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President's Message As We Wrap Up the Year

Valdek Parik, FLC President

The fall season is here. Beautiful autumn colors are spirit-lifting for us as we prepare for the upcoming holidays and winter season. Fall is a great time to gather your family for a hike through your forest, not only enjoying the scenery but jointly inspecting our properties and preparing for what



winter may bring. Together with family participation, many tasks can easily be achieved. I usually take a shovel along; others may be able to carry a hand saw or another handy tool to assist. Consider having someone taking notes or photos of places for larger task opportunities. This will be a planning tool for a future return visit to the family forest.

Prior to fall, I was fortunate to attend three FLC Field Days this year. It is gratifying to have the opportunity to join guests in touring FLC member properties. I appreciate the beauty of these family forests and the many details learned related to forest management. I would like to thank our members for availing their family forest properties for this year's field days, and I thank our Field Day Committee for their organizational efforts.

While preparing for this message, wildfires in the West had been increasing with each passing week. Wildfires and hurricanes dominated media coverage. The damage reported from these disasters is exhausting to hear about. I want to extend my empathy to those who experienced

loss due to wildfire on your property. I think it is important for FLC to monitor how many of our members have experienced wildfire on their forest properties, as monitoring will help FLC with planning for educational newsletter topics and seminar programs. If your forest stewardship efforts were effective regarding a wildfire, FLC would appreciate you sharing such with our members. Meanwhile, hopefully many of our members are periodically reviewing the informative Tree Mortality Task Force (TMTF) updates available as a link at FLC's website under Resources, *News You Can Use* www. forestandowners.org.

Our FLC Mission and Vision Statements are posted on our website. My role is to facilitate

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support in achieving our goals. I want to encourage our members to embrace interactive participation to further aid FLC in achieving its goals. FLC needs continuous improvements to strengthen the organization. Please think about how you and your family can become actively engaged. Each family is a team with many resources that can effectively benefit FLC in reaching its goals. Please communicate your readiness and ideas with FLC.

We are always thankful for all monetary contributions received throughout the year. FLC members need to acknowledge valued partnerships of our major contributors. Together, we are all trying to do the right things. FLC's Resource Guide and other publications are another place to help strengthen our organization, as well as offer statewide resource advertising to our membership. It is a win-win method. We need to aggressively expand our Resource Guide. More connections need to be made, and all members can help. While forestry-related resources are well-suited, it is not limited to such. Perhaps you have a connection or know of a chainsaw or ATV retailer who would like to advertise. Consider seeking and supporting the interest of business owners located along the roads leading to your forestlands. We are all resources to each other. Feel free to communicate with us as we aim to aggressively search and grow our Resource Guide.

During our past two Board of Directors meetings, we discussed the challenges in the goal of growing our membership. California is a large state with a variety of differences in the forestlands of the Coastal and Sierra mountain ranges. We know that California forestlands are more heavily regulated than our neighboring states. It is important for small forest landowners to unite and have a voice in protecting their forestland. FLC aims to provide this venue. Our Membership Committee has been reaching out to nonmembers with a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) on their forestlands and has been successful in obtaining some new members. It is, however, frustrating that some forest landowners do not wish to become members. This does not stop our efforts. We need to continue connecting with nonmembers to prove our point. Existing members can help in various ways; personal contact can be very effective. Whenever you have an opportunity to see or speak with your forestland neighbors, please mention and offer to share the values of FLC membership. Please refer them to the FLC webpage **www.forestlandowners.org** or offer to send them our FLC membership application for consideration. Nonmembers are always welcome to inquire directly with FLC. If you hear of reasons why nonmembers are reluctant to join, feel free to communicate this information to **info@forestlandowners.org**.

FLC has become recognized as an organization that consists of caring landowners who are passionate about the well-being of their family forests. FLC's relationship and participation with related professional organizations has been important for our common interests. FLC has become known by many legislators at the State Capitol. We realize that FLC needs to become more transparent and be better recognized in the public eye and more forest landowners within our State. We are increasing our visibility through social media, using Facebook and Instagram. In addition to following us through social media platforms, we seek more ideas and assistance. For example, the cost of a billboard along the I-5 corridor may be cost prohibitive, but a sign posted along some smaller highways leading to forestlands may be more appropriate and affordable. An agricultural landowner may be more willing to collaborate with FLC versus another type of business. We now have single page membership applications available for easy distribution, and we are developing advertisement posters for placement at rural forest communities and elsewhere as appropriate.

Our membership out numbers our Board of Directors, therefore, we encourage and welcome your input and assistance. Always keep FLC in mind. Let's make FLC stronger together.

Enjoy the fall season wherever you are with best wishes to you and your families for the holiday season.

Valdek Parik

FLC Editorial Regarding National Woodland Owners Association Summer Newsletter Article

The summer issue of National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA) magazine printed an article titled *CALIFORNIA, A Troublesome Flaw in the State's "Right to Enter" Permits*. This caught the attention of many FLC members. Subsequently, FLC Communications Committee members evaluated the matter. In short, there is concern regarding the included language for "Right of Entry" in the county agreement forms used when submitting for California Office of Emergency Services assistance for dead tree removal. FLC learned the article was mistaken about right of entry for any purpose except dead tree removal. The Right of Entry requirement comes from the Public Resources Code section 2925 that applies to debris removal in general and specifically to dead trees under the Governor's October 2015 emergency proclamation regarding Tree Mortality.

Currently, FLC is not taking any action, while understanding skepticism and hostilities faced with the "hold harmless" terms used in such agreements. FLC has not received specific complaints from landowners. Landowners should be aware and know they have a choice whether to enter into such agreements.

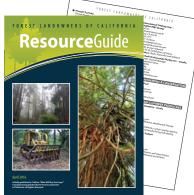
Typical to California, all parties seek the best of protections. Landowners routinely determine their services desired and risks involved for mitigation. Forest landowners should always use licensed, insured and bonded contractors. To be extra cautious, one might consider purchasing umbrella protection insurance as well as utilizing self or hired management oversight to help mitigate safe work practices and assure quality services are rendered.

What Is the FLC Resource Guide?

The 2016 edition of the Resource Guide, published by the Forest Landowners of California (FLC), is the second printing of the Guide. FLC is committed to publishing the Resource Guide every other year — the next printing will be in May 2018. The original publication was called, "Who Will Buy Your Logs?" which was published in 1998. The Resource Guide is compilation of mills and log buyers — personal contacts are made prior to each printing to ensure that the publication is as current as possible. If you know of changes or updates, please send the updates to staff at the FLC office (see below for contact information).

Associate members of FLC receive a complimentary listing in the Resource Guide. Associate members are individuals who provide a service or product to forest or timber landowners — consulting foresters, CPAs, appraisers, attorneys, etc. If you know a professional service provider who should be listed in this Resource Guide, please send the information to staff at the FLC office (see below). It is our goal to expand the Resource Guide with resources that benefit the forest or timber land owners.

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Photo Gallery of FLC Events

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Legislative Update – September/October 2017

By Brian White, KP Public Affairs, FLC Legislative Advocate

The dust settled with the California Legislature concluding its legislative business on September 15. It has adjourned for interim recess and will reconvene on January 3, 2018. The Governor had until October 15 to sign or veto bills that made it to his desk. By all accounts, the first year of the 2017-18 legislative session produced a number of high-profile bills aimed at fixing issues that were deemed a priority for both Governor Brown and legislative leadership. This includes legislation to address the state's housing crisis, funding to improve the state's crumbling roads, funding for parks and water, extending the state's cap-and-trade system, and funding for various climate reduction programs using cap-and-trade revenues.

Unfortunately, the successes from these aforementioned issues left little room and time for legislators to vote on some other important energy and resource-related bills as they remained on the sidelines due to significant opposition from various groups and political brinkmanship between leaders of the Senate and Assembly. With respect to forest resource issues, while there weren't any significant policies enacted this year, there's a possibility that some reforms may be brought to the table next year to help small forest landowners while also addressing continued concerns about challenges facing the biomass industry.

Unlike the first year of a new session, the Legislature will need to act quickly in the second year when they reconvene to beat the January 31 deadline for moving all bills that never made it out of their house origin. Several forest-related bills fall in this category, and they'll be mixed in with a slew of new bill introductions to consider. There will also be two big energy issues that will be at the top of Governor Brown's and the Legislature's priority list — an effort to enact a 100% renewable portfolio standard (SB 100) and efforts to push a plan that would expand California's energy grid into a western regional entity. Last, other so-called two-year bills will likely be revived, including FLC-opposed SB 49, which would require various California agencies to adopt new environmental standards and give citizens a private right of action business and landowners if they didn't comply with a host of federal laws that may be perceived as more stringent than California's laws using a baseline standard of January 19, 2017.

Below is a status update on some of the key bills FLC tracked this year as of October 9:

- AB 109 (Cap-and-Trade spending bill) Signed by Governor
- AB 211 (Bigelow) SRA Fee Report Held in Senate Appropriations (died)
- AB 362 (Wood-D) CFIP Loans for Landowners Held in Senate Appropriations (died)
- AB 425 (Caballero-D) La Malfa Exemption Roads Work Held on Senate Floor (two-year bill)
- AB 920 (Aguiar-Curry-D) Baseload Procurement Plans Held in Senate Appropriations (died)
- AB 1066 (Aguiar-Curry-D) Public Works and Tree Removal Signed by Governor
- AB 1433 (Wood-D) Cap-and-Trade Dollars to Protect Open Space Held on Senate Floor (two-year bill)
- AB 1391 (Patterson-R) CFIP Funds for Vegetation Management Held in Assembly Appropriations (died)
- AB 975 (Friedman-D) Expansion of Wild and Scenic Rivers Held on Assembly Floor (two-year bill)
- AB 1342 (Flora-R) Cap-and-Trade for Forest Projects Held in Assembly Appropriations (died)
- SB 49 (de Leon-D) No Backsliding on Federal Laws Held on Assembly Floor (two-year bill)
- SB 100 (de Leon) 100 Percent Renewable Portfolio Standard Held on Assembly Floor (two-year bill)
- SB 473 (Hertzberg) California Endangered Species Act Held on Assembly Floor (two-year bill)

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FLC Member Spotlight – Valdek Parik

Who are you, where do you live, and what do you do?

I retired from Chevron in 2015 after nearly 36 years of continuous employment. I worked at the Refinery in Richmond, CA as a boilermaker craftsman and my last ten years as a certified weld inspector. I grew up in El Sobrante and later purchased a home in San Pablo, not far from work. I had an exciting career working on numerous projects with wonderful colleagues who kept my job interesting. I also was a union representative for the Boilermakers Union most of those years and learned much about labor relations. I was well respected, but admittedly, retirement from it has been a big relief.

In 2014, prior to retirement, Kati and I got married. We had always planned that when one of us retired, we would get married and move into one home. The good life swept me from my feet faster than I could imagine. I chose Oregon over the Bay Area because Kati's home and community was like paradise compared to my bachelor house. Oregon is clean and green with a lot of forest land, which I like.

I worked part time following retirement as a contract inspector and then as a consultant with an engineering firm following tank fabrication. These types of jobs come and go, and the timing was right as I was transitioning from California to Oregon. My wife prefers that I limit my continued employment and focus on retirement travel, home projects and time working at the family forest.

I also serve on two other Boards of Directors. The Estonian League of the West Coast (since 1999) and Rotalia Foundation (since 2016). These organizations are well aligned with my Estonian heritage in which I have been active throughout my life. My parents were born in Estonia and immigrated to America in 1949 following Russia's illegal occupation of Estonia during WWII.

I was born in California and grew up learning the Estonian culture. While most thought it unlikely, Estonian independence was regained in 1991. Kati and I are proud of our heritage and remain active within the Estonian community in North America and Europe. Many in the USA have not heard of Estonia or its people, until perhaps recently with growing media attention. I like to refer to two wonderful documentaries with short movie trailers that can be watched; "To Breathe as One" and "The Singing Revolution."

Val, how did you get attached to forest land?

In 1964, while growing up in California, my parents decided with five other Bay Area Estonian family friends to invest in a 144-acre forest property partnership. The property is near Philo, CA in Mendocino County. The idea was to have an investment forest property to go on the weekends that was private and peaceful, enjoy camping in the woods and allow the children to spend time together. We spent many of our summer weekends there. Many times, we were the sole family there. I had three brothers and two sisters, but most of the time it was the boys who went camping and hunting there.

The partnership joined together there annually, typically during summer holidays. Multiple campsites were developed. We enjoyed a common campfire area and a westward view point where a flag pole was hoisted. In 1972, our family's boys were all active in Boy Scouts of America. Our San Anselmo, CA Troop-105 consisted of all Bay Area boys of Estonian descent. I have fond memories of an organized Scout Camp of our troop and a similar troop of Estonian boys from the Los Angeles area being at the property for a week. It was a grand time for us kids. We met new friends, learned a lot about living in the woods, survival techniques, pioneering, marksmanship and Estonian cultural scouting. To this day I have lifelong friends from this event. I remember enjoying pioneering and knot tying. We cut many small redwood trees for pole material and carried them back to camp where we built a large tower-gate over an entry road that cars could drive under, a couple of rope bridges among other small projects. When our families and guests came to visit at the end, we had a campfire show organized and a flagpole ceremony that was quite memorable for me. This made going to the property special for me. Although not always with a large crowd, I enjoyed the duties of property maintenance and camp development. My father was a hard worker and I liked following his footsteps. We planted Christmas trees in the winter and did a lot of shovel work on the roads and around camp. My father was a good hunter also. He taught my brothers and me how to be good hunters and marksman. This also helped me become attached to our family forest property as well as California's public woodlands.

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How long have you been a member of FLC?

I can't remember the exact year, thinking it's been more than ten years now. I discovered FLC while searching online about forestland ownership. I had recently experienced the dissolving of our family forest partnership due to parting interests among owners. I had made the decision to buy out the entire partnership. At the time, it was more of an emotional decision to buy and keep the property. It was a very expensive purchase for me. I was able to obtain a costly interest only loan. I wanted to learn all I could to help support my initial thoughts that this was the right thing to do.

How has FLC changed your experience or supported your efforts?

FLC was a great discovery for me. I began to learn so much to help me with my confidence, ownership direction and planning. I felt assured hearing that I had chosen a reputable Registered Professional Forester (RPF). I remember feeling so much better about my investment because I was so vulnerable to a catastrophic failure. My educational experience grows each year. I enjoy the annual meeting seminars and field day experiences. The newsletters always have something to learn from. FLC has many experienced forest landowners including many who are RPFs. They are all a very nice, wonderful resource and very much like family.

What are your ongoing plans for your property?

I harvested timber in 2003 to pay down my enormous debt. Property financing improved and all is much better in that arena nowadays. When I tell my friends that I wish I could buy more land and grow, they just shake their heads. I could not afford a NTMP for the first harvest and a THP served me well enough then. Planning forward, I learned the value of a NTMP and was successful at obtaining one in 2016. I also currently have a NRCS contract on 12 acres for a shaded fuel break. This is an exercise to evaluate the success of such a program for me. It is quite a job pruning the trees to specifications. Progress is moving along well and I look forward to when the masticator work begins this fall. I have until the end of 2018 to complete the work but hope to do so by next summer. 2017 is a great year for the redwood market but I am now thinking that my next harvest may best be planned for a few years down the road if market prices hold or improve. My shaded fuel break and timber stand improvements should benefit me. I want to plan for planting redwood saplings following the next harvest.

Time to Renew Your Commitment

This is the time of year that we reach out to you for continued support through membership renewal. Membership dues statements will be mailed prior to the end of the year. For questions, please contact Deidre Bryant, at the FLC office, (877) 326-3778 or **info@forestlandowners.org**. We look forward to your continued support of programs and services

in 2018.

How You Can Make A Difference

Have you been wondering how you could make a difference? We have several opportunities. There are a few seats open to serve as a Director on the FLC Board of Directors. Join a dynamic group of individuals to serve the members in legislative advocacy, program planning and organizational governance. There are several committees you could join: Annual Meeting, Communications, Legislative, Membership, Field Days, and Major Contributors.

Contact Deidre Bryant at (877) 326-3778 or deidreb@forestlandowners.org with your interest.

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Regulatory Update

Board of Forestry – The Forest Practice and Management Committees are beginning the process of looking at the stocking standards (both point count and basal area). The current regulations are largely unchanged since their enactment more than 30 years ago. FLC described several issues of concern to small landowners. UC Berkeley is hosting through its Main Lecture series a working group to review current practices in light of better tree survival rates, overstocking of young trees, the drought, insect epidemics and climate change, and possibly recommend potential changes to the Committees and the Board. It is unlikely that changes would be effective before January 2019



at the earliest. FLC Board members are participating in the working group. In connection with this process, you will be receiving a short survey that will help identify current problems via email. Please complete the survey and/or forward it to your forester as soon as possible. This may be the only opportunity to suggest changes for a long time in the future.

Thinking ahead — there is a new publication on the California Spotted Owl (primarily from the Pit River south through the Sierra Nevada mountains) that was just published by the U.S. Forest Service. This may be the next species of major concern so you might begin planning. We will provide a link to download a copy in the near future.

Public Policy Institute of California

The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) issued a report in mid-September on the status of forest health in the Headwaters Forests. PPIC also held a panel briefing on September 20 regarding the report to discuss its conclusions and recommendations going forward, including discussions regarding management techniques such as prescribed fire, managed wildfire and mechanical thinning.

One of the primary discussions centered on changing the way forestry work is funded to help expedite forest improvements. The authors of the report suggest reforms that will enable the private sector and government agencies to use existing tools and funding opportunities more effectively and collaborate more easily on larger-scale management projects. One key recommendation is to find opportunities to combine revenue-generating timber harvesting with other management work to help offset the costs of efforts to improve forest health. There were some interesting points made by Susie Kocher who is a small family forest landowner.

To download the report and the panel debrief documents, go to FLC Legislative page and the documents are linked in the right margin – **http://forestlandowners.org/legislative/**

If you're interested in watching the panel debrief, the video is posted on the PPIC's website – http://www.ppic.org/event/improving-health-californias-headwater-forests/

Ask a Forester

Question:

I am looking for a pre-emergent herbicide to control the annual native grass around my house on our family timber farm. The house is on a very steep slope so mowing is near impossible and weed whacking is extremely difficult and dangerous. Do you have a recommendation?

Answer:

Controlling annual grasses adjacent to structures in remote locations is a great idea to promote a fire-safe environment. Pre-emergent chemicals have been used effectively in many different environments and can provide some degree of control.

Unfortunately your question, while very valid, does not supply enough information to make a specific recommendation.

A little background will shed light on this problem: The state of California regulates those who can apply pesticides as well as who can make recommendations as to specific applications. Only a Pest Control Advisor (PCA) can recommend which pesticide to use and the rate of use.

You can refer to the attached link (http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/ license/currlic.htm) for a list by county of PCAs who meet the state standards.

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Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog Species Information

Foothill yellow-legged frog (Rana boylii) have a wide geographic range in California (Figure 1). The species is strongly associated with shallow, flowing streams and rivers that have a component of cobble substrate. They occupy habitat ranging from sea level to 5,800'. Breeding and oviposition (egg deposition) occurs in the spring after winter runoff has subsided and tadpoles metamorphose in late summer to fall. Eggs occur in a mass that is typically attached to cobble, boulder, bedrock, or wood substrates in the shallow, slow moving portions of the stream. The primary cause for mortality in eggs is desiccation1. Eggs and tadpoles prefer stream temperatures higher than those required for salmonids, with tadpoles selecting temperatures between 16.5oC and 22.2oC. Depending on the life stage, the species will occupy riffle, pool, run, or



Figure 1. General distribution of foothill yellow-legged frog in California

glide habitat. Metamorphosed and adult frogs generally use watercourses for movement, rarely going beyond ten feet from the channel during any time of the year. Adults have been documented as far as 120 feet from the stream.

Status

In December 2016, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) received a petition to list the foothill yellow-legged frog as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). On June 21, 2017, the Commission voted to make the species a Candidate under CESA. During CESA candidacy, a species is afforded protections as a listed species and "take2" is prohibited unless authorized by permit per Fish and Game Code (FGC) §2081.1 or by the Commission per FGC §2084.



1 Desiccation is the process of drying, which for frog eggs and larvae comes from the result of being stranded out of water 2 Take – FGC §86 – "Take" means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill

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Considerations for Timber Harvesting Plans

For the purposes of the timber harvesting plan (THP) preparation, the foothill yellow-legged frog should be addressed in the THP. Distribution, presence of potential habitat, and any known detections should be discussed, as well as any potential impacts to the species and their habitat that could result from timber operations along with protection measures to avoid such impacts. The type, location, and timing of timber operations should be taken into consideration when developing avoidance measures. Given the high site fidelity to streams, watercourse and lake protection zone measures may provide adequate protection. The species prefer shallow streams to lay their eggs during spring low flows and desiccation is a concern. Water drafting operations should be conducted in a manner that doesn't dewater streams and maintains flows of sufficient quality and quantity to support foothill yellow-legged frogs. Watercourse crossing construction and reconstruction may also impact the species if they are present during operations. Surveys during appropriate times of year, prior to operations may be warranted.

Information compiled from: California Amphibian and Reptile Species of Special Concern and sources cited therein.

Reference

Thomson, R. C., A. N. Wright and H. B. Shaffer. 2016. <u>California Amphibian and Reptile Species of</u> <u>Special Concern</u>. 390 pp. University of California Press.

https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/SSC/Amphibians-Reptiles

Useful Informatin/Links

Amphibiaweb for species information: http://www.amphibiaweb.org/

California Herps for photos: http://www.californiaherps.com/frogs/pages/r.boylii.html

California Wildlife Habitat Relationships System Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog Species Account: https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=1500&inline=1 Range Map: https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=1501&inline=1

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Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog CESA Listing Process: http://www.fgc.ca.gov/CESA/index.aspx#fylf

<u>Standardized approach for habitat assessments and visual encounter surveys for the foothill</u> <u>yellow-legged frog (Rana boylii)</u>: http://www.canvamphibs.com/pdf/FYLFMethods052002.pdf

<u>USDA Foothill yellow-legged frog conservation assessment in California</u> https://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/psw_gtr248/psw_gtr248.pdf

Please note that there are many other sources of information and current literature on the species and those should be considered when developing mitigation measures to avoid take of foothill yellow-legged frog.

Additional Reference

A good reference for the species is Hayes, M.P., C.A. Wheeler, A.J. Lind, G.A. Green and D.C. Macfarlane (Technical Coordinators). 2016. Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog Conservation Assessment in California. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-248 which is available through the internet for free at https://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/psw_gtr248/index.shtml

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You mentioned steep slopes in your question, which raises the follow-up question as to how will you assure the pesticide will not migrate downslope into a nearby watercourse. A PCA will probably want to visit the site to also determine soil type and make a recommendation for time of year to apply the product. Also be aware that pesticides are divided into two broad categories; restricted and non-restricted. Only a certified applicator can legally apply a restricted pesticide.

I'm sure this is a much wordier answer than you were anticipating, but to ensure you don't run afoul of our laws, it's the only answer I can give.

To aid in controlling future grasses you may wish to consider planting well-spaced trees to provide shade that discourages future grass growth. Trees can present their own problems in fire hazards so be sure to properly thin and prune them as they age.



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FLC Website— News You Can Use

The website includes a page titled, "News You Could Use." It features current drought updates, other water saving resources and the California Forest Pest Conditions Report for the last three years, which includes the latest 2015 report.

If there is information you would like to see on this page or if there are other areas where the website could be expanded, please contact Deidre Bryant at the FLC office – (877) 326-3778 or deidreb@forestlandowners.org. We look forward to adding content that is valuable to our forest landowner members.



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.

January 26, 2018

FLC Board of Directors Meeting FLC Office (Folsom, CA)

May 3, 2018

FLC Board of Directors Meeting Meeting location to be confirmed (Eureka, CA)– in conjunction with Annual Meeting

May 4-5, 2018

FLC/CTFC Annual Meeting Meeting location to be confirmed (Eureka, CA)

July 27, 2018

FLC Board of Directors Meeting Granzella's Inn (Williams, CA)

November 2, 2018

FLC Board of Directors Meeting Granzella's Inn (Williams, CA)



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