

**MINUTES  
TIMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 3, 2003 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by David J. Gau, Chairman, at 9:10 a.m. in Room 122, State Board of Equalization (BOE), 450 N Street, Sacramento, California, with the following in attendance. A quorum was present.

TIMBER ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE (TAC) MEMBER

REPRESENTING

David J. Gau, Chairman	BOE
Gerald D. Cochran, Vice-Chair/Secretary	Assessor, Del Norte County
Kenneth Bunch	Assessor, Lassen County
Dave Peets	Assessor, Alpine County
Marsha A. Wharff	Assessor/Recorder/Clerk, Mendocino County
Cris Andrews	Assessor/Recorder, Shasta County
Tim Robards	Board of Forestry
Roy H. Richards, Jr.	Small-Scale Timber Owners
Marty Olhiser	Large-Scale Timber Owners

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

Betty Yee	Honorable Chairwoman Carole Migden
Barbara Alby	Honorable Bill Leonard
Tim Treichelt	Honorable Bill Leonard
Linda Hill	Assessor, County of Humboldt
Gary Platz	BOE
Mickie Stuckey	BOE
Mike Doyich	BOE
Larry Fogerson	BOE
Mitchell Cari	BOE
Shirley Johnson	BOE
Gary Shaffer	Evergreen Resource Management
Len Lindstrand	W. M. Beaty & Associates, Inc.
John Penney	Simpson Resources Co.
Diane Brown	Butte County Assessor's Office

1. Oath of Office

David Gau introduced Timothy W. Boyer, Interim Executive Director, BOE. Mr. Boyer introduced Marcy Jo Mandel, Deputy State Controller, Taxation, and then administered the oath of office to the TAC Members.

2. Approval of November 19, 2002 Minutes

The minutes of the November 19, 2002 TAC meeting were approved after a correction was made to the wording in item 2.c.

### 3. Orientation for New Members

#### a. History and Purpose of the TAC

Gary Platz, Gerald Cochran, and Roy Richards all discussed various aspects of the history and purpose of the TAC. David Gau made a motion to have BOE staff prepare a written history of the TAC and present a draft at the next TAC meeting; Dave Peets seconded the motion, which was then approved.

#### b. Recent Committee Topics of Discussion

Gary Platz discussed several past committee topics that resulted in changes to the timber harvest values schedules (e.g., consolidation of values schedules into six pages, the de minimus exemption, conversion from an old-growth/young-growth system to the current log-size system, and the methodology for setting salvage values).

Roy Richards requested that BOE staff present its stumpage indices and range of values as part of the package presented for TAC members and the public. David Gau and Gary Platz expressed concerns over the source information and the confidentiality of working papers. Mr. Gau mentioned that BOE Legal staff would need to look into this request further. John Penney and Len Lindstrand supported Mr. Richards' request.

Gary Platz provided highs and lows from ranges of values for selected species codes as an example of information he could share. Marsha Wharff moved to have staff orally provide ranges of values for species code categories having large numbers of sales; Gerald Cochran seconded the motion, which was then approved.

### 4. Harvest Value Discussion for Period July 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003

#### a. Tables G & S, Green and Salvage Values

Gary Platz presented comments on general trends in tables G and S. Roy Richards commented that TVA 7 pines and Douglas fir appeared to be too high; that TVA 6 pines, Douglas fir, and hem/fir all appeared to be too high. Len Lindstrand commented on sawlogs coming from salvage events from within and outside of the state.

Discussion moved to TVA 9S and the bark-beetle-infested timber situation. Gary Shaffer commented on the salvage situation in TVA 9S. Roy Richards moved to reduce all values in TVA 9S within the emergency area designated by the governor by \$200 per MBF; Marty Olhiser seconded the motion, which then failed.

Roy Richards moved to have a deduction of \$200 per MBF for "technical logging within the designated emergency area"; Cris Andrews seconded the motion, which then failed.

Roy Richards moved to have the helicopter deduction include "technical logging from the designated emergency area"; Cris Andrews seconded the motion, which then failed.

Roy Richards moved to have all values in Table S for TVA 9S reduced to \$1; Marty Olhiser seconded the motion, which then failed.

Gerald Cochran moved to reduce all values in Table S for TVA 9S to \$30; Marsha Wharff seconded the motion, which then passed.

Gerald Cochran moved to approve Tables G & S as amended; Dave Peets seconded the motion, which then passed.

b. Table 1 – Miscellaneous Harvest Values

Gary Platz presented an overview of changes in Table 1, Miscellaneous Harvest Values, which was followed by a general discussion of the values. Gerald Cochran moved to approve Table 1 as suggested by BOE staff; Tim Robards seconded the motion, which then passed.

5. Other Business

a. Southern California Salvage Situation

(The discussion regarding the bark-beetle-infested timber in Southern California took place under Item 4.a.)

Gary Platz commented that Coulter pine was being scaled as ponderosa pine in TVA 9S. After some discussion, Marsha Wharff moved to have Coulter pine included with ponderosa pine in the schedule instructions; Gerald Cochran seconded the motion, which then passed.

b. Timber Harvest Volumes by Size Code

BOE staff presented volume by size code and volume by county information for calendar year 2002 reporting.

c. Date for Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting was set for November 13, 2003.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.