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## President's Message

I am honored to be asked to serve as the incoming President of Forest Landowners of California for the next two years. I feel a sense of new energy and optimism among the Board and membership in general based on some recent events on the regulatory and legislative front and an upward trend in the log market.

I want to thank Jim Little for his Presidential leadership throughout the past year. He ably represented FLC at numerous meetings of the Timber Harvesting Working Group in Sacramento during the last two years leading to the passage of AB 1492 last year and the development of the language in AB 904. AB 904 will substantially expand the current NTMP and provide relief for small landowners that will make timber management feasible once again throughout the state. With the election of Fran Belden and Don Beaty to our Board, we have added people with new ideas but intimate familiarity with FLC's long history in advocating on behalf of FLC members.

FLC held a very successful Annual Meeting in early May in Santa Cruz featuring a variety of speakers from groups like the Santa Cruz Land Trust and Save-the-Redwoods League, members of the Board of Forestry and legislative staff from Sacramento as well as technical sessions on wildlife and watershed research, mountain lions, and silviculture. We are working on plans for next year's meeting in the Mount Shasta area. If you have ideas for tours or presentations, please contact Deidre or myself.

FLC has also reinvigorated its efforts in social media with an updated Website that will debut on August 1. We expect to have new links for educational programs and opportunities for members to submit questions about forest management issues. The Board is developing a membership survey to ensure that FLC provides the information and services that you want. We will likely send this electronically and by mail to the members within the next 30 days. Please respond to the survey at your earliest convenience after it is published.



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## President's Message

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On the regulatory and legislative fronts, FLC has been very active. Lisa Weger and Claire McAdams led a group of members in a multi-year effort that effectively suppressed proposed draconian measures by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board that was finally resolved earlier this spring. FLC also opposed the petition to delete Option G from Forest Practice Regulations. The petition was denied at the July Board of Forestry meeting. FLC also supported AB 350, the bill to expand the current exemption for fuels management. The legislation was referred back to the Timber Harvest Working Group and will likely be considered next year. FLC's primary focus has been on AB 904, the bill to expand the NTMP to 15,000 acres and provide regulatory relief to landowners of less than 160 acres on the coast and 320 acres in the Inland region. The bill was approved by a substantial majority in the Assembly and passed the first committee hearing in the Senate. Charll Stoneman, Bob Berlage, I, along with others, have been involved in numerous negotiations with legislative staff on the bill language during the last three months. We hope to complete negotiations within the next week. I also want to thank each of the members who responded to the Action Alerts that Deidre prepared. We will update the members in the near future through an action alert.

Finally, I want to lead FLC so that we can meet the needs of the members. Please feel free to contact me either by telephone or email and I will be glad to discuss any issues or suggestions with you.

*Tarry*

## AB 904 UPDATE

Members of FLC, CLFA and the Buckeye Conservancy continue to meet with legislative staff to resolve issues in four areas. These include provisions that may apply to the Southern Sub-district, the periodic review process (monitoring), provisions for the small landowner relief (this may get expanded to 320 acres for the Coast District under the latest proposal), and an assurance that larger trees will remain present across the landscape (we are still formulating acceptable language on this issue).

The amended bill will likely be available around August 9. We will probably issue an Action Alert around that time with a few days to respond. We will be asking you to contact members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and your state Senator to support the bill when it comes to the Senate floor for a vote. We apologize for the short notice; however, this seems to be the way the California Legislature works. Please contact either Deidre at the FLC office or myself at [president@forestlandowners.org](mailto:president@forestlandowners.org) if you have questions or suggestions. Thanks again to all of the members for your help in the past on this legislation.



*Forest Landowners of California is a proud sponsor of the California Tree Farm Committee.*

## Past President's Message

I have always believed that as proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence that, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." However I have come to recognize that there is one clear exception to this universal truth. The exception is forest landowners. In every sense of the meaning of that declaration forestland owners exemplify and stand above the norm. I have been associated with the FLC probably close to 30 years. My first involvement came as a result of my employment. However I soon became attached to the group because of the people I met. I must name Wayne Miller, because of his recent passing, as an example of the honest, sincere and just plain likeable people associated with FLC. Of course there were many others some no longer involved but others that are new and that continue to be examples of the best this country can produce.



As noted in that declarative statement we have certain unalienable rights. No group I have ever been associated with shows more of a love and appreciation for life and the benefits provided by this country. No other group recognizes the importance of liberty and the duties and responsibilities necessary to ensure our continued liberty. And without a doubt this is the happiest group of people on the planet. There is a clear correlation between these virtues and the ownership of a piece of America's great forests. Owning forestland places upon the owner responsibilities that sharpen the mind and causes us to focus on those things that are truly important. In order to really appreciate what this country has given us you must, as the saying goes, own a piece of the rock. If you have nothing at risk, you risk nothing and you will never really appreciate the value of our country and the freedoms it provides us.

This past year I had the distinct pleasure of being your President. To serve this group and to work on your behalf was a great honor. It was a busy year and I believe we accomplished a lot. We are still pursuing the Working Forest Management Plan legislation. If the legislation is eventually signed by the Governor it will be a great victory. Not necessarily because of the elements of the bill but because we the Forest Landowners of California entered the political arena and we impressed legislators with our passion and dedication and we met the opposition and turned them away for the first time in a very long time. If the bill is not signed we still have gained so much from this attempt. There are a lot of legislators today that know FLC that never even realized that there was an element of the timber industry made up of small independent landowners.

I strongly believe that FLC and forest landowners have a bright future. The new leadership at FLC is dedicated, energetic and motivated to work on your behalf. I'm still here, but I will be spending a little more time looking at my trees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jim', written in a cursive style.

# Legislative Committee Report

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The first half of this year's legislative session has now officially ended. Of the 2,255 bills that were introduced this year, only 1,269 have passed their house of origin and remain viable. These bills will now be taken up for debate by the other house. The bills that did not pass that hurdle can become two-year bills. Because California has two years between legislative elections, bills that do not pass the first year can be re-heard in the second year of the session. Expect some of these to be taken up once again by the various Assembly and Senate committees in early 2014. The un-passed language can also be "gutted and amended" into another viable bill later in this legislative session. Much like a school yard bully, a stronger politician can take a viable bill of a weaker politician, remove the original language, and amend in language of his own. In that respect, it is not the actual idea that has gone away, but only the vehicle (i.e. the bill number) with which it was originally associated.

Many of the bills of interest to FLC members failed to pass their house of origin. These include:

- All SRA repeal bills, including AB 468 that would have created the "Disaster Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Fund" through a 4.8% surcharge on property insurance.
- AB 350, which would have increased maximum stump diameter allowed to be harvested under the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption (14 CCR 1038(i)). This has been referred to the Timber Harvest Working Group and will likely become a two-year bill.
- AB 515 and SB 123, which would have created special CEQA courts within California's court system.
- AB 875, which would have standardized the cumulative effects analysis required by timber harvesting documents. This will likely go back to the Timber Harvest Working Group and become a two-year bill.
- SB 659, which proposed to create standards for archaeological evaluations conducted under CEQA. Concerns over the unfunded costs of this proposal by both the Office of Planning and Research and the State Historical Resources Commission likely scuttled this bill.
- SB 754, which would have required the lead agency, instead of the project proponent, to prepare, or contract to have prepared, the EIR or negative declaration for CEQA projects.

Bills have until August 30 to pass through their respective committees and be referred to the floor for a full vote. Any discrepancies in the bill versions passed by both the Assembly and Senate will then need to be resolved by September 13 to make their way to the Governor's desk for his consideration.

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).

## Family Forest Photos Needed

With the launch of our new website, we need more photos of FLC member families working your land. Include with your photos, captions of what is happening in the photo or other details (trees, harvest, etc.). We are also creating photo galleries on the website—please help us capture you; consider it a way of showcasing your forest land. If you are sending a few photos you may email them to us; otherwise send to the FLC office on a CD, attention Deidre Bryant ([deidreb@forestlandowners.org](mailto:deidreb@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> 7/11/2013  <i>Last His. Action:</i> Read second time and amended. Re-referred Comm. On Appropriations.  <i>Comm. Location:</i> Senate Appropriations.  <i>Hearing Date:</i> TBA  <i>Last Amended Date:</i> 7/11/2013</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 “provide 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.</p>
AB – 904	Chesbro – D, Arcata	Support with Suggested Amendments	<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. The bill would also direct the Board of Forestry to create a modified WFMP for landowners with less than 160 acres on the coast and 320 acres in the north and south forest districts. This bill would also expand the opportunities for a person with an NTMP or WFMP to apply for restoration grant funding, such as <u>CFIP</u>.</p> <p><i>Last Hist. Act. Date:</i> 6/25/13  <i>Last His. Action:</i> In Senate. Passed Sen Nat. Res. 7-0  <i>Comm. Location:</i> Senate Natural Resources.  <i>Hearing Date:</i> TBA  <i>Last Amended Date:</i> 6/19/13</p> <p>Notes: FLC submitted a joint letter with CLFA and the Buckeye Conservancy supporting this legislation on June 19, 2013. FLC will continue to be represented in the Timber Harvest Working Group that has been hashing out this bill language amongst the various stakeholders. This bill passed out of the Assembly on a 71 – 2 floor vote. See the recent action alert of 6/26/13 for more information.</p>
AB 37	Perea – D, Fresno		<p><b>Environmental Quality: CEQA: Record of Proceedings</b></p> <p>This bill was “gutted and amended.” The official title is now “Integrated regional water management plans: funding disadvantaged communities.”</p> <p>FLC and CLFA will no longer track this bill with the latest change in content.</p>

# 2013 Annual Meeting Recap

By Claire McAdams



The Annual Meeting, at the Hilton Santa Cruz Scotts Valley, was the perfect setting to experience wildland-urban interface issues—the theme of our Annual Meeting. We visited the Byrne/Milliron Forest, which the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County is managing; Terry Corwin spoke of the evolving challenge of educating the local ‘green’ community regarding the land trust’s need to actively manage their forest. On our tour bus ride, we saw the miles and miles of berry fields— all sun-tented and hand-manicured, contrasting strongly with urban San Jose/Silicon Valley, and the small town/boardwalk beach scene of Santa Cruz. At the Estrada Ranch, we were treated to a picnic in a lovely shaded outdoor ‘room’ and heard Frank Estrada and his wife, Loretta, describe what it is like to live one’s whole life on a cattle ranch, which has become, over time, surrounded by urban life and the community changes it has brought. We were surprised and delighted at the Meadowood small non-industrial timber parcel—a beautifully stocked and light-filled uneven-aged forest, where its RPF owner shared his methodology for avoiding the need to cruise his forest, yet producing stellar results.

Back at the hotel, we shared a wine tasting courtesy of MJA Vineyards and were regaled by Sandy Lydon, who spoke on the history of coastal redwoods and the challenges of telling that history today, all while humorously keeping our focus amid the din of a fraternity party in the next room.

At our Annual Meeting we heard from a 16 different speakers who brought a wealth of information. Larry Camp opened with the ways in which cultural perceptions of the forest have changed since 1850 in California and the US; and we heard about industry trends from California Forestry Association’s Dave Bischel; UC Cooperative Extension’s Bill Stewart, and USFS’s Debra Whitman. Highlights included Nan Deniston, Ralph Gaarde, Eric Moore, and Val Parik in a small landowner perspective panel discussion; a view of forestry on ‘another planet’—Washington state—by Ken Miller of the Washington Farm Forestry Association; and Diane Dealey Neill’s update on her California Forestry Challenge education program. Save the Redwoods League’s Emily Burns spoke on citizen action groups, and Terry Corwin eloquently summarized the NGO perspective. There was a strong legislative and regulatory panel, including Mario DeBernardo—who is drafting AB 904 for the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, and Bill Snyder, Deputy Director at CalFire, among others. Santa Cruz County Supervisor Bruce McPherson was our after-dinner speaker, giving us a taste of the complex politics of timber in Santa Cruz County. One finished the day knowing that legislative and regulatory challenges will always be with us, and that we must stand ready to do what we can—whether writing letters in response to legislative action alerts, or speaking to our elected officials, or lots of other actions—as issues arise.

The final day brought us research findings on recent developments in forest management; the NOAA fisheries recovery plan; and remote sensing technology (Lidar). Our legislative committee updated us on SRA fees; the Working Forest Management Plan bill; forest practice regulations; and estate and gift tax law. Lois Kaufman of the American Tree Farm Program shared its current activities and how one can register one’s property as an American Tree Farm, to help the public recognize our stewardship efforts.

We left the meeting filled with information and ready to face the next round of legislative challenges, but also cheered by the reminders of all the good work being done to keep our forests vibrant and our ownership possible in the future. And not least, we left happy to have spent time among friends and made new ones among our membership. Finally, many thanks to the FLC Annual Meeting Committee and our FLC staff who made the meeting work so well for us all. We look forward to next year’s annual meeting in the Mt. Shasta area, and hope to see you, dear reader, there.



## Save These Dates—Upcoming Field Days!

**August 17, 2013 – Val Parik**

**Parik Tree Farm – Mendocino County**

This is a 146-acre Redwood Family Forest. The property was last harvested in 2003 and is currently in the beginning stages of establishing a NTMP. Come and gather at the family private campsites. This is an area with second growth timber blending into the previously select-harvested forest. Redwood, Douglas Fir, Tan Oak, Madrone, Huckleberry and Ceanothus Mountain Lilac are the predominant conifer and understory species on this coastal property. See how managing this property for fire protection and redwood tree farming requires dedicated hard work. A one-mile group walk is planned with an option for some to follow with 4x4 vehicles or you may simply relax at the campsites and pick Huckleberries. After the walk, we will have a BBQ luncheon with more time for discussion and enjoying the scenery.

*Look for the registration flyer in your mail and on the website soon.*

**September 14, 2013 – Ralph and Barbara Gaarde**

**Hell's Hollow Tree Farm – Tuolumne County**

Certified Family Forest Tree Farmer since 2001, the Gaardes have been actively managing the property through a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan. You will see results of a 2000 THP harvest, EQIP in 2003, replanting in 2004, as well as the results of mastication work completed through EQIP and a commercial harvest in 2012. It is anticipated their RPF, LTO, and NRCS RPF will be attending to discuss procedures, problems, and results. Their tree farm is at the 3,000 foot elevation with incense cedar, ponderosa pine, sugar pine, and black oak. It is 8 miles from Groveland, one-half hour to the entrance of Yosemite National Park and an hour from Hetch Hetchy.

**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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## Member Spotlight: Denise and Steven Levine

I am Denise Levine, the newest member of the Communications Committee. Our family owns almost 200 acres of the Napa River Watershed in the Mayacamas Mountains, the ridge that runs between the Napa Valley and the Sonoma Valley. Heavily forested and one of the original homesteads in the western hills, my father bought the property in the late 1970s with the intent to do a select harvest.

Our Forest contains Douglas Fir (41%), Coastal Redwood (25%), Bay Laurel (20%), Madrone (8%), Black and White Oak (3%), Tanoak (2%) and Miscellaneous Hardwoods (1%). The understory consists of hardwoods, shrubs, grasses and forbs. Species include buckeye, big leaf maple, alder, ash, willow, pacific yew, coyote brush, manzanita, chamise, gooseberry, toyon, hazelnut, buckbrush, coffeeberry, elderberry, dogwood, bear grass and poison oak.

In 1983, my husband Steven Levine and I moved into the original house, built in 1929. A year later, my father began the last timber harvest for almost twenty years in Napa not resulting in a clear cut conversion to vineyard. Long, expensive and ending in a lawsuit with Napa County (which Napa eventually lost), the harvest proceeded, but took its toll on everyone involved.

Napa environmentalists and county representatives believe agriculture equals viticulture. Trees are the “viewshed” and not to be touched.

This attitude culminated a few years ago in Napa when local environmentalists penned an initiative that deemed it illegal to cut any tree in Napa County greater than four (4) inches in diameter. Any sale or gain of any type, including barter, resulting from any forest or tree product was prohibited and criminalized. No tree was to be touched.

Napa County responded by passing their own ordinance called the Stream Setback Ordinance, almost as onerous, and over the objections of thousands of county residents.

This useless disregard of our property rights resulted in many of our neighbors on Dry Creek Road and friends from around the county launching the first successful referendum in Napa County and overturning regulations that hypocritically exempted actual culprits, while piling more regulations on responsible forest and creek owners.

But this was a turning point in our community. Our little property rights group, the Napa Valley Land Stewards was formed, (my husband and I both served as board members), and discovered that, provided with objective, educational information about what really constituted forest health, or creek health, or helped prevent or repair erosion, the community understood and supported decisions that were reality based and not simply emotional.

Our political campaign became an educational campaign. At the same time, the political structure was not quick to change, and even though Napa property owners won a decisive victory with the overturn of the county ordinance and defeat of the four-inch tree saving act, the very next morning the Land Stewards were in Sacramento in front of the Board of Forestry. Napa County was requesting two dozen additional Special Regulations for Napa be added to the Forest Practice Rules.

Our efforts and arguments were successful, and the Board denied Napa County's request.

Now, many years later there is finally a realization that a “hands off” approach to our forested watershed has led to hazardous and potentially catastrophic fuel load conditions. CalFire and our local Resource Conservation District have welcomed our interest in restoring health to our forest. Our plan is to work with our FMP and EQIP grant, moving forward with a more extensive NTMP as the next step.

Current road access to the property is limited due to steep topography and a class one watercourse. Timber harvest activities in the 1980s utilized an extensive network of skid trails that are now partially or completely overgrown with conifer regeneration or brush.

We applied for a CFIP (California Forest Improvement Program) from CalFire in the Fall of 2011 and received a 75 percent reimbursement on our Forest Management Plan (FMP). The FMP cost was \$4,500. We finished the FMP in the Spring of 2012 and applied for the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) through the Napa NRCS (Natural Resources and Conservation Service) in the Fall of 2012. In June 2013, we received a three-year 75 percent reimbursement grant totaling \$41,000 dollars for road improvement, forest thinning and fuel load reduction. This is the first NRCS project in Napa that is forest improvement with no vineyard involvement. There is change in the air.

We encourage other property owners to contact their local NRCS and explore EQIP and CFIP funding grants for improvements to your property.





## In Memoriam – Wayne Miller

Wayne Miller, the first president and a founding member of Forest Landowners of California, (FLC) died May 22, 2013, at his home in Orinda, California. He was 94. No one has contributed more to family forestry in California than he has.

Before the founding of FLC, family forest owners had little voice in the regulatory practices of the time. Working with Peter Passof and Art Scarlett, both UC foresters, Wayne was a prime mover in creating our organization that has given our members a political voice in California.

Wayne and his wife Joan acquired 1,200 acres of recently cutover timberland in the headwaters of the Little North Fork Ten Mile River in Mendocino County in 1958. From these modest beginnings the Millers began to realize their dream of creating a true, sustained-yield redwood forest. At the time of acquisition there were ten million board feet of timber on the ranch. Today the entire ranch has expanded to 1,850 acres that support 50 million board feet. In the interim, more than 80,000 trees have been planted and almost 40 million board feet of timber have been selectively harvested.

With the help of forester Jim Greig, who had been practicing selective harvesting and sustained-yield forestry since the 1950s, Wayne developed a forest management plan in 1971. Its guiding philosophy is to “insure long-term, sustained production of quality forest products compatible with enhancing associated conservation values of soil, fish and wildlife, watershed, recreation and esthetics.”

Given the common practice of clear-cutting forests at the time, and the emerging timber wars, this was an outstanding departure from typical forest management and would ultimately lead to Wayne’s strong influence on the passage of the *Non-Industrial Timber Management* bill, SB 1566, in 1989. This bill, known as the NTMP, allowed sustained-yield harvesting and long-term planning for the smaller owner.

Less well known to more recent forest landowners was Wayne’s work on changing California’s timber tax structure from taxing standing timber as personal property year after year (ad valorem tax) to the yield tax system we have today. Yield tax is paid only when trees are felled and taken to the mill. This change in tax structure removed the economic incentive to cut early and often to keep taxes down and replaced it with the more beneficial incentive to grow a high-quality forest over time.

While Wayne is recognized as a world-renowned photographer, including his organization of *The Family of Man* show at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, his several Guggenheim award-winning photographic documentaries and his work as a freelance photographer for *Life* and *National Geographic*, it is through his love of forest stewardship that he is known to FLC.

In recognition of Wayne’s unique forest management program and its benefits, the Millers were voted “California Tree Farmer of The Year” in 1975. Family forest owners of California owe a debt of gratitude to Wayne and his family. It is with great sadness that we honor his death.



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# New Members

*\*From January 1 to July 15, 2013.*

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

### 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

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(DBA Eureka Timberlands)  
6,678 Acres  
Humboldt County

### John & Laura Williams

15 Acres  
Sonoma County

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## New Board Member Profiles – Frances J. Belden and Donald J. Beaty

### Frances J. Belden

I was born in Sumatra, Indonesia, in November 1948, of Dutch parents. My Dad was manager of a tea plantation and when The Netherlands gave the colony—The Dutch East Indies—back to the people, the new government wanted all the Dutch who served in the Dutch army to leave the country. So, our family went to The Netherlands, as did many, many others. My Dad's family owned a nursery and landscaping business but there wasn't a position for him so we immigrated to America. We landed in Chicago, IL, and that's where I grew up. Moved to Boston, MA, in August, 1968—stayed until December, 1978, moved to San Francisco, CA, to start a new job on Jan. 2, 1979, and have been in California ever since. I became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1972.



My first introduction to forestry was when a friend, George Belden, told a group of us that he needed some more bodies for his class on Introduction to Forestry at Shasta College. So, I took the class! As Mrs. Belden, I accompanied George to many ACF, FLC, and Tree Farm Leadership conferences over the years and shared being Tree Farm Committee for California with him for 5 years. When he showed me the property he wanted to purchase, I fell in love with it. It is at 3,800 feet and we have 160 acres, 100 of which are forest with Ponderosa Pine and Incense Cedar. The other 60 acres are meadow which floods in the spring from snow runoff and supports migrating birds while they nest and raise young. After the water dries up, the meadow becomes a field of blue with the Camus flowers in bloom. As the grass grows, it supports a herd of 50 plus head of elk. There are all kinds of wildlife on the property including bob cats, coyotes, black bears, foxes, probably cougars, lots and lots of ground squirrels and more. Our cabin is 990 sq. ft. with all the creature comforts including TV, washer-dryer, microwave, dishwasher, oven and is totally self-sufficient with solar power, a well, septic, large water tank and large propane tank. It is in the California Tree Farm Program and Jim Chapin is my forester.

### Donald J. Beaty

Don Beaty was born November 1946 in Oakland, California. He graduated from Shasta High School in Redding and obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from the University of California, School of Forestry at Berkeley in 1968.

In November 1968, Don entered active duty with the U.S. Army. He attended Infantry Officer Candidate School (1969-1970), was commissioned a Second lieutenant in the Infantry (February 1970), and completed the U.S. Army Airborne and Ranger courses (1970). Don was deployed to the Republic of South Vietnam as an Infantry Platoon Leader (173rd Airborne Brigade, January 1971); promoted to First Lieutenant in February 1971; and after nine months returned to the U.S. and was stationed in Kentucky as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Operations Officer with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He received an honorable discharge in November 1971.

His professional experience spans more than 45 years as a forester to include Assistant Forester with the University of California, Blodgett Experimental Forest (Georgetown, California); Forestry Aide, Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station (Berkeley, California); Assistant Forester with Shasta Forest Company (Redding, California); and Staff Forester and then Chief Forester with W. M. Beaty & Associates (Redding, California).

Since February 1986, Don has been President and General Manager, W. M. Beaty & Associates. He is responsible for the direction of the Company's day-to-day management activities on behalf of three (3) major clients which, in the aggregate, own approximately 280,000 acres of private timberland in northeastern California with a standing timber inventory in excess of approximately two (2) billion board feet. The company plans and administers the harvesting of approximately 60 million board feet per year, and has twenty-one (21) full time employees. Operational responsibilities include oversight in the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of annual business plans including the timber harvest program, projects, budgets, cash flows, financial statements, regulatory compliance, communications with clients, and personnel policies.

## Ask a Forester

**Q:** I am about to hire a forester to prepare a Timber Harvest Plan. I know about a scattering of obsidian flakes that have been covered over by needle litter. I sure don't want to complicate my plan or make it more expensive. Should I tell the forester about this spot or hope that it goes unnoticed?

~ Member

**A:** You should always reveal whatever you know about your property as it helps to direct the forester to those sensitive areas that can cause problems if not identified prior to plan submission. The obsidian flakes you just mentioned could be indicative of a larger unknown site that, if discovered during operations, would mean stopping the logging until it can be assessed by an archeologist. Foresters are trained to use mitigation measures that allow you to still harvest timber while protecting the integrity of the site. Being up front with your forester is always best.

~ Consulting Forester





## What's New?

On August 1, we are launching FLC's new website. We are pleased to deliver a more user-friendly and resourceful tool for members. Some new features include sources for managing your forest, an interactive calendar, glossary of forest terms and acronyms, a member area where you can view and download the current newsletter along with archived issues...and much more.



## Member Survey Coming Soon

The FLC Board is developing a member survey to continue improving our services to members. The survey will be online for those who have an email address. If you do not have an email address, we will send a hard copy of the survey. Your responses are important to us as we plan ahead—thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it.



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