

65th Annual Meeting of the California Forest Pest Council – 2016

California Forests – Severe Drought Takes Its Toll

November 15 - 16, 2016

UC Davis Campus Student Community Center Multipurpose Room Davis, CA 95616

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Registration

12:30 - 12:35 Welcome – Bob Rynearson, California Forest Pest Council (CFPC) Chairperson; W. M. Beaty and Associates, Inc.

12:35 – 12:45 2016 Aerial Survey Pest Conditions Highlights – Jeff Moore, USDA Forest Service (FS)

12:45 – 1:05 Update on Invasive Plants in California - Doug Johnson, CA Invasive Plant Council

1:05 – 2:40 Insect Committee Meeting

Moderator: Steve McKelvey, Insect Committee Chairperson; Foothill Tree Service

- 1:05 1:22 (15 hold questions, 2 min change) Pine Bark Beetle Impacts and Management in the Southwestern United States Richard Hofstetter, Northern Arizona University
- 1:22 1:39 (15 hold questions, 2 min change) Goldspotted Oak Borer Update Andrea Hefty, USDA FS
- 1:39 1:56 (15 hold questions, 2 min change) Fusarium Dieback: Host Range, Biology, and Control Strategies in Native Vegetation in Southern California Akif Eskalen, CFPC At-Large Director; UC Riverside
- 1:56 2:11 (15 hold questions): Impacts to Federally Listed and Other Species Related to Tree Mortality in Riparian Areas Caused by Shot Hole Borers Patrick Gower, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 2:11-2:30 Group Discussion

2:30 – 2:40 Insect Committee Business Meeting - Steve McKelvey

2:40 - 2:50 BREAK

2:50 – 4:00 Disease Committee Meeting

Moderator: Patricia Maloney, Committee Secretary; UC Davis Plant Pathology Department

- 2:50 3:10 (15+5) More on *Tubakia* Species on Oak and *Cylindrocarpon* Species on Bay Cheryl Blomquist, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
- 3:10 3:30 (15+5) Unusual Canker and Bluestain Fungi: New to the North Coast, or Just New to Us? Chris Lee, CFPC At-Large Director; California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CAL FIRE)
- 3:30 3:50 (15+5) Pitch Canker in Bishop Pine: A Tale of Two Populations Tom Gordon, UC Davis
- 3:50 4:00 Disease Committee Business Meeting Tom Smith, Disease Committee Chairperson; CAL FIRE

4:00 – 4:15 BREAK

4:15 – 5:15 Pesticide Laws and Regulations

Moderator: Scott Carnegie, CFPC Vice Chairperson; W. M. Beaty and Associates, Inc.

4:15 – 5:15 Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update - David Bakke, USDA FS

5:15 – 6:30 Poster Session and Social

Marc E. Epstein, California Department of Food & Agriculture will have a booth with our plant pathologists and will be offering a brief quiz on forest insects and their damage as well as several insect drawers to show and perhaps a video of leaf-mining moths on a laptop screen.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 am Registration

8:00 – 8:10 Welcome - Bob Rynearson, CFPC Chairperson; W. M. Beaty and Associates, Inc.

8:10 – 10:10 Responding to Tree Mortality in the Sierras

Moderator: Matt Dias, California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

8:10 – 9:22 (hold for questions, 2 min change) California's Response to Accelerated Tree Mortality in the Sierras - Gabe Schultz and Rick Carr, California Tree Mortality Task Force; CAL FIRE

9:22 – 9:42 (hold for questions) U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region's Response to Elevated Tree Mortality – Chris Fischer, USDA FS

9:42 – 10:10 Discussion

10:10 - 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 11:45 Responding to Tree Mortality in the Sierras, cont.

Moderator: Helge Eng, CAL FIRE

10:30 – 10:57 (25 hold questions, 2 min change) The Recent Wave of Tree Mortality in the Sierras: Causes, Consequences, and Comparisons with Similar Events in Western Forests - Leif Mortenson, CFPC Insect Committee Secretary; USDA FS PSW Research Station

10:57 – 11:22 (25 hold questions) An Overview of Drought Impacts on Whole Tree Physiology, Morbidity, and Death - Steve Voelker, Utah State University

11:22 – 11:45 Discussion

11:45 – 12:45 LUNCH (provided)

12:45 – 1:15 CFPC Business Meeting (open to all) (including 5 min each task force updates) - Bob Rynearson

1:15 – 3:05 Management Response/Implementation Panel

Moderator: Sheri Smith, USDA FS

- 1:15 1:37 (20 hold questions, 2 min change) Tuolumne County Response Mike Albrecht, Sierra Resource Management; Tuolumne County Tree Mortality Task Force
- 1:37 1:59 (20 hold questions, 2 min change) Pacific Gas and Electric Company 2016 Drought and Bark Beetle Emergency Response Kamran Rasheed, PG&E
- 1:59 2:21 (20 hold questions, 2 min change) Managing Tree Mortality Adjacent to California's Roadways Darold Heikens, Caltrans Division of Maintenance
- 2:21 2:41 (20 hold questions) Status and Trends of Industry Infrastructure and Markets to Utilize California Tree Mortality Larry Swan, USDA FS

2:41 - 3:05 Group Discussion

3:05 - 3:15 BREAK

3:15-4:30 Wildlife

Moderator: Greg Giusti, UC Cooperative Extension, Lake/Mendocino Counties

- 3:15 3:40 (20 + 5) Emerging Mega-Disturbances in California's Sierra Nevada: Burning Questions about Spotted Owls and Fire– Gavin Jones, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 3:40-4:10 (25 + 5) Lyme Disease in Dense Forests: Transmission Cycles and Risk Factors Robert Lane, UC Berkeley, Emeritus
- $4{:}10-4{:}30\ (15+5)$ Ground and Tree Squirrels A Tale of Two Tails Greg Giusti, UCCE Lake/Mendocino Counties
- 4:30 ADJOURN