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Dear California Forest Pest Council (CFPC) member:

In May of this year, the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region sent out a notice clarifying appropriate roles and responsibilities for Pacific Southwest Region employees participating in an official capacity on local boards, conservancies, alliances, and other external organizations. The document noted that a Pacific Southwest Region employee participating in an external organization may only participate as a "non-voting agency liaison." In this role, the employees may not: vote, participate in organization financial affairs and membership recruitment, nor engage in lobbying on behalf of the organization. Rather, their goal is to facilitate and enhance flow of information between the FS and the organization.

In response to this policy clarification, all USDA FS State and Private Forestry personnel in positions of leadership within the CFPC have stepped down. While they will no longer hold offices within the CFPC, these individuals (along with other State and Private Forestry employees that are active CFPC members and do not hold leadership positions) will continue to participate in and support CFPC work.

As a result of the recent resignations the following positions are currently vacant:

- At-large CFPC Executive Committee member
- Insect Committee Chair
- Insect Committee Secretary

These vacant positions will be filled along with all other positions scheduled for the elections at the CFPC Annual Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> (see [www.caforestpestcouncil.org](http://www.caforestpestcouncil.org) for agenda and registration information). Prior to voting at the business meeting there will be an opportunity for discussion.

The recently vacated Southern California Committee Chair and Chair Elect positions will be filled by elections at the annual Southern California Committee meeting in October.

Thank you for your time and understanding. I look forward to seeing you at the CFPC Annual Meeting on November 4 & 5.

Bob Rynearson  
Chairman, California Forest Pest Council

*The California Forest Pest Council was founded in 1951 and is a non-profit educational organization of over 800 public and private forest managers, researchers, foresters, entomologists, pathologists, biologists, and others interested in the health of California's forests and protection from damage caused by animals, diseases, insects, pollution, and weeds.*