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New CAL SAF Website

After several months working with website developer, Spoon Frog Graphics, the California Society of American Foresters (CalSAF) website is complete. The framework for the digital platform has been concluded and the chapter is managing information provided to website visitors. The new website has several new features including mobile phone friendly, a donation page, and multiple pages connected to the National Society of American Foresters (SAF) website. The goals were to create a more contemporary and serviceable website for the state chapter. The Website developer is not the manager or editor for the website.

The new website has multiple editors from the CalSAF Board of Directors, reviewing posts and sharing information. All inquiries, job announcements, calendar events can be directed to the Executive Director, Kathleen Burr at executive.director@californiasaf.org

Expect calendar updates or announcements to take four to five days to appear on the website. Is your local chapter contact information current on the new website? Is your chapter hosting a local meeting which you would like to share on the calendar page?

In addition, the chapter is providing new email addresses for several Board of Directors and Executive Committee members. Current State Chair, Helena Murray can be contacted at chair@californiasaf.org and Newsletter Editor, Jack Stewart can be contacted at editor@californiasaf.org. Robin Bellows, Awards Chair can be reached at awards@californiasaf.org. Special thanks to CalSAF members Brian Wing and Carlin Starrs for developing the two previous CalSAF websites. Their dedication, hard work and innovation supported the framework and success for communicating with foresters in the state and beyond.

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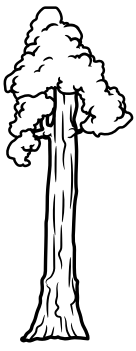
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California SAF Strategic Plan by Helena Murray, Chair, California SAF

The Board of Directors has voted to adopt a Strategic Plan for the California State Society. The purpose of the CalSAF Strategic Plan is to provide guidance for elected officers and other leaders on strategies to advance the CalSAF mission. The Strategic Plan outlines strategies that members can work towards within their own local Chapters and as individuals. The CalSAF Chair, Board of Directors, or Executive Committee, are not the sole champions of the CalSAF mission and rely on help from all members to move forward.

Mission

The mission of the California Society of American Foresters (CalSAF) is to promote sustainable management of California's and Hawaii's forest resources through science, education, and technology, promoting professional excellence while ensuring the continued health, integrity, and use of forests to benefit society in perpetuity.

Vision

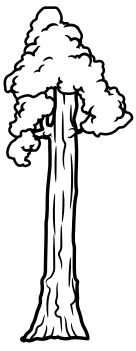
CalSAF, through its members, is a trusted leader in California forestry policy, forest health advocacy, forestry education, and addressing the complexities of California's changed and changing forested environment.

Goals

The strategic plan outlines four overarching goals for California SAF, and details objectives and actions that can be pursued to meet these goals. The goals are:

- Promote professional excellence and increase societal awareness and appreciation of forestry and forest management practices. Provide credible, accurate and timely forestry and natural resource information to members and the public.
- Advocate for science-based policies and regulations impacting forests in California and Hawaii
- Maintain organizational health and fiscal responsibility

I would encourage everyone to read the full plan, which can be found at californiasaf.org. Thank you to David Bakke, Tanner Mar, Ricky Satomi, and the California SAF Executive Committee for all the work that went into this plan.



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Call for Leaders!

Are you hoping to get more involved with SAF at the state or local level? Our State Society and Local Chapters are looking for new leaders. Being a leader with SAF is a valuable personal and professional experience—it's a great opportunity for networking, building leadership skills and having a positive impact. If you are not interested in a leadership position but have time to volunteer, we have opportunities such as assisting with meeting organization, volunteering for our education programs, and others. If you are interested in learning more about any of the open leadership positions, please contact Cal SAF Chair Helena Murray at chair@californiasaf.org.

Chair Elect: The Chair Elect is the first step in a 3-year leadership term. The chair elect is a voting member of the Board of Directors, and assists the chair in organizing events, representing California SAF on the national House of Society Delegates, and other activities. The Chair Elect then serves as Chair the following year, and finally as Immediate Past Chair.

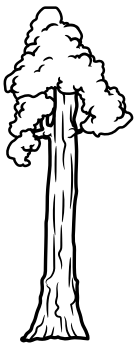
Communications Chair: The Communications Chair is a member of the executive committee and is responsible for external communications about California SAF activities.

Local Chapter Leaders: Many of our local chapters are seeking new leaders. SAF leaders at the local chapter level organize local events and provide local information and resources to the state society and local members members. Volunteering for your local chapter is a great way to meet a community of foresters and advance the SAF mission in your area.

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SAF National Convention Report By John Todd

The Society of American Foresters welcomed members to Loveland, Colorado for its National Convention on September 17-20, 2024. This year's convention was different from recent events as we did not convene in a single downtown convention center. This year's venue was split between the Embassy Suites Conference Center and the adjacent Ranch Events Complex in Loveland, which sits due east of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Over 1600 people attended this year's convention. Among the attendees were many young professionals and over 500 students. Attendees enjoyed three plenary sessions, field tours, scientific and technical sessions, policy discussions, alumni socials, and many other informative and fun activities.

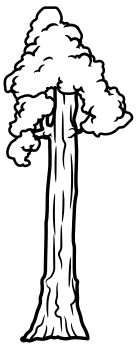
Directly preceding the convention, the House of Society Delegates (HSD) convened in Loveland for an all-day session. State Society Chairs and Chair-elects attend HSD and during the meeting they share both success stories and address challenges that state societies face. This year's productive meeting, led by HSD Chair Logan Nutt, saw greater attendance and participation than in recent years.

One of the pleasures of attending the convention is seeing long-time colleagues from across the country, while also spending time with members of your own state society. Cal SAF was well represented in Loveland with faculty representatives from our California universities and many members from up and down the state. A final highlight was seeing our California members receive national awards. Congratulations to both William (Bill) Keye and Jonathan (Jon) Jue for becoming SAF Fellows and to Ricky Satomi for receiving the Presidential Field Forester Award for SAF District 3.

Next year's SAF National Convention will take place October 22-25, 2025, at the Hartford Convention Center, in Hartford, Connecticut. Come and be a part of the festivities as we celebrate SAF's 125th anniversary.

CalSAF Upcoming Events

- **NOVEMBER 6, 3:00PM - 5:00PM** NORTH COAST CHAPTER FALL EVENT
- **NOVEMBER 6, 5:30 - 7:00PM** BAY AREA CHAPTER MEETING
- **NOVEMBER 20, 4:00PM - 6:00PM** CALSAF EC MEETING
- **DECEMBER 18, 4:30PM - 5:30PM** CALSAF BOD MEETING
- **EARLY 2025** CALIFORNIA FIRE SCIENCE SEMINDAR SERIES - [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/9CIXSWYZCC2WF1KKA](https://forms.gle/9CIXSWYZCC2WF1KKA)
- **JANUARY 25**, NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE.



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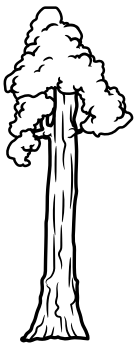
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California SAF Summer Meeting, Sonora, CA by Helena Murray

The California SAF Summer Meeting took place on August 17th, 2024 in Sonora California. The meeting was attended by 30 foresters from around the state. We had a great time in the field, starting with a tour of the Stanislaus-Tuolumne Experiential Forest by Eric Knapp from the Pacific Southwest Research Station where we saw the results of forest resilience treatments in ponderosa pine stands, and visited a Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Experiment site.

At lunch, we heard from Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions about their experiences with collaborative forest management work at the local level. Finally, Mike Albrecht took us on a tour of an active logging site where we heard about the operations side of forest resilience treatments. Overall, it was a fun and educational day! Thanks to Chair Elect Ricky Satomi for organizing a great meeting.





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Sacramento-Tahoe Chapter 3rd Quarter Activities by Gary Brittner

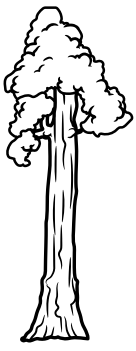
In May 2024, a survey of 6 questions was sent out to the 99 Chapter members. The purpose of the survey was to assist in determining how the Chapter activities could be improved to meet the needs of the members. About 31 responses were received. Members wanted to have field trips or a combination of in-person meetings, field trips and/or teleconference meetings. The respondents wanted to have the meetings have a forestry related speaker or topic. The members wanted to have networking opportunities. 21 of the respondents were still working in the forestry profession and the other 10 respondents were retired. Most of the respondents were not interested in being a Chapter officer.

On July 2, 2024, a small group of members met to plan future meetings and field trips for the Chapter. The meeting attendees included Jane LaBoa, Doug Wickizer, Steve Jones, John Bradford and Jon Jue.

We talked about having Helena Murray, current Chair of the California Society provide an update for what is going on at a future Chapter meeting, which might be a zoom meeting. Chair Murray was contacted and she said that she would be able to give the Chapter an update for Society activities and plans. Other meeting topics included a Forest Service update for Region 5, a Cal Fire update, a California Licensed Foresters Association update with Kathleen Burr, a Board of Forestry update with J. Lopez and a meeting topic of the Forest Service reforestation on the California National Forests. Other field trip opportunities included Blodgett Forest Research Station, the Rio Bravo biomass cogeneration plant in Lincoln, the Forest Service Placerville Nursery in Camino and prescribed burning conducted on privately owned forest lands under the guidance of the Placer County Resource Conservation District.

We also talked about providing a stipend for student members to continue their SAF membership instead of providing a scholarship. We also discussed subsidizing attendance for student members to a State Society meeting in the future.

The Chapter did make plans to have a tour of the Placerville Nursery on October 26, 2024. We are still working out the details for timing. The Placerville Nursery was opened in 1957. It covers 157 acres and provided 18 million seedlings annually during peak production. The Placerville Nursery is one of the 6 operational Forest Service nurseries. Currently, it provides about 4 million seedlings annually for reforestation efforts on lands affected by wildfires and insect mortality. The clients served by the nursery include the 18 National Forests in California and the El Dorado Resource Conservation District, which provides seedlings to non-industrial private landowners. If you are interested in joining the tour, please let Jon Jue know at his email of jonora@sbcgglobal.net by October 11, 2024.



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Forestry Challenge Request for Volunteers by Diane Dealey Neill, Forestry Challenge Coordinator

The Forestry Challenge is gearing up to have five Forestry Challenge events this fall, and we hope you will be able to join us. Approximately 25 to 30 volunteers are needed per event. The event dates are:

- Shasta - September 25 - 28 at Mountain Meadows near Shingletown
- Santa Cruz - October 9 - 12 at Redwood Glen near Loma Mar
- El Dorado - October 23 - 26 at Leoni Meadows Camp near Grizzly Flats
- San Bernardino Session 1, November 6 – 9 and Session 2, November 13 - 16 at Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation near Lake Arrowhead

If you are able to spend as little as a few hours or as much as a few days, please visit the [website](#) and follow the link to the [volunteer registration form](#) at the top of the homepage. You can be reimbursed for mileage at the volunteer rate of 14 cents per mile, and meals and housing are provided.

Volunteers also receive a fabulous event t-shirt! You are welcome to volunteer for any "job" that is best for your schedule and interest. A [list of jobs](#), including the duties and hours for each, is linked on the volunteer form.

The Forestry Challenge is an academic event for high school students in technical forestry and current forestry topics. Participants spend four days in the forest learning about the ecology and management of the forested landscapes that provide communities with water, recreational opportunities, wood products, and wildlife habitat. Watch a one-minute [introductory video](#)!

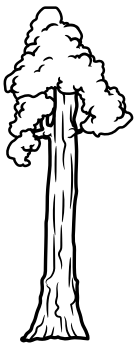
The Forestry Challenge opens the eyes of hundreds of high school students to education and career pathways in forestry and natural resources. I recently arranged a dinner for several Forestry Challenge alumni who were working summer forestry jobs while pursuing forestry degrees.

2025 Awards Nominations

CalSAF is accepting nominations for 2025 awards for both SAF and CalSAF .

A list of awards can be found on both www.eforestor.org and www.californiasaf.org

For more information, reach out to CalSAF Awards Chair Robin Bellows at awards@californiasaf.org



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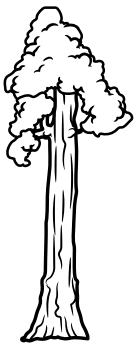
Kiernan Hagan is from Southern California and a 4-year FC participant. He is working for Jefferson Resources Company this summer and will be starting his upper division at Humboldt in the fall after receiving an Environmental Science degree from Moorpark College.

Mackenzie Waverly is from Amador County and both her parents are Registered Professional Foresters. She will be starting her Junior year at Northern Arizona University and has spent the summer doing high altitude forest meadow surveys for the Institute for Bird Populations.

David Reinhardt is from Foresthill, California and is entering his fourth and final year at Humboldt, where he is specializing in Forest Operations. He spent the summer interning at Sierra Pacific Industries in Camino.

Kelly Cantrell is also from Foresthill and will be entering her second year at the University of Montana. This summer she worked on the same crew as Kiernan for Jefferson Resources Company and was on the Forestry Challenge state champion teams in 2022 and 2023.





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Thank you for Volunteering!

As the year ends, California Society of American Foresters would like to thank several foresters leaving the Board of Directors (BOD) and Executive Committee (EC).

John Todd is ending his three-year term with the Society of American Foresters (SAF) Delegates District 3. John has been a member of SAF for decades and served multiple positions with both the Southern California SAF and CalSAF. John represented the state chapter in Washington D.C. He worked closely with the National Office leading the way for CalSAF becoming Incorporated with the National Chapter. John contributed regularly for the CalSAF newsletter, BOD and EC meetings.

Julie Lydick retired from the Awards Chair position. She held the position as awards chair liaison with the national office and state chapter over fifteen years. She guided members and the BOD through application process for nominations, provided feedback, advice and expertise. She regularly provided updates at Executive Committee meetings, contributed to the newsletter and presented at state chapter meetings.

Dave Bakke stepped down from the Webmaster role with the state website. Dave supported the website for over three years as editor and contributor. He been a longtime volunteer with CalSAF, dedicating over nine years leading the Bay Area Chapter and a member of the state leadership team for the 2023 National Convention in Sacramento.

Bill Keye resigned from the Communications Chair after several years in the position. Bill represented the chapter at multiple events, including the 2023-chapter presentation at the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection advocating for Sustaining native giant sequoia groves requires active, adaptive management and Forestry Solutions to California's Wildfire Crisis. He spoke at the state chapter meetings and provided outreach to media on behalf of the chapter. Bill is a 2024 recipient of the SAF Fellow Award.

Karin Linnen is completing her three-year term on the BOD; Chair-Elect in 2022, Chair in 2023, and Immediate Past-Chair in 2024. She led multiple meetings and events including the Summer 2022 Caldor Fire Tour in Pollack Pines and Winter 2023 meeting at Cal Poly Humboldt. In addition, she was the project lead for both the new CalSAF website and hiring newsletter student Intern. Karin is the recipient of the 2024 CalSAF Chapter Chair Award. She encouraged foresters new to SAF to not only attend CalSAF activities but get more involved with the chapter.
