Operations Director for TEAMS Enterprises, presented the September program in Porterville. Bill discussed the broad array of activities that TEAMS is involved in throughout the country. Upcoming programs will include a joint meeting hosted by the Bakersfield College Student SAF Chapter. The students, under the guidance of Bill Kelly, host two meetings each year at Bakersfield College.

Other activities the Chapter has been involved with include participating in public meetings on the development of the Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan, commenting on several fire restoration projects on the Sequoia National Forest, and raising scholarship funds for Bakersfield College students to attend four-year forestry schools.



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Council Notes October 2009

By Julie Lydick, District 3 Council Representative

The majority of the half-day Council meeting at Convention was focused on the financial status of SAF and membership. It has been a difficult financial year. Cost cutting measures are being employed. At the beginning of the convention 1200 people were registered. This is the number needed to break even, but the budget is dependent upon having more people than that to make money at the convention. By the December meeting we'll have a better idea of the financial impact of the convention. In 2010 the Council will be looking at whether membership dues should be raised. It has been over 10 years since dues were raised. The House of Society Delegates (HSD) proposed this year that the reduction in fees for 5 years (\$85) be extended regardless of whether a student member retained their membership after graduation. There was also conversation at HSD that some services available over the website to members be extended to nonmembers.

Philosophically I'm in the camp that there is value to being a member of SAF and that the incentive should be to join to access that value. I also think that if you believe in the benefits of practicing forestry for society and the environment you should support SAF whether you make use of the member services on a regular basis. People donate to the Red Cross or the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or any number of disease organizations, but they rationalize all kinds of reasons not to support SAF and promoting forestry.

One of the inspirational aspects of the Orlando Convention was meeting two of the Diversity Ambassadors from

California schools; Ricky Satomi, UC Berkeley who is in his last year of forestry school and very interested in silviculture and Carmen Hernandez, Reedley College who is just starting her forestry education. Ricky approached me about the possibility of getting speakers to the Forestry club. I know that the Bay Area chapter is inactive, but as a minimum it seems like those of us that live close to UC Berkeley could rally around creating a speakers forum at UC Berkeley. And Carmen Hernandez attended the Leadership training at the convention with Jeff Bercuvitz. It took a lot of courage for her to engage in that with a bunch of middle age people.

I enjoyed the first day theme of the convention that was focused on working forests. The keynote speaker, Charles Mann, author of 1491, talked about the working landscapes that Native Americans created in North and South America. I enjoyed Sally Collins, Director of the USDA Office of Ecosystem Services and Markets, opening remarks that working forests need to be recognized as part of the national infrastructure to be maintained and that we should not strip value away from these lands by locking them up as preserves or wilderness (that will eventually burn in the West anyway). There seems to be recognition in the Obama administration that we're not going to regulate our way out of environmental issues, that market solutions and incentives are part of the equation.

Lastly congratulations to Ramiro Rojas, High Sierra Chapter, for receiving the District 3 Field Forester of the year award and to our new Fellows, Anne Heisenbuttel, Tom Catchpole, John Nicoles, and Dale Weirman. Don't forget that Fellows nominations for 2010 are due to Nick Dennis by January 31, 2010.



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Nor Cal SAF Election Results 2009

Chair-Elect--- Ken Nolte
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Congratulations!



*Announcing a Meeting of the
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2010 Annual Winter Meeting
Wildland Fire Training & Conference Center
30 Mile Room
McClellan (Sacramento), CA
January 30, 2010

Communicating the Need for Sustainable Forest Management

Are citizens and politicians aware of the goods and services obtained from managed forests? Do they know what happens when forests remain unmanaged? Although NorCal SAF is an undisputed leader in natural resource education for non-foresters, all indications suggest more outreach is needed. And if professional foresters don't make the case for sustainable forestry, it's a safe bet the case won't be made.

The 2010 winter meeting of the Northern California Society of American Foresters will focus on communicating the need for sustainable forest management to build support for getting forestry done on the ground through programs such as biomass utilization incentives, regulatory relief, policy-driven research, funding for working-forest conservation easements, and markets for carbon credits. We'll hear from leaders in forest policy development at the federal and state levels, communications leaders from Oregon and Southern California SAF, the key developers of the most recent Forest Practice Rule package, as well as updates on four current and important topics. To help get out our message, plan on hearing theirs!

Friday, January 29

12:00 - 4:00 **Executive Committee Meeting**—Joint State & Private
Forestry and PSW Office, Davis

Program Chair—Nick Dennis
(530) 938-2333, ndennis@jsanet.com

Communicating the Need for Sustainable Forest Management

Agenda

Saturday, January 30, 2010

- 8:00—8:30 **Registration**
- 8:30 - 8:45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 8:45 - 9:15 **Keynote Address.** *Erica Rhoad, SAF Policy Director*
- 9:15—10:30 **Federal Legislation and Policy Panel:**
Deanna Stouder, Director, PSW Experiment Station
Anne Heissenbuttel, Former Executive Director, National Association of State Foresters
J. Lopez, Past Chair, SoCal SAF
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Break**
- 10:45 - 12:15 **California Legislation and Policy Panel**
Dan Chia, Senior Advisor, Calif. Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Paul Adams, Policy Chair, Oregon SAF
William Keye, Government Affairs Specialist, CLFA
- 12:15 - 1:30 **Awards Luncheon**
- 1:30 - 2:00 **NorCal SAF Business Meeting**
- 2:00 - 3:15 **Threatened and Impaired Watershed Forest Practice Rules: A Case Study**
George Gentry, Executive Officer, CA Board of Forestry Gary Nakamura, T&I Rules Technical Advisory Committee Mark Stopher, CA Dept. of Fish and Game Mike Liquori, T&I Rules Consultant to CA Bd. Of Forestry
- 3:15 - 3:30 **Break**
- 3:30—4:45 **The Front Burner: Updates on Current Topics**
- **California's Forest Legacy Program:** *Jeff Calvert, CalFire*
 - **Water Quality Monitoring:** *Steve Staub, Staub Consulting*
 - **The CA Growth and Yield Cooperative:** *Chris Hipkin, Statewide Forestry Services*
 - **Climate Action Reserve Forestry Project protocols:** *Paul Mason, Pacific Forest Trust*
 - **Forest management plan pilot project:** *Stephen Smith, CA State Forester, NRCS*
- 4:45 **Adjourn**

Meeting Locations

Friday Executive Committee Meeting: Joint SPF & PSW Office, 1731 Research Park Drive, Davis, CA 95618

Saturday Meeting: Wildland Fire Training & Conference Center, 30 Mile Room, 3237 Peacekeeper Way, McClellan

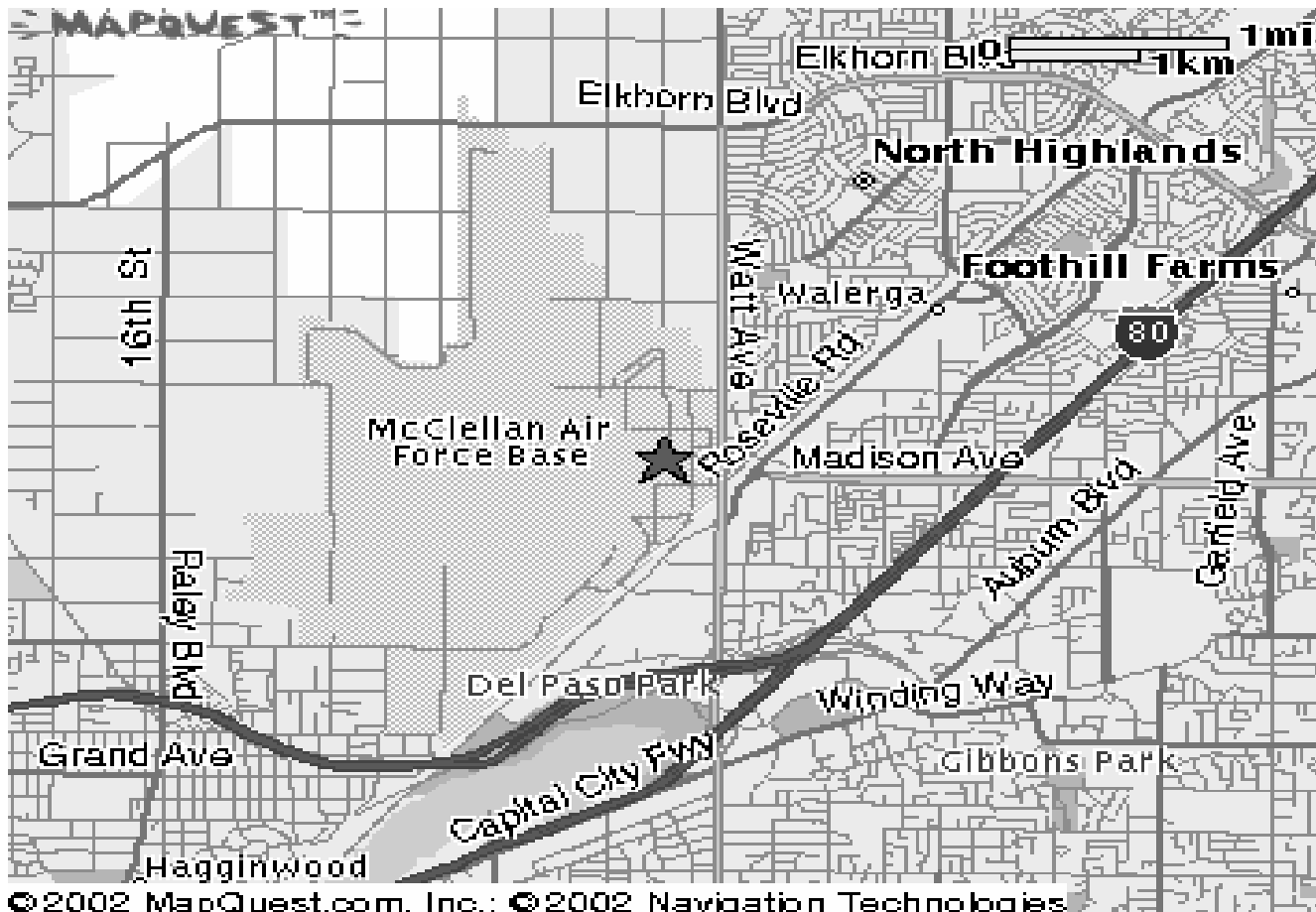
Directions

To Davis: Take the Richards Blvd. exit off of I-80 and head to the south side of the freeway (opposite from downtown). Turn left at signal on Research Park Dr. Office is next to a Holiday Inn Express. Conference room is on the 2nd floor.

To McClellan: Take the Watt Avenue Exit off of I-80 and head north. Take a left on Peacekeeper Way. Turn right into parking lot of large white building (on right side of road)

Lodging

Holiday Inn Sacramento NE, 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento. 916-338-5800. Special conference rate of \$79 + tax. For special rate mention Society of Am Foresters - Annual Meeting—cut off date is January 15. <http://www.sacnortheast.com/> Request a list of other lodging from www.fs.fed.us/r5/fire/mcclellan/lodging.php



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Registration Questions?—Jane LaBoa, 800-738-TREE, ncsaf@mcn.org

NorCal SAF Update

By Jane LaBoa, Executive Director

Just a few weeks ago I was sweltering in Orlando while attending the national SAF convention. Now I'm in jeans and a sweater looking at our woodpile (already in use) and contemplating holiday arrangements. Stacey Dodge and I are closing in on a year in our jobs and deep into planning for 2010 programs and meetings....and what a year it has been.

Forestry in northern and central California has been at the center of some non-traditional issues. Renewable energy (biomass) and carbon (climate change) have gone from concepts to a way of business, and there's more on the way depending on pending federal energy legislation.

Forests and forestry clearly are a critical part of the long-term solution, yet many of our members are dealing with severe employment and business problems as a result of the short-term economic downturn and California's budget woes. More mills closed in 2009 and some environmental organizations continue to oppose any kind of commercial wood product extraction from federal forests, in spite of the obvious benefits to fire protection, forest health, and rural economies.

Yet many organizations are seeing the value of properly managed working forests. They understand that it's much better for these forests provide open space, wildlife

habitat, clean water, store carbon, etc., than be developed into vacation properties. The old knee jerk reactions don't fit the current situation. Forestry professionals find themselves working with new partners to develop solutions relevant to today's challenges.

SAF has taken a national leadership role in these issues. More sources of technical and policy information are available from SAF membership than ever before, including on-line resources and timely e-mail updates. SAF-sponsored career networking and website posting have benefited many members who faced job changes this year, as well as forestry students looking for first-time employment. NorCal SAF continues to provide services to its members, as well as important outreach education programs such as Forestry Institute for Teachers (FIT) and Forest Conservation Days (FCD). When the dialog about carbon and biomass reaches the classroom, we want to make sure it includes the role of forests and forestry professionals.

So as you make your decision to renew your SAF membership or volunteer time at FIT, FCD or chapter activities, remember you DO make a difference in the future of forestry and forest management through your involvement in SAF.

Happy holidays, Jane

Bridging People and Nature

Everyone has a reason to love the Bay Area. Hiking in the redwoods, playing at the beach, strolling along the Embarcadero, picnicking at the park – the Bay Area is naturally vibrant. We need your help to protect and restore our special places. You can invest in the Bay Area's future by signing up for a new license plate that features a beautiful image of the Golden Gate Bridge and the tagline "Nature Within Reach."

With your help, the Bay Area special license plate will be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles in the second half of 2009. Proceeds from the sale and renewal of the plate will directly fund restoration, conservation, and public access projects throughout the bay area.

The Bay Area special license plate campaign needs 7,500 paid pledges to become a reality. The plates cost \$50 for initial registration (\$90 for personalized plates), with a \$40 annual renewal fee (\$70 for personalized plates). The goal is eventually to raise \$1 million per year via the license plate and have more than 25,000 of the plates in circulation.

For more information and to make a pledge, visit www.bayarealicenseplate.org or call 1-877-4SF-BAY1.



Policy Corner – Winter 2009

By John Kessler, Policy Chair

The Legislature passed AB 1066 with significant changes from the version passed by the Assembly. The bill that passed allows a total of four one-year extensions for those timber harvest plans that expired in 2008 or 2009. Assuming those plans had received their normal extensions, this gives the landowners a small, temporary amount of relief. The bill also grants to harvest plans approved between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2011 the option of receiving two extensions of two years each. Both of these provisions only apply if a) no listed species have been found within the plan since approval and b) no significant physical changes to the harvest area or adjacent areas have occurred since the timber harvesting plan's cumulative impacts were originally assessed. The bill sunsets on January 1, 2012.

There are two competing bills in the U.S. Senate – S1733, which is the senate version of HR 2454 addressing cap and trade, greenhouse gases, and biomass among other issues. There is no mention of biomass energy at all in this bill other than being mentioned as a renewable energy source. This bill by Sen. John Kerry has two co-sponsors including Senator Boxer. The other bill is S636 by Sen. John Thune, which directly addresses renewable energy from biomass materials. This bill is fairly inclusive and would be of great benefit for improving forest health while reducing use of non-renewable energy sources. Unfortunately there has been no movement on this bill since this past March. It has seven co-sponsors, but only two from the western US.

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection passed new rules for those timberlands containing waters listed as threatened or impaired and containing anadromous salmonids.

They also approved a rule change to address the need for additional folks to prepare evaluations for timber operations in the range of the Northern spotted owl. These rules include a definition for qualified spotted owl expert that includes a biologist with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology, Biology, Forestry, Zoology or related field and a minimum of two field seasons of verifiable northern spotted owl survey and biological evaluation work. Representatives from the Department of Fish and Game objected to including foresters in the definition, disagreeing with the statements that foresters can be qualified to conduct surveys as well as evaluate habitat and impacts from operations. The Board chose to rise above these and other comments from that agency and approve the definition.

The Board is also working on a number of new rule proposals to address a variety of issues including fire prevention precautions, extending the effective period of an emergency exemption, defining an employee, and extending the exemption for the clearing distances for “major woody stems” near power lines.

Rule packages before the Board of Forestry can be found at this web page - http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed_rule_packages/.

A final comment on our political system: A local environmental group was soliciting funds from local businesses and handing out information about their organization. The interesting thing is that their list of “accomplishments” was a list of projects that they had stopped. Perhaps they need a list of positive actions that they’ve accomplished. As a person said to me at an Arbor Day event several years ago, you never see the Sierra Club handing out trees to the public.

Fellows Recognition Nominations for 2010 Due

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) honors those members who have provided outstanding contributions to the Society and to the forestry profession with the title of Fellow. The goal of the Society is to recognize approximately five percent of its members with this honor.

It is not too early to think of identifying nominees for 2010. District 3 has many worthy candidates in Northern and Southern California and Hawaii. We have many people who are the backbones at the State or Chapter levels. And do not forget those at the forestry schools who promote professionalism, who engage to inspire the next generation of foresters, who advocate for maintaining accreditation at their schools, and engage in research to continue the development of forestry knowledge. We also have members who actively engage with the media, school teachers and young students to promote understanding about forestry. There are so many deserving members in this District that I encourage you to work with the Fellow committee to make a nomination.

The District 3 Council Committee includes: Nick Dennis, Chair, Geri Bergen, John Heissenbittel, Bob Solari, John Bryant, and John Todd. Some members of this committee will transition off and others on this year.

A complete nomination package includes: 1) copy of the Biographical and Professional Information Nominees for SAF Fellow form, which is available at the SAF website, 2) an electronic photo of the nominee, 3) three letters of recommendation, and 4) the recommendation of the Fellows Committee.

Send nominations to the Fellows

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NorCal SAF Awards



Ramiro Rojas in middle
Photo by Jane Laboa

2009 Field Forester of the Year Award *District III Ramiro Rojas*

Rojas has had a 29-year career with the US Forest Service, beginning with

his work in fire suppression and as a fuels forester in Region 1. He has worked at the Pineridge Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest in California since 1987, where he specializes in silviculture, reforestation, and timber sale planning. His long tenure on the Sierra has allowed him to affect change at the landscape level by developing and managing projects for two decades. Ramiro describes his most rewarding forestry challenge as the reforestation of a 6,000-acre wildfire area on the Sierra. The two million seedlings he planted are now 10-14 years-old, and he continues to manage the plantations through thinning and pruning.

In recent years Ramiro has worked closely with the Pacific Southwest Research Station to develop the adaptive management Kings River plan. He has

been involved in developing silvicultural prescriptions, marking guidelines, and modeling scenarios to provide for the long-term sustainability of Pacific fisher and California spotted owl habitat. In 2007 Ramiro spent a year in Afghanistan. Through the Forest Service, he served as an agricultural adviser to a military unit on a program-conducted under postwar conditions-created to re-establish provincial governments by getting them involved in people's lives in a positive way.

In service to SAF, Ramiro has been an active member at the local level, where he has held the offices of chair and secretary with the High Sierra Chapter.

**Article written by Joseph M. Smith, courtesy the Forestry Source*

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Committee during by January 31, 2010. Fellows Committee sends its recommendations forward to the Council Representative by March, 31, 2010. Nominations are sent to the National Office by May 1 & Council takes action on the nominations at the June Council meeting so that recognition can be made at the fall convention.

Congratulations District 3 2009 Fellows

SAF Fellows are elected based on a strong continuing commitment through direct SAF volunteer activities and exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession in at least one of the following areas; application of forestry, education, public policy, research, or technology transfer. Fellows will be recognized at a Fellows only breakfast at the convention in Orlando, Florida. Please convey your congratulations to them and thank them for their sustained service to SAF and the forestry profession.

Anne Hessienbuttel: Member since 1975, SAF
Accomplishments: Planning multiple conventions, accreditation team, forest policy work, officer at chapter level, NorCal SAF Forestry Achievement Award. Career Accomplishments: Forestry consultant, American Forest Products, American Forest and Paper Association, National Association of State Foresters, Committee on Resources, House of Representatives.

John Nicoles: Member since 1974, SAF
Accomplishments: Officer chapter and state society level, long-term involvement with the Forestry Institute for Teachers, Forest Conservation Days – steam donkey interpreter. Career Accomplishments: East Bay Regional Park District managed open spaces, Cal Berkeley Alumni Foresters President, California State Fair – Forestry Center volunteer, NorCal SAF Communicator's Award, Francis H. Raymond Award, NorCal SAF Forestry Achievement Award.

Thomas Catchpole: Member since 1970. SAF
Accomplishments: Officer at chapter level, Education committee, long-term involvement Forestry Institute for Teachers and Forest Conservation Days, active fundraiser and supporter of Reedley College Students, Certified Forester. Career Accomplishments: 26 years USDA Forest Service, US Peace Corps Ecuador – 6 years.

Dale Weirman: Member since 1966, SAF
Accomplishments: National Committee for Professional Recognition – multiple years, state society Awards and Recognition Chair multiple years, San Francisco convention Exhibits co-chair, Chapter officer, NorCal SAF Forestry Achievement Award. Career Accomplishments: 32 years California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Registered Professional Forester.

California's Forest and Climate Standards Go National

California's Air Resources Board (ARB) has adopted a revised version of the state's standard used to measure the effectiveness of forest projects that protect the climate.

The Climate Action Reserve's Forest Project Accounting Protocol is now the first state-approved forest carbon accounting standard with national applicability. The Pacific Forest Trust was a member of the stakeholder "working group" that recommended revisions to the Protocol, and considers the revision a significant step towards increasing participation around the country, while maintaining rigorous standards for measurement and accounting and reducing expense.

"This year major decisions are being made about how forests around the globe will be conserved and managed to safeguard our atmosphere," says Pacific Forest Trust Managing Director Connie Best. "Incentives for avoided deforestation and conserving

carbon-rich forests are being considered for climate legislation moving through Congress. It's exciting to see California take the lead once again by creating an incentive for landowners across the U.S. to meet the state's gold standard for forest conservation and stewardship."

Shortly after the adoption, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced SPI's plans to create the nation's largest forest carbon offset project in anticipation of registration under the revised Protocol, sending a signal that major commercial forest owners are getting serious about the developing market for emissions reductions from forests.

The Protocols measure results from three types of forest projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions: projects that protect forests from conversion or aggressive logging; projects where less timber is harvested for a period so that the trees grow bigger and older; and projects where forests are replanted after natural disturbances or where they were cleared years ago. All of these models take advantage of

the fact that, as they grow, trees safely absorb and store more carbon, and can do so for very long periods.

Individuals and companies who are trying to "offset" their carbon footprint will pay for the emissions reductions (ERs) created by these projects. California is counting on these emissions reductions to help meet its ambitious climate goals set by AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act.

Demand for emissions reductions from California forest projects is already high, thanks to the reputation in carbon offset markets for the high quality of offsets generated in accordance with the Protocols.

Originally developed by the Climate Action Reserve (CAR) with direction from a 2001 California bill sponsored by Pacific Forest Trust, the revised Forest Project Protocol further refines the accounting methods used to establish how much more carbon is being stored in sequestration projects above and beyond what would have been achieved otherwise using "business as usual" forest management.

Forest Conservation Days
Sanborn Park, Saratoga, California
March 13 to 19, 2010

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Registration Form

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