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# **SAF Third Quarter 2022 Newsletter**

## **Message from the Chair**

**Rachelle Hedges**

Dear Members,

I am currently involved on the Mosquito Fire and Blodgett Forest. I will reach out to everyone in our next newsletter.

Regards,  
Rachelle



Rachelle Hedges, CA SAF Chair & Gary Whitehouse, District Director, Tahoe Center of the California Conservation Corps in South Lake Tahoe at the Summer Meeting

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## Message from the Vice Chair

Karin Linnen

### **2022 Tour of the Caldor Fire**

On August 19th, day 2 of the California Society of American Foresters (CA SAF) 2022 Summer Meeting, forty participants embarked on a six-hour tour of the Caldor Fire. The trip included multiple stops in the South Lake Tahoe area. Special guest was Henry (Gene) Kodama, 2021 Society of American Foresters President. In the following is a brief summary:

- ◆ Stop 1: Sierra at Tahoe Ski Resort – Led by the Eldorado National Forest, Eldorado Resource Conservation District, and Caldor Cabin Owners we observed salvage logging operations. Bill Key, CA SAF member, and Tony Franks from Caldor Cabin Owners Recovery Project presented on behalf of nearly two hundred owners who lost their cabins in the fire. Their group is meeting to exchange resources in recovery. Jim Davies, RPF of the Eldorado RCD shared information on the logging operations related to the Caldor Fire. Harvest operations are on schedule and planned for completion by November 2022.
- ◆ Stop 2: Old Meyers Grade Road - During the drive to stop 2, SAF member Diane Dealey Neil presented her Caldor Fire experiences to the group. This included the loss of her family cabin and post-fire restoration. On site, the group overlooked the Christmas valley through a mosaic of burned and unburned trees. Cal Fire Unit Chief Mike Blankenheim and Assistant Fire Chief Brian Newman addressed how fire behavior and fire suppression tactics influenced the direction of the fire as it moved towards South Lake Tahoe. Chief Blankenheim shared how the impacts of post-fire treatments after the 2007 Angora Fire supported the overall outcome of the Caldor Fire. In addition, Nadia Tase with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, presented on fuel treatment history across the region.
- ◆ Stop 3: California Conservation Corps (CCC) Tahoe Center - Lunch was hosted in downtown South Lake Tahoe. Gary Whitehouse, District Director welcomed our group and shared current work and school program efforts involving over one-hundred youth. Many CCC staff relocated to the Tahoe Center from other parts of the state, to lead and support natural resource projects.
- ◆ Final stop: Christmas Valley – Here, SAF members walked along a forest trail among towering mixed conifers and pine trees. The group was joined by Kat McIntyre of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Fire Lieutenant of the Lake Valley Fire Department Martin Goldberg. The speakers presented how years of fuels reduction, home-hardening, and post-Angora recovery efforts mitigated the outcome of the Caldor Fire. Favorable weather conditions and fire suppression tactics played a huge role in containing the fire. This included collaboration from the Lake Basin Fuels Reduction and Fire Prevention Team, which is a post Angora Fire partnership of state and federal agencies and local organizations.

Thank you to the multiple agencies, organizations, and companies which supported this event, including: University of California Cooperative Extension, Sierra at Tahoe Ski Resort, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Eldorado Resource Conservation District, Caldor Cabin Owners Recovery Project, Tahoe Conservancy, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit USFS, Eldorado USFS, Lake Valley Fire Department, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the California Conservation Corps. Many thanks to Rachelle Hedges, State SAF Chair for chairing the proceedings and Kathleen Burr, CA SAF Executive Director, for organizing transportation and logistics.







Caldor Fire—South Lake Tahoe Tour



Caldor Fire—Where fire approached  
South Lake Tahoe



Pictured from left to right—John Todd—District Director,  
Henry Kodama, Rachelle Hedges—California Chair,  
and Fellow awardees - Don Dukleth and his wife  
Diane Savin-Dukleth.



## Immediate Past Chair Musings

Tim Robards

My dog Buster was an orange chow mix with a hard head and curly tail. He liked to hike with me in the woods and always stayed in view as he explored the abundant smells. On one Christmas night he went with me and my cousin on a 10-mile walk to counteract the days culinary indulgences. This was not a Robert Service poem, we did not mush on the Dawson trail to Lake Lebarge, but rather walked Ritts Mill Road on the Shingletown Ridge in Shasta County. Buster sensed movement in the manzanita off the road and determined to bring the item of interest to us for inspection. As he bulldozed into the brush a guttural growl was heard. Thankfully I had tethered the wayward canine as it was dark and so was able to extract him and back away from the event that became known as *Buster and the Christmas Bear*.

I acquired Buster in 2003 while on the last of a series of fires that season, which means actually my wife acquired him for me. I was also informed that each subsequent fire I went to that year meant I would get another dog. Not wishing to establish a dog rescue the message was heeded and it was the end of the season then anyway, back when there was more of a fire season.

A few weeks ago I got a new dog, a husky mix, although I'm still not planning to take on the Dawson trail. I can't help but think of marking the passage of time in terms of canine life spans and wonder what type of wildfires we will be facing when I get my next dog? We are used to things moving slowly in forests and in forestry. Will we see the corner being turned in fifteen years? Will the age of the mega fires begin to wane because we have helped our forests be as healthy as they can be? I am hopeful that we can and we will.

Tim Robards  
Dixon, CA





## District 3 Representative

John Todd

In August 2014 California SAF members stood on a ridge near Yosemite National Park and surveyed the devastation the Rim Fire had caused on National forests that surround one of the crown jewels of the US National Park System. I remember a feeling of helplessness, like the problem was too big for anyone to even conceive of how to mitigate it. In the past decade, CA SAF members have spent many meetings visiting burned landscapes, learning what had been lost, what had worked, and how recovery was coming along. Subsequently, CA SAF hosted meetings where we interacted with state and federal forestry leaders and discussed how to address necessary pace and scale of forest restoration projects, but we just could not seem to get the traction to make the difference we all wanted to make.

Well, that was then. As I recently witnessed at our CA SAF Summer Meeting, things feel different this time. Yes, we were visiting the scene of another devastating blaze – this time the 2021 Caldor Fire, which destroyed the community of Grizzly Flats, burned through numerous cabin communities and public infrastructure within the Highway 50 corridor, and then crested Echo Summit and burned into the Lake Tahoe basin. What feels different this time? Everything. The public and our politicians can no longer ignore the loss of our western forests. The effects of over-management, mismanagement, and no management – combined with the widely recognized effects of climate change – have left our forests pleading with us to intercede.

The recently approved Inflation Reduction Act includes historic levels of funding for forest management of public and private lands across communities of all sizes. This is in addition to our forests being recognized as critical infrastructure and the \$8.5 billion investment that came along with it in 2021. The necessary funding is finally here – and the lofty pace and scale goals we talked about three years ago may soon be met, or even exceeded. As the work turns to 'boots on the ground,' a common theme is that a lack of forest workers and necessary infrastructure are the new choke points. I am happy to report progress in this area too. As we rode up the Highway 50 corridor, many forest workers, a number of which were operating new equipment, were busy at work salvaging usable logs, clearing critical infrastructure, and working to reopen the Sierra at Tahoe Ski Resort in time for the upcoming season. In contrast to what we had seen in 2014, looking at all this activity, I could not help but feel that if we could get through a fire season or two without another devastating megafire, all this newly acquired workforce could dovetail nicely with the needed forest restoration work that will soon be coming on-line. Our California colleges are pitching in and helping to fill the need also. Workforce development programs at Cal Poly SLO and Community Colleges in Reedley, Shasta and Lake Tahoe are assisting by providing more professionals looking to begin careers in forestry and natural resources. Our lunch stop was at the home of yet another workforce development all-star – the California Conservation Corps' Tahoe Center. CCC crews have been working in the Lake Tahoe Basin for two decades, spending thousands of hours each year on local projects managing healthy forests and limiting soil erosion around the lake. Lastly, but also important, several CA SAF members have contributed to a new position statement on the loss of old-growth Giant Sequoia forests and are working on an updated position paper addressing California's megafires. The passion and opinions regarding these issues are yet another sign that we are far from waving a white flag in this fight. Stay tuned – things are getting better!

On the national front, SAF is very excited to be hosting its 2022 National Convention September 20-24 on the banks of Chesapeake Bay in Baltimore, Maryland. This will be SAF's first in-person National Convention since we visited Louisville in 2019. This year's program has an impressive line-up of keynote speakers and science sessions, and popular events including pre-convention tours, the Student Quiz Bowl, the Forester's Fund auction, and the SAFTER party will return this year. Based on the number of current registrants, we are going to have a great turnout at this event. For those of you who will be attending the National Convention, please review the schedule for the location and join us at California Forestry Alumni reception on the evening of Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, please stop by, or come volunteer for a shift or two, at our CA SAF booth on the exhibit floor, where we will be encouraging attendees to make the trip to Sacramento for the 2023 National Convention.

In closing, I just want to put an exclamation point on the advocacy positions National SAF has advanced during the critical period prior to the approval of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. These efforts have helped us achieve huge wins for the forestry and natural resources community. After foresters and natural resources professionals were recognized as essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the American public and our leaders have doubled down on the importance of forestry and those who do so much to protect, preserve, and restore one of our nation's most valuable resources – our FORESTS!

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## Bay Area SAF Chapter

David Bakke

### *The Forestry Challenge Needs Your Help*

At last week's California SAF Summer Meeting (which was a very good meeting by the way) I was approached by Diane Dealey Neill who heads up the Forestry Challenge Program. She asked me to share with all of you a specific need she has for someone to make contact with a particular high school that is interested in joining the next Forestry Challenge. This high school is a few miles south of Manteca. I realize this is outside of our Chapter boundary and is rightly in the 49er Chapter. I have forwarded Diane's request to the 49er Chapter.

I thought that someone in our Chapter might be interested in approaching this school in Manteca. So, if you are interested, please **reply to me with your contact information** and I will pass this on to Diane.

Here is Diane's 'ask':

*I am in need of a forester to work with Venture Academy at Historic Durham Ferry in preparation for the Santa Cruz Forestry Challenge, October 12 - 15. All that is requested is one or two visits before the event to spend about 60 to 90 minutes with the students going over the "For Students" list that is on the website. Please let me know if anyone who lives in that area and part of the Bay Area chapter is able to do it. If so, I will send an email to the teacher and cc them, then it is up to the teacher to work with them to arrange a time to visit.*

If you are curious about the Forestry Challenge, check out the website at <https://forestrychallenge.org/>.

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PS, be on the lookout for information on our Fall Chapter meetings. Let me know if you have any topics or guest speakers you want to hear from at future Chapter meetings.

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Ideas for Chapter meetings, let us know!

Interested in taking on a chapter leadership position? Contact anyone of your Chapter's current leaders – we have many things that you can get involved with.

Don't forget about the CalSAF website (<https://californiasaf.org/>). Do you have anything that you think should be posted on it? Any information that needs updating or correcting? Send it to David Bakke, he'll see about possibly getting it posted.



## **Opinion: The News is What is Reported**

### **By Bill Keye, Cal SAF Communications Chair**

There is a scandal on the land, but it's buried in the ashes.

We have gotten really good at burning up our forests. That part of it is well known.

What makes any scandal juicy is the placement of blame. It can be brutal and unfair, but once that rock hits still waters, look out! Someone, or something, is to blame.

So, who, or what, is responsible for the stunning abuse we are inflicting on our land, and by extension, ourselves? The question hints at the fairest answer: All of us. That is the truth. We haven't done enough. We haven't listened or cared enough.

The previous answer, bland and boring, will not sell. So, what is the media pointing to? The most frequent whipping boy is global warming. Scary stuff, and definitely a factor. A second one is drought (often linked with warming). OK – also a factor.

Sometimes there is an acknowledgement of ongoing fire exclusion policies and the buildup of flammable fuels. Most definitely a factor. The narrative goes on to suggest that it might be a good idea to do more active management, although PhDs disagree.

And then it stops. We have our villains. Having approached the ledge, nobody has the courage to jump. So let me.

The root scandal, strikingly underreported, is obvious. Environmental extremists have been running the show on our public lands for three decades now. Puritanical activists, albeit indirectly, have been in charge. Our Forest Service, really by design, has been unable to do much of anything about it.

The rock hits the pond, and the question is about the larger environmental movement. Why haven't more "reasonable" voices stepped in and made their presence felt? Well, why not? A part of the debacle.

Calling out the extremists, and their enablers, pins the tail on the donkey. The circle widens to include the media itself. The story is there, and the root scandal is nothing if not juicy. Why not reach down into the smoking carcass and yank out its guts? Is it fear? Guilt? Laziness?

There is a story but it needs a shovel. The telling of it will not be entirely fair to its perpetrators. Too bad. The facts are there. The blasted earth would like to be heard..

Enough of this climate change whitewash. Enough of pitting junk science against the real thing, as if both of them are equal. Our land cannot be replenished if the people remain duped.





## **Education Chair Renaldo Arroyo**

### ***Update on Bakersfield College***

Bakersfield College (BC) has recently gone through an update to its curriculum and is in the process of seeking accreditation by the Society of American Foresters. Through the Forestry and Natural Resources program in the Agriculture Department at BC, the program will offer a 2-year Forest Resource Management degree. BC will be at the Society of American Foresters national convention this year as it continues through the candidacy application hoping to secure candidacy status for the degree start date of Summer 2023. The program will then have 5 years to submit a full report and go through the full accreditation process to become the 3rd SAF accredited 2-year program in California joining College of the Redwoods and Reedley College. If you have any questions about Bakersfield College or the new degree program, please reach out to Dr. Renaldo Arroyo at [renaldo.arroyo@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:renaldo.arroyo@bakersfieldcollege.edu).

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### ***Update on FCD***

This year Forest Conservation Days returns to the Fresno area and we will be filled to capacity with 5th grade students from Fresno Unified School District. This year's week-long forestry education event will take place from September 24 - 30 at YMCA Camp at Sequoia Lake. The goal of Forest Conservation Days is to reach students early on and provide them with hands-on forestry experience to bring them closer to the forest and show them what it can offer. We are looking forward to hosting over 200 students a day and spreading this year's theme, "Forests are alive and need to be kept healthy". With a goal of providing 10 exhibits and 10 trail guides each day and covering subjects of ecology, geology, archeology, history, sociology, we hope to provide students with a beneficial knowledge of the forest, what role they may play in helping the forest, and how with some great work we can keep the forest happy and healthy. Forest Conservation Days is being spearheaded by Kent Kinney collaboration with California Society of American Foresters, Reedley College, Bakersfield College, and the support of the USDA Forest Service State & Private Forestry (Region 5).

We are still seeking forestry professionals and other people who may volunteer for a couple days or all week and we want to have as much help as we can so that we can put on a great event.





## California SAF 2022 Awards Nominations are Due

It is time to submit nominations for the California SAF Awards for accomplishments through 2022. Awards will be presented at the Winter Meeting in 2023. Nominations are due to Julie Lydick ([djlydick@comcast.net](mailto:djlydick@comcast.net)) by Oct. 31, 2022.

### Cal SAF 2022 Award Nominations Program

Information about the awards program is available at <https://californiasaf.org/awards>  
Past award winners are available at the website.

### Award Categories

- ◆ **Forestry Achievement:** Contributions to the California Society of American Foresters and broad contributions to the forestry profession. Criteria period is considered over several years.
- ◆ **Volunteer Award:** Contributions to the California Society of American Foresters and broad contributions to the forestry profession. Criteria period is considered over several years.
- ◆ **Mentor Award:** Recognizes contributions of an individual to mentor students and young professionals that supports them in becoming an active member of SAF. 1) Serves as a formal mentor at state or national meetings, 2) Volunteers as a mentor outside of organized SAF activities, 3) Provides opportunities to get involved in forestry activities, 4) Supports "Welcome" activities, organizes ice breaker activities, introductions with other SAF members, and engages with Student Chapters at their meetings or activities. Criteria period considered would be one year to several years.
- ◆ **Outreach and Recruiter Award:** Recognizes contributions that result in new members to Cal SAF. Activities could include inviting young professionals to SAF activities, encourages greater participation in SAF of employees from government agencies, nonprofits, colleges/ universities and private forestry and natural resources related companies. Criteria period is considered over several years.

Thank you,  
Julie Lydick



## Redwoods Rising Apprentices on the North Coast of California

*By: Lucy Kerhoulas and Erin Kelly, Cal Poly Humboldt Dept. of Forestry and Wildland Resources*

Redwoods Rising is a collaboration between the non-profit Save the Redwoods League and the Redwood National and State Parks to restore degraded redwood stands in previously logged areas of the park and expedite old-growth forest structure through thinning treatments, road removal, and other projects.

As an important component of Redwoods Rising, students from Cal Poly Humboldt and the College of the Redwoods have been hired as Apprentices every summer since 2018 to collect monitoring and baseline assessment data. Apprentices have worked with Parks staff in forestry, botany, wildlife, hydrology, roads, and outreach/interpretation. In total, there have been 56 apprentices who have gained valuable field experience and training to prepare them for careers in land management and conservation.

In 2022, five apprentices (two in roads, three in watershed assessment) were hired. Below are a few observations and highlights:

- ◆ This apprenticeship has been an incredible experience. I enjoyed hiking in remote areas that may have not seen people for 50+ years, finding old-growth groves, and identifying old stream crossings and marking them for removal. I've learned that this work is essential for the forest to recover from the man-made disturbances of the last century. (Elijah Severson, Roads Apprenticeship)
- ◆ This summer has been a dream come true. I have learned many things about forest restoration work and the importance of returning the land to a more natural state. I received such wonderful support and teaching along the way and I will carry many tools with me into the future because of this apprenticeship. I especially enjoyed going out with other crews and learning about their jobs and knowledge. (Sidni Worth, Roads Apprenticeship)
- ◆ This internship provided an incredible opportunity to learn new skills, gain new experiences, and make new personal and professional connections. I particularly enjoyed seeking and finding buried stream channels in unrestored, historical clear cuts along logging roads, as this work had a sense of purpose, knowing it could be used in future restoration monitoring. I also enjoyed collecting and measuring fish in various locations throughout the Parks. (Alex Eaton, Watershed Apprenticeship)
- ◆ There have been so many cool things that I have learned this summer. Fish shocking has been the most fun activity that I've gotten to participate in because it's super active and can be pretty difficult. I also really like just spending time in streams and being places that not many people get to go. It's been such a wonderful opportunity! (Ella Moore, Watershed Apprenticeship)
- ◆ The most exciting experience this summer occurred when we were working to protect riparian zone extensions from elk and a large female elk, followed by a herd of more than twenty elk, began approaching us. Apparently we were in their favorite stretch of Prairie Creek and they wanted us out. We had already started leaving the scene and they followed us the whole way. (Austin Warchol, Watershed Apprenticeship)





Sidni Worth and Elijah Severson on a log deck at an active Redwoods Rising restoration thinning site in Redwood National Park.



Alex Eaton, Ella Moore, and Austin Warchol (Watershed Apprentices) on the Smith River near Hiouchi, CA. The apprentices took a raft/kayak trip to look for tar from a spill, survey for fish, learn about river safety, and have fun. They saw a green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*) that day!



Sidni Worth and Elijah Severson (Roads Apprentices) standing next to an old coast redwood in May Creek, Redwood National and State Parks.





## 2022 National SAF Award Winners from California SAF Fellows

### Diane Savin-Dukleth



**Diane** has been an active member of California SAF for many years at the local and state level. The High Sierra Chapter, which she is a member of and served in many roles (Currently Chair and Treasurer), received the NorCal SAF Chapter of the Year award more times than any other Chapter. It's a small chapter, but has a committed base of volunteers that contributes to its success and Diane is a big contributor to that effort.

The strong relationship that the chapter has with Reedley Community College Forestry and Natural Resource program is unique of all the Chapters in California. She is on the Chapter board for the annual scholarship given to forestry students at the college and serves on the Reedley College Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory committee. As a result this creates a network where the students get familiar with the Society of American Foresters and in turn SAF members get to interact with the next generation of foresters.

Several State Society meetings have been held in the High Sierra Chapter area, including California SAF's Centennial meeting in 2016. Whether it was that big event, or the most recent summer meeting 2021 held at Shaver Lake Diane takes an active role in helping the State Society set up and run its meeting and activities.

Diane has been involved in timber sale preparation and as a forest product measurement specialist with the US Forest Service for about 20 years. She has extensive field experience implementing silviculture prescriptions and has worked her way up to Quality Control Group Manager as a measurements specialist. This requires expert knowledge in cruise design and measurement standards for both cruising and timber scaling. In this role she maintains cruise plots, provides technology transfer and trains employees on standards and new technology, certifies competency and conducts check cruises for quality control. Her long-term tenure in the southern Sierra provides a high level of experience in that forest type, which is valuable.

Diane's forestry and volunteer efforts have been recognized with several other awards:

- ◆ NorCal SAF Forestry Achievement Award in 2006
- ◆ SAF District 3 Field Forester Award in 2006
- ◆ Recognized by Santa Clara County Parks with Volunteer Awards for the years of Forest Conservation Days activity at Sanborn Park

### Don Dukleth



Don has served as High Sierra Chapter Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and Policy Chair multiple times throughout the past two decades. The chapter has a robust program that includes meetings with speakers, community environmental education activities, and fundraising activities to support a college scholarship program and regular engagement with Reedley College Forestry and Natural Resource students (SAF certified program).

Don along with his wife Diane have been a committed team running the longest (28+ years) Education program for California SAF, Forest Conservation Days. They started with the program at the original location in Santa Clara County, Sanborn Park, and have run the program at its currently location, Sequoia Lake YMCA camp, serving 5th grade students from Fresno County.

Don is a multi-skilled practicing forester with Southern California Edison. He is a Registered Professional Forester, with several other certifications such as an ISA Arborist, archaeologist, and pesticide applicator. His skills include GIS applications, inventory, project development and design, contract development and administration, coordinating and training contractors, environmental project reviews and permit development. Don was recognized as the District 3 Field Forester in 2015.





## Technology Transfer Award



**Larry Swan**

Larry Swan is the Regional Wood & Biomass Utilization Program Leader in the Pacific Southwest Region (R5), USDA Forest Service. This award is recognition of outstanding achievement of technology transfer and implementation in meeting the management and resource objectives of the USDA Forest Service and a wide variety of state, business and international partners. The past few years have been especially critical as the U.S. Forest Service and the state of California have initiated programs to address climate change and address several years of catastrophic tree mortality due to drought and wildfire. Larry has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 2001.

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## SAF Donation

California SAF donated a dog basket for the August 2022 United States Forest Service (USFS) Reunion in South Lake Tahoe. The basket was valued at \$200 and contained multiple dog items, leash, toys, and snacks. The Silent Auction raised over \$14,000 National Museum of Forest Service History in Missoula, Montana. The upcoming National Museum of Forest Service History will showcase USFS, its employees, partners, and legacy. For more information visit [www.forestservicemuseum.org](http://www.forestservicemuseum.org).





## Forestry Challenge Update

by Diane Dealey Neill

We are only a few weeks away from the beginning of the fall event season. Numbers are high, so high in So Cal, that we're adding a second session the week after the first. Here are some news items for September:

**Mentor Foresters Needed:** Many teachers request foresters to visit campus prior to their event to help prepare the students. Thank you to the following foresters who are already assigned to schools:

Adiran Poloni  
Ariel Roughton  
Bill Snyder  
Brady Dubois  
Brandon McClintick  
Brian Rueger  
Caleb Vierra  
Dan Craig  
Darrik Carlson  
David Haas  
David Thompson  
Frank Barron  
Frank Mulhair

Henry Herrera  
Ian McBride  
J Lopez  
Jan Francis  
Jim Chapin  
Jimi Scheid  
Joey Gentry  
John Kessler  
John Nicoles  
Josh Soderlund  
Justin Kephart  
Kathleen Edwards  
Kelly Sypolt

Leana Satian  
Len Lindstrand  
Len Nielson  
Mark Mueller  
Mike DeLasaux  
Mike Goodner  
Renaldo Arroyo  
Ricky Satomi  
Robert Little  
Russell Garrison  
Samantha Conn  
Ted James  
Tom Francis

These foresters and a few other volunteers are helping a total of 65 schools, but there are a few more schools that don't have foresters yet:

- ◆ Bradshaw Christian School, Sacramento
- ◆ Don Pedro High School, LaGrange
- ◆ Learning for Life Charter, Marina
- ◆ Orland High School, Orland
- ◆ Ross School, Ross
- ◆ The Cottonwood School, El Dorado Hills
- ◆ Venture Academy, Stockton
- ◆ Weed High School, Weed
- ◆ West Campus, Sacramento

If you can make one or two visits to any of these schools, please contact me at [dianedealeynell@gmail.com](mailto:dianedealeynell@gmail.com). Here is Tyler Hullquist working with students at Weed High School:



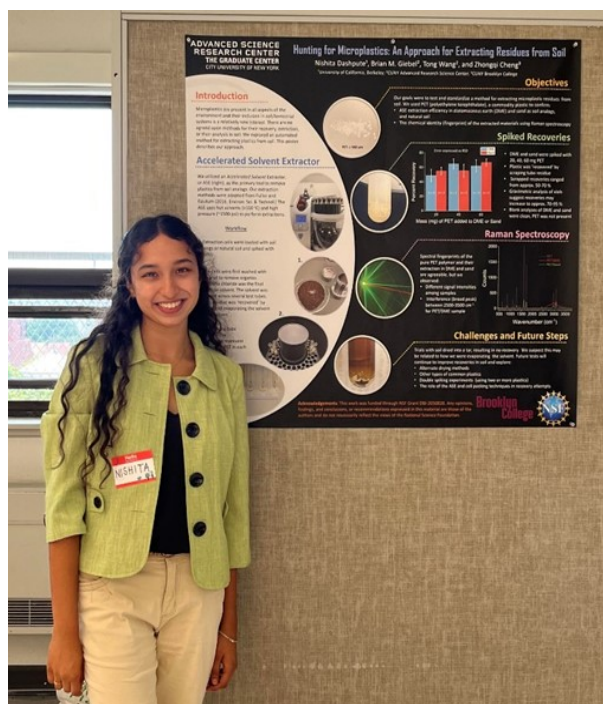




## Forestry Challenge cont.

**Volunteer at a Forestry Challenge event:** We are definitely in need of volunteers at all events. Even if there's a chance you will have to cancel at the last minute due to a fire or other emergency, we encourage you to sign up. Volunteers are needed for many "jobs". Some require only a few evening hours of your time. To sign up, go to the [volunteer sign up form](#) on the website.

**Scholarship Awards:** We are pleased to announce two Forestry Challenge alums who are winners of the both the Redwood Empire and Los Angeles Hardwood Lumberman's Club Scholarships, with \$1,500 and \$500 awards respectively. Autumn Pecarovich is a junior at Humboldt State and Nishita Dashpute is a sophomore at UC Berkeley. We congratulate these outstanding students and wish them the best of luck as they pursue their forestry studies.



Over the summer, Nishita was an intern for the National Science Foundation in Brooklyn, New York.



**Help guide the economic future of Urban & Community Forestry in California by completing a confidential 20-minute survey.**

California ReLeaf, with support from CAL FIRE and the USDA Forest Service, has partnered with North Carolina State University, Virginia Tech, and Cal Poly, to perform a new study on the impact of urban and community forestry on California's economy.

As part of this analysis, we are conducting a survey of public, private, non-profit, higher education, and utility sector enterprises involved in growing and managing urban trees. Your response is critical as we gather information that will guide future efforts to support urban and community forestry businesses and activities throughout California.

We invite the person in your organization most familiar with your financial operations to complete our voluntary survey. All responses to this survey are confidential and no personally identifying information will be recorded. **Information collected from this survey will be aggregated with other respondents for analysis and will not be reported in any way that may reveal the identity of you or your organization.**

For more information about the study, please visit California ReLeaf's website [www.californiareleaf.org/survey](http://www.californiareleaf.org/survey).

If you have any questions about the study, please don't hesitate to contact Cindy Blain of California ReLeaf ([cblain@californiareleaf.org](mailto:cblain@californiareleaf.org)), Walter Passmore, California State Urban Forester ([walter.passmore@fire.ca.gov](mailto:walter.passmore@fire.ca.gov)), or our lead researcher Dr. Rajan Parajuli ([urban\\_forestry@ncsu.edu](mailto:urban_forestry@ncsu.edu)). We hope you will take part in this important survey.

Thank you so much for your time and assistance,

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- Dr. Natalie Love, PhD | Cal Poly State University
- Dr. Eric Wiseman, PhD | Virginia Tech

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## 2022 SAF Meeting & Event Schedule

### September 2022

#### **9/20-9/24/22 – SAF National**

9/27/22 – Board of Directors Meeting: 11:00am-12:00pm

### October 2022

10/25/22 – Board of Directors Meeting: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

9/20-24/2022—SAF National Convention - Baltimore MD for more information visit [eforester.org](http://eforester.org)

### November 2022

11/15/22 – Board of Directors Meeting: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm\*\*

11/18/22—CLFA Botany Conference—Anderson, CA— for more information visit [clfa.org](http://clfa.org)

### December 2022

12/8/22 – Executive Committee Meeting: 11:00 – 3:00 pm

Deadline for article submissions for the winter newsletter is December 20, 2022

\*\*Moved up one week for Holiday

## Announcements

- ♦ 2022 SAF National Convention is September 20-24, Baltimore MD for more information visit [eforester.org](http://eforester.org)
- ♦ November 18, 2022—CLFA Fall Conference on Botany—Anderson, CA—for more information [clfa.org](http://clfa.org)
- ♦ January 11—13, 2023—Forest Vegetation Management Conference—Anderson, CA—for more information [fvmc.org](http://fvmc.org)
- ♦ February 9—11, 2023—Sierra Cascade Logging Conference—Anderson, CA—for more information [sclcexpo.com](http://sclcexpo.com)
- ♦ March 3-4, 2023—CLFA Spring Conference—Anderson, CA