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## President's Message

As of this writing we are at the last stages of a significant milestone in the legislative process. AB 904 appears ready to be approved by the state legislature with significant levels of support. As Jim Little observed in a recent email about AB 904 "...We felt we needed to energize FLC, become proactive, work within the legislative process and build a forestry coalition. In each of those categories we have far exceeded my expectations. Three years ago how many members would have thought that we would be on the verge of having another major legislative victory in the same magnitude as the NTMP? How many of us would have thought we would get 90% of what we wanted and defeat a major Sierra Club et al effort to kill the bill? Our ultimate goal of true regulatory relief will near be reached in one gigantic victory. It will be achieved step by step..."

Sadly, we were not able to retain the provisions of the bill for the Southern SubDistrict and the provisions for the small landowner in the current legislation, but we have commitments by Assemblymember Chesbro and other interested parties to consider alternatives for the legislative session beginning in 2014. We are beginning to formulate plans now for new legislation.

Each of us should remember the large and small steps forward that we have made individually and collectively within groups such as Forest Landowners of California. During the last year, we have resolved the waiver issue for NTMPs with the North Coast Water Board through dedicated efforts by a number of landowners. We have formed

and deepened long-term relationships with moderate conservation and industry groups such as the Pacific Forest Trust, The Nature Conservancy, The California Coalition of Land Trusts and individual land trusts, the Conservation Fund, the California Farm Bureau and the California Licensed Foresters Association. We were able to keep the current NTMP process in place with no modifications of the existing statute or regulations. We have also become a reliable technical resource for legislative staff members who are unfamiliar with forest management issues.



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## President's Message

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We have also achieved recognition as a statewide representative of non-industrial landowners who likely will have a place at the table in the development of future forest legislation. I particularly want to thank Jim Little, our past president who helped launch AB 904 through the Timber Harvest Working Group, Bob Berlage from Big Creek Lumber who has provided valuable insight on issues in the Southern sub-district, as well as connections with key parties in the effort to pass AB 904, Bob Rynearson of Wm. Beatty & Associates who provided significant expertise on the inventory issues, and Charll Stoneman who has offered insights based on his consulting practice, and Matt Greene and Bill Keye of CLFA who kept pushing us forward on AB 904. All of these efforts were done pro bono on behalf of FLC often at the sacrifice of personal and professional time.

As your president, I pledge to continue to work to achieve relief for small landowners and break the stranglehold that has enveloped our members in the Southern Subdistrict. We must also focus on other issues such as the proposed road rule package from the Board of Forestry, the proposed candidate status for the Northern Spotted Owl, and the proposed temperature policy of the North Coast Water Quality Board. Finally, there is unrelenting pressure from non-landowner groups who wish to restore and maintain pre-European forests with little incentive to encourage the owner to do so other than restrictive regulatory authority that encourages alternative uses.

However, I and a few others can't do this alone. I have also learned that relationships are a key to influencing progress in the legislative and regulatory venues. To become more effective, we need to increase our current membership, have greater participation by current members to attend meetings and develop position statements on proposed legislation or regulations, and consider voluntary contributions or a special assessment to have professional representation in Sacramento. The Board will be considering how to meet these goals after reviewing your input during the next few meetings.

We have distributed a membership survey that will assess how FLC can best serve you. Please take the time to complete it at your earliest convenience—our goal is a 100 percent response—we apologize for its length but too little information won't help your leaders to serve you better.

Finally, I would ask each of you to find one new member—either an old member whose membership has lapsed or a new one. Please consider how you can find time in your schedule or money from your budget to provide additional support for FLC. Please feel free to contact me or any other Board member to discuss these issues.

In your service,

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# Our New Website Is Here!

On August 1 we launched FLC's new website, which is a collaboration of the Board of Directors, Communications Committee and staff.

We worked to keep some menus the same and add new features. There are more features to come in the near future. We have highlighted some of the new features in this first phase along with what you can expect for future phases.

## First Phase Includes

Aside from the overall design and usability of the website, there are similar features as well as new features. Here is a glimpse of new features.

- **Interactive Calendar** – click on the Calendar menu, then click on an event in the calendar and see what happens.
- **Membership Spotlights** – featuring highlights of members from recent newsletters.
- **Resources** – Newsletters, Other Sources and more to come. The Other Sources includes contact information for related or allied professional organizations, such as Associated California Loggers, California Licensed Foresters Association and other agencies/organizations such as CalFire and the California Farm Bureau Federation.
- **Managing Your Forest** – this section currently features Ask A Forester, Glossary of Forestry Terms and a link to MyLandPlan, an online resource by the American Forest Foundation. For the Ask A Forester feature, you can submit a question online and you will be provided with an answer; this answer will also be posted on the website under a particular category. This feature is still being developed and expanded to include more information on estate/succession planning, harvesting, financial information (taxes), etc.
- **Supporters** – our appreciation of major contributors and donors to FLC is featured here with a list of our supporters and information about how you can contribute and at what level.

## Here Is What's Next

We will continue to enhance existing features and information and at the same time add new features in the couple of months. New features include:

- **Members Only** – information and resources available to members only; password protected area where members can download newsletters, a membership directory, as examples.
- **E-commerce** – the option to register and pay online for Membership Dues (new and renewing), Annual Meeting and Field Day registration, and make donations.
- **Forest Forum** – an online discussion forum for members (benefit of membership) to pose questions, share information, etc.
- **Classified** – place for members to place an online advertisement such as selling forest land, want to acquire more forest land, equipment for sale, etc. Note: there will be a fee for non-members; complimentary for FLC members.

## Feedback Welcome

While the Board of Directors and the Communications Committee are composed of landowners throughout California representing the interests, ideas and needs of the membership, there is always room for feedback. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send your comments and feedback to Deidre Bryant, Executive Director, [deidreb@forestlandowners.org](mailto:deidreb@forestlandowners.org).

We will continue expanding FLC's presence online to benefit our members.



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# Legislative Committee Report

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Both houses of the legislature have returned from summer recess and will now be frantically working on passing the approximately 1,100 bills still before them for consideration. Bills have until August 30 to pass out of the fiscal committees of either house. The bills that pass this hurdle are then reported to the floors of their respective chambers. Legislators will then have until September 6 to make any last-minute amendments to their bills to garner the support necessary to pass the bill onto the Governor's desk. Bills must be passed by midnight on September 13, when the legislature begins its Interim Recess. The Governor has 30 days from when the bill passes to take one of three actions: sign the bill into law; allow it to become law without his signature; or veto it. Bills that become law will take effect on January 1, 2014, unless they are passed as an urgency measure. In that case they become law immediately after they are signed by the Governor or allowed to become law without signature.

FLC and CLFA are tracking the progress of the following bills through the Assembly and Senate. If you would like to follow these bills, visit <http://leginfo.ca.gov/>. You can e-subscribe to any current bill in the Legislature and be notified of amendments or other changes to the bill's status. If you come across a bill that we are not providing you enough information on, please let us know at [info@forestlandowners.org](mailto:info@forestlandowners.org).

| Bill No. | Author              | Position | Bill Description and Status  |
|----------|---------------------|----------|--|
| AB – 278 | Gatto – D, Burbank  | Watch    | <p><b>CA Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Low Carbon Fuel Standard</b></p> <p>This bill would require the state board, in determining the carbon intensity of fuels under the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulations or another scoring system, to consider specified matters.</p> <p><i>Last Hist. Act. Date:</i> 9/04/2013<br/> <i>Last Hist. Action:</i> Sent to inactive file at the request of Senator de León<br/> <i>Comm. Location:</i> Senate Appropriations<br/> <i>Hearing Date:</i> 8/30/2013<br/> <i>Last Amended Date:</i> 9/03/2013</p> <p>Notes: The latest amendment to this bill puts more focus on the sustainability of fuels in general, and not just those that may affect the food supply. The bill proposes to “encourage incentives for sustainable fuels produced without food stock or displacement of food crops.” According to the author, “the state should be incentivizing more sustainable alternative fuels which do not displace food crops, like waste based fuels, cellulosic ethanol, electrification and efficiency.” Depending on how CARB conducts the life cycle analysis, this bill may encourage the use of forest based residues as a fuel supply. The bill will not be approved this year.</p>  |
| AB – 904 | Chesbro – D, Arcata | Support  | <p><b>Forest Practices: Working Forest Management Plans</b></p> <p>This bill would add a section to the Forest Practice Act creating a Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP). This plan would be available to timberland owners of less than 15,000 acres who wish to commit to long-term uneven-aged management of their timberlands. After initial plan approval, harvesting of timber would occur under a “working forest harvest notice”, similar to a NTO as currently required by NTMPs. An interdisciplinary review team would be convened every 5 years to review the administrative record of an approved WFMP. This bill would also expand the opportunities for a person with an NTMP or WFMP to apply for restoration grant funding, such as CFIP [<a href="http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_forestryassistance_cfip.php">http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_forestryassistance_cfip.php</a>]. Unfortunately, the Southern Subdistrict, and the small landowner provisions were excluded from the bill. There seems to be an opportunity to revisit the small landowner provisions in 2014.</p> <p><i>Last Hist. Act. Date:</i> 9/09/2013<br/> <i>Last Hist. Action:</i> Senate amendments approved by the Assembly and the bill sent to the Governor<br/> <i>Comm. Location:</i><br/> <i>Hearing Date:</i><br/> <i>Last Amended Date:</i> 9/03/2013</p> <p>Notes: FLC, CLFA and Buckeye have remained engaged in this process and continue to provide input upon request from the author.</p> |
| AB – 744 | Chesbro – D, Arcata |          | <p><b>Forest Practices: Working Forest Management Plans</b></p> <p>This bill was a late session bill that implements many of the provisions of AB 350 expanding the current exemption to the THP process for fire hazard reduction projects. The bill increases the stump diameter limit to 24 inches from 18 inches. The bill will only apply to the Sierra Nevada region and parts of Trinity, Modoc, and Siskiyou counties and will expire three years after the Board of Forestry approves the necessary regulations.</p> <p>It is expected that additional provisions to this legislation will be introduced next year.</p> <p><i>Last Hist. Act. Date:</i> 9/12/2013<br/> <i>Last Hist. Action:</i> Senate amendments approved by Assembly and forwarded to the Governor.<br/> <i>Comm. Location:</i><br/> <i>Hearing Date:</i> TBA<br/> <i>Last Amended Date:</i> 9/12/2013</p> <p>Notes: FLC supported this legislation and expects to be involved in the legislative process in 2014.</p>   |

## In Memoriam – Brian Hall

Brian Hall of Cohasset, CA, passed away on Saturday August 10, as a result of emphysema. Brian was born in Santa Cruz, CA on December 16, 1933. At age 6 his parents moved the family to Reno, Nevada where he went to school, graduating from Reno High School with the class of 1951. He joined the Navy in 1952 and was stationed on the Island of Guam. Having completed his military service he returned to Reno and the University of Nevada and graduated in 1957. While at college he met and married Donna Sorenson. They later moved to Washington, DC where he graduated from George Washington University Law School with an LLB degree. He worked for Senator Bible during that time, running an elevator at the Senate Office Building.

Brian returned to Reno in 1960 where he was a law clerk for the Supreme Court in Carson City for a year. He then entered private law practice in Reno at the law firm of Barry, Buck & Hall and eventually retired in 1995. Another phase of his life began that year. For the past 13 years Brian has pastored the Cohasset Neighborhood Church with a heart for outreach and a passion for meeting the spiritual and physical needs of others. Brian was an avid skier, traveler, cowboy, hunter, community activist, especially in ministry for the incarcerated, the homeless, youth in need, and crisis pregnancy. In 1994, Donna's father, a long-time Cohasset and Chico, resident, Donald Sorenson died, leaving timbered property that needed family management. Brian and Donna moved from Reno to Cohasset and took on the job along with their daughters' help.

Forester Joe Smailes met with them one Saturday, smacking a ruler on his hand and said, "Come we need to get out on the property and bring you up to speed," and so it began! Brian and Donna joined FLC and attended classes at the Forest Stewardship Workshops in Redding. In 1999 they commissioned a Non-industrial Timber Management plan and did their first logging project in 2004. Brian also served on the Board of Directors with FLC for several years.

Brian spent long hours teaching his family how to carry on the legacy. Currently Donna and daughter Terri are managing the Maple Creek Ranch and Tree Farm with the helpful support of the family.



*Hall Family on Father's Day 2013—Donna, Shelly, Terri, Kristin and Brian*

# Ask a Forester

**Q:** I have always been mystified by timber inventories. How does a forester calculate the standing volumes in my forest without measuring each tree?

~ Member

**A:** The first step in conducting a forest inventory is to “stratify” the forest into timber types. Timber types are areas that can be identified either on-the-ground or on aerial photos that have similar characteristics such as crown cover, tree size, density, etc.

Once these types have been identified, they are “sampled” by placing plots within each type to measure timber volumes.

Timber types that have diverse characteristics will require more plots per acre to arrive at a reliable answer.

The calculated volumes within each type are added to arrive at a total volume for the forest.

~ Consulting Forester

## Have A Question about Your Property?

There is a form on the FLC website you can use to submit a question. We are building a library of FAQs. Send us your question – it might help another landowner. Or, send your question by traditional mail – we will send you a response.



1958, shortly after purchase



1978, six years after first selective harvest



1988, after three harvest cycles

## More Than Just Trees...

We have been regularly soliciting photos for our digital library—to use in marketing materials and to create galleries for the website. We are looking for more than just trees—not just an opportunity to showcase your forest land. We want before and after photos—if you have historical or archive photos of your property when first acquired or perhaps before you acquired it, we would like to see progressive activity. Here are a couple of ideas, which have been featured in member spotlight articles and in remembrances of long-time members who have passed. If there is wildlife on your property, share those photos as well.

The best way to send them to us is digitally on a disc. However, if your photos are not digital, you could send them to us; we will scan them and send them back. Please send them to Deidre Bryant at the FLC office. Help us build our photo library and feature your property at the same time.



Isacc Phillips Family, Summer 1896



Logging in the woods, 1929



Ed Phillips' original mill built in 1897-98



## Parik Tree Farm Field Day Recap

On August 17, the group met at the Parik Campground (Mendocino County) for morning refreshments and discussions. Val Parik introduced FLC Board members in attendance and welcomed participating visitors and neighbors. Val identified campground safety rules used at this property including rules concerning campfires and smoking. The group was pleased to hear that the property had very little poison oak. Val spoke about history of the redwood forest including early turn of the century and subsequent years logging practices, as well as property usage and logging since his childhood and purchase of the property in the year 2000. A few RPFs in attendance identified their work experience in the local surrounding forest. Visitors asked great questions concerning history, logging, wildlife, dangerous insects and amphibians.

During the one-mile walk in the fields, Val with Kati Tamm explained the common challenges with maintaining understory fire protection. Many burn pile locations were shown and discussions pursued on safe burning on hill areas and around surrounding timber growth. Val showed how he has thinned post harvest redwood sprouting to maximize quality of new growth timber. Following the walk, the group enjoyed a wonderful luncheon prepared by Dennis and Tiina Dudley from Modesto. Visitors and neighbors enjoyed the established campground and appreciated seeing the dedication to this family forest.

We continue to appreciate our member landowners hosting Field Days – education workshops in the forest. Thank you to Val Parik and Kati Tamm for their hospitality.

If you are interested in hosting a Field Day on your property, please contact Deidre at the FLC office, (877) 326-3778, [deidreb@forestlandowners.org](mailto:deidreb@forestlandowners.org); or you could complete the “Contact Us” form on the website. The FLC Field Day Committee will be looking for three Field Day property hosts for 2014. The September 14 Field Day scheduled for Hells Hollow Tree Farm (Tuolumne County) was cancelled due to the Rim Fire; thankfully the Gaarde’s property did not sustain any fire damage. This Field Day will be rescheduled for 2014.



## Last Field Day for 2013!

**October 12, 2013**  
**Dennis Bebensee**  
**& Dick Schoenheide**  
**Plateau Tree Farm –**  
**Shasta County**

Plateau has been a certified Family Forest Tree Farmers since 1977 and in 1982 were Tree Farmers of the Year recipients. This forest is managed under a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan since 1993; and the property is intensely managed for the production of timber while giving consideration to wildlife and recreational hunting. With the exception of a portion of the commercial harvesting, the landowners and their families do most of the tree farm work themselves. Come to Shasta County and be impressed with a great pre-commercial thinning program, a commitment to enhancing wildlife habitat and a long-range business approach made into a family activity.

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Susan Walsh  
John and Laura Williams

# New Members

\*From January 1 to September 30, 2013. New members since last newsletter are shaded.

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to FLC!

## Forest Landowner Members

### Michael Bates

40 Acres  
Shasta County

### Herb Bunt

382 Acres  
Shasta County

### Terry Corwin

Land Trust of Santa Cruz County/  
Byrne Milliron Forest  
400 Acres  
Santa Cruz County

### Richard Dorn

Dorn Family Partnership  
1,100 Acres  
Humboldt County

### Jennie Dusheck

Diana Dusheck  
47 Acres  
Santa Cruz County

### Robert & Caroline Eshleman

160 Acres  
Sierra County

### Alicia Galliani

300 Acres  
Mendocino County

### Michael Goodner

40 Acres  
Shasta County

### Jim Huber

Camp La Tieza  
50 Acres  
Shasta County

### Al Lawrence

70 Acres  
Mendocino County

### Richard McMahan

115 Acres  
Fresno County

### Jim Rinehart

FGF US Inc.  
(DBA Eureka Timberlands)  
6,678 Acres  
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### John & Laura Williams

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The planning committee for next year's Annual Meeting has been hard at work and based upon Board discussion and action, there are a number of significant changes to our usual meeting format.

Member comments in the past focused on making the meeting format aimed at actual problems in managing a working forest as well as reducing the cost of attendance.

We listened to your concerns and have scheduled a two-day meeting format, with the conference scheduled for Friday, May 2, followed by the field day on Saturday, May 3. This will reduce both the fixed meeting costs as well as the hotel costs for attendees.

Transportation has been a large cost in the past, with buses generally costing \$1,000 to \$1,500 apiece for Field Day transportation. We have designed a Field Day that has only minimal travel on gravel roads (less than a mile). We plan on car-pooling using member vehicles, unless other funding sources become available through sponsorship, etc. We believe that making the conference more affordable will increase participation which is our basic goal.

Next year's meeting theme will be **"Managing the Family Working Forest."** Meeting topics will focus on forest protection, conservation easements, increasing your forests income potential, and how to streamline your harvesting process.

As always, we will be very interested in receiving your comments to find out if this format will work for future meetings.

Mark your calendar now for May 2-3, 2014 for the Annual Meeting in Mount Shasta. Arrangements for the hotel will be available on the website by the end of October 2013.



## 2014 Annual Meeting

Mount Shasta,  
California



## Managing the Family Working Forest

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## Calendar of Events

These calendar activities are also located on FLC's interactive calendar on the website. Click on the Calendar menu for other details, such as registration information, etc.

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| <b>October 9-12</b>    | Sequoia FC, Tulare County ( <a href="http://www.forestrychallenge.org">www.forestrychallenge.org</a> )   |
| <b>October 10</b>      | Working for Conservation Conference (Sheraton Hotel, Sacramento);<br>for more information: <a href="http://ucanr.edu/sites/forestry/Working_for_Conservation/">http://ucanr.edu/sites/forestry/Working_for_Conservation/</a> |
| <b>October 12</b>      | FLC Field Day – Plateau Tree Farm (Shasta County)  |
| <b>October 23-26</b>   | El Dorado FC, El Dorado County ( <a href="http://www.forestrychallenge.org">www.forestrychallenge.org</a> )  |
| <b>October 24-25</b>   | American Tree Farm System Workshop hosted by The Buckeye<br>(call 707-725-8847 for more information)   |
| <b>November 6-9</b>    | Santa Cruz FC, Santa Cruz County ( <a href="http://www.forestrychallenge.org">www.forestrychallenge.org</a> )  |
| <b>November 15</b>     | FLC Board of Directors Meeting (Granzella's Inn, Williams)   |
| <b>December 13</b>     | FLC Winter Newsletter Available  |
| <b>December 23</b>     | FLC Office Closed for Holidays (through January 1, 2014)   |
| <b>January 2, 2014</b> | FLC Office Reopens after Holidays  |
| <b>January 24</b>      | FLC Board of Directors Meeting (FLC Office, Folsom)  |
| <b>May 1</b>           | FLC Board of Directors Meeting (Mount Shasta)  |
| <b>May 2-3</b>         | FLC Annual Meeting, Mount Shasta   |

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