

MINUTES
TIMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 19, 2002

The meeting was called to order by David J. Gau, Chairman, at 9:20 a.m. in Room 122, State Board of Equalization, 450 N Street, Sacramento, California with the following present or as otherwise indicated. A quorum was present.

TIMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tim Robards
Kenneth Bunch
Roy H. Richards, Jr.
John A. Winner
Tim Treichelt
Cecil Wetsel, Alternate to Mr. Treichelt - absent
Marsha A. Wharff
Dave Peets
David J. Gau, Chairman
Gerald D. Cochran, Vice Chair - Secretary

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Raymond L. Jerland	Assessor, County of Humboldt
Linda Hill	Assessor-Elect, County of Humboldt
Charles Knudsen	Timber Tax
Gary Platz	Timber Tax
Beverly Fong	Timber Tax
Mitchell Carl	Timber Tax
Larry Fogerson	Timber Tax
Mickie Stuckey	Assessment Policy and Standards Division
Art Tenneson	Timber Tax
Ken McManigal	Legal
Shirley Johnson	Legal
John G. Penney	Simpson Timber Co.
Len Lindstrand	W.M. Beaty & Associates, Inc.

1. Approval of June 4, 2002 Minutes

The minutes of the June 4, 2004 meeting were approved after correction of one error.

2. Harvest Value discussion for the Period January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003

a. Attorney General's Opinion No. 01-901 (sales data summaries) Copies of the Attorney General's opinion were distributed to those who did not already have a copy.

Roy Richards asked whether the staff would also distribute the log indices that are used to adjust timber sales. It was agreed (no formal vote) to place this issue on the agenda for the next meeting. Len Lindstrand asked that the range of sale prices be displayed in addition to the weighted average sale price. This was also placed on the next agenda.

Charles Knudsen asked that people interested in this issue should send a letter explaining why the information would or would not be useful for the committee.

b. Tables G&S, Green and Salvage Values

Several of the individual values were discussed, especially where the staff's suggested values differed from the weighted average sale prices..

c. Table 1 - Miscellaneous Harvest Values

The July 1 - December 31 2002 value for Natural Red Fir Christmas trees listed in staff's November 8, 2002 letter was corrected from \$80.00 to \$0.80. Fuelwood and fuel chips were discussed. Roy Richards questioned whether Douglas-fir sales created an artificially high price for Small Sawlogs conifer species. Gary Platz replied that Douglas-fir accounts for only about 5 percent of the sales volume and that staff would recommend the same price if all the Douglas-fir sales were removed.

d. Committee Recommendation

John Winner moved, Gerald Cochran second, to approve the staff-proposed values. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

3. Other Business

a. Timber Harvest Volumes by Size Code

Gary Platz stated that the information on harvest volumes is normally present at the meeting held in May or June.

Tim Treichelt asked that staff post meeting notices and minutes on the BOE Web site. David Gau stated that he saw no problem with posting these items.

David Gau announced that Charlie Knudsen is retiring December 30 and that the Board appointed Mickie Stuckey to succeed him effective December 31.

John Winner, Ray Jerland, and Ken McManigal are also retiring in the near future.

John Winner announced that Gerald Cochran has been appointed to the North Coast Water Resource Board.

John Penney complimented staff on providing the sales data information but stated there is room to expand.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.