

California Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2021

1. Call to Order at 11:02
2. Introductions/Establishment of Quorum Tim Robards, Rachelle Hedges, Jane LaBoa, John Todd, Dave Bakke, Julie Lydick, Kathleen Barr, Renaldo Arroyo, Tamara Hanna.
3. Review Agenda
4. Posting of June 10<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup> 2021, Meeting Minutes (Tim Robards) – John Todd gave a motion to approve both minutes, Rachelle Hedges 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes approved. Need to convert minutes to PDF for posting on the web.
5. National SAF Board of Directors Report (Nick Dennis – not on call) Nick has one more meeting.
6. Chair Report (Tim Robards)
  - a. Review of existing National Position Statements on FIA and Invasive Species (11/1). Members are encouraged to read these papers.
7. Chair-elect Report (Rachelle Hedges)
  - a. 2022 Winter Meeting planning – not much to report, will be working with Kathleen soon. Still considering a joint meeting with CLFA.
  - b. Position descriptions and meeting guide – making progress. Lori Rasor sent Rachelle some sample position descriptions. Rachelle will be sending out draft position descriptions within a few weeks.
8. Past Chair Report (John Todd)
  - a. Strategic Planning – waiting until after the convention to move forward.
  - b. Grants – John attended the 9/30 CalFire grants portal training. That is how Cal SAF will be interacting on state grants.
  - c. Pending state legislation on liability protection for prescribed burns. John wrote a letter of support with consent of Cal SAF leadership.
9. Executive Director Report (Kathleen Burr)
  - a. Operations update – not too busy right now. Financials from summer meeting, made \$491 (not including the Forester's Fund). Overall it was excellent. Reviewed Shasta FIT spreadsheet, which did not break even.
  - b. Newsletter - was difficult to get submissions.
10. Treasurer's Report (John Bradford) – not present on the call but said via email that nothing new since the September meeting.
11. Secretary's Report (Jane LaBoa) – nothing new to report.
12. Committee Reports
  - a. Awards (Julie Lydick) – Francis Raymond award will be done remotely on Dec. 8. Julie has developed talking points and may put up a slide show. Julie is also working on the communication award. Recent email discussion about candidates. Julie has a candidate in mind for Forestry Achievement award. Sac-Tahoe chapter has been strong this year (Chapter of the Year award).
  - b. Communication (vacant)
    - i. Website (David Bakke) – Dave had a meeting with Thibault last month. Dave is starting to update the website, needs feedback if things don't look right. Do we want to post chapter meetings, especially the virtual meetings? Post recent articles? How long to keep meeting minutes on the website? Dave needs us to provide content to him. Discussion.
  - c. Education - Reynaldo Arroyo
    - i. FIT (Mike De Lasaux) - *FIT update.... I have passed the baton to Renaldo Arroyo. He is working with the Forest Service to extend the 2 grants (State &*

*Private Forestry (FCD) and FIT (Plumas Title II). I have helped him when he has questions.*

*FCD.... I called Kent Kinney who recently retired from Reedley College and asked him if he would coordinate 2022 FCD. He seemed very interested, but has not yet committed. He was going to talk with Diane Savin-Dukkleth.*

- ii. Two Forest Service grants to extend, working on Weyerhaeuser grants, looking for a lead for FIT. The goal is to have 30 teachers at each FIT session.
- d. Membership (Tamara Hanna) – National membership is trending upwards, same for Cal SAF. Stats on regular chapters are fine, student chapters have discrepancies in numbers because of the address the student has on record.
- e. Policy/Legislation (Vacant)
  - i. Engagement at federal and/or state level for legislation regarding wildfires?

### 13. Chapter Reports

Bay Area (Dave Bakke) - next meeting is 10/27 (virtual) about biomass. Joint meeting with UCB forestry club in November. National Christmas Tree stops in Bay Area. January meeting may be a discussion to develop a statement about a comprehensive approach to large destructive wildfires.

Sac-Tahoe (Jane LaBoa) – Tethered logging presentation at 10/21 meeting in Auburn. Planning on going to lunch after National Christmas tree at Capitol Park.

UCB student – Rachelle – more good science publicity initiative for media and possibly legislators at UC Blodgett forest.

### 14. New Business

- a. Committee Potential Candidates, Chairs and/or Co-chairs for Communications and Policy

15. Motion to adjourn Rachelle Hedges, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Todd Adjourned at 12:40.

Upcoming Meetings:

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 11am-Noon

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting 11am-1pm