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So Cal SAF Calendar online - A calendar of events is being maintained on the internet at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/public/socalsaf>. Take a look periodically to keep abreast of SAF and related activities.

Book order - So Cal SAF is preparing to place a bulk order of the new book "The Greatest Good - 100 years of Forestry in America", published by SAF. If you would like a copy of this wonderful book at a reduced rate (\$32 + \$2 shipping; otherwise its \$35 + \$5 shipping), send a check for \$34 payable to So Cal SAF to **Mick Sears**, 8908 Balboa Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325.

Inland Empire members (Riverside, San Bernardino, et.al.) - **Jim Asher** is making plans for a SAF meeting in your area. Contact Jim at 909-337-2672 or marilynjimasher@aol.com for details.

San Diego County members - **Craig Cowie** is the contact for your area, along with **Mike Scott** and **Mike Huff**. Contact them regarding plans for a SAF meeting in your area. Craig Cowie 858-674-2987; Mike Scott 858-756-5471; Mike Huff 949-588-5050.

e-mail updates - if you have not been receiving SAF updates via e-mail, and have an email address, send your address to **Doug Nickles** at dnickles@yahoo.com to be added to the list.

History buffs - we are in the process of collecting info about So Cal SAF to include our history in a review of the **SAF Centennial**. We are also trying to place all items worthy of archiving into a single location. If you have old photos, noteworthy items, etc., contact **John Bryant** in the **San Luis Obispo area** at 805-756-5171 or jmjbryant@aol.com, or **John Todd** in the **Los Angeles area** at 323-890-4330 or jtodd@co.la.ca.us. If you have old memos, reports, or other documents that may help with our written history, contact **Paul Rippens** at 626-915-2032 or prrippens@aol.com. Oral history is also welcome!

LA Environmental Education Fair - So Cal SAF hosted a booth at the fair again this year, this fair is designed to be an outreach to students and teachers. We did hand out informational brochures on the Forest Institute for Teachers, SAF activities and general information. Fritz Koepp, Mick Sears, Richard Borden, Wayne Walker, Tim Frick and J. Lopez volunteered. They showed forestry

instruments, books, videos taught, kids how pencils, paper are made, shared the Forestry Profession experience, and of course had a great time.

Congratulations - to **Fritz Koepp** on becoming SAF Fellow!

Planning Ahead - here is a list of tentative dates for upcoming **SAF activities**.

- May 4-5 Foresters and Fire Wardens Meeting, Arrowhead
- May 19 Executive Committee, Camarillo
- May 19-20 So Cal SAF Spring Meeting, Ventura County
- July 14 Executive Committee, Pasadena
- Sept. 11 Executive Committee, TBD
- October Executive Committee, Lake Arrowhead
- October So Cal SAF Fall Meeting, Lake Arrowhead
- Nov. 16-20 National Convention, Washington, D.C.

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Proposed Goals for 2000

1. Make So Cal SAF relevant and reflective of southern California resource management issues.

Objectives

1. Position So Cal SAF as a group of experienced professionals in specific areas of natural resource management (i.e., urban-wildland interface management, urban forestry, vegetation management, oak woodland management).
2. Position So Cal SAF as an accessible network for members and the public.
3. Solicit more participation from USFS and CDF employees.
4. Develop a system for assigning and documenting continuing education credits.
5. Increase membership by 5% (8 members).
6. Support the national forests in So Cal with professional expertise and political direction.
7. Establish active membership groups in the Inland Empire and San Diego regions.

2. Develop an effective Public Outreach program for the media and the general public that is consistent with current national SAF goals.

Objectives

1. Follow the national Centennial theme in all local projects.
2. Participate in a Habitat for Humanity project.
3. Prepare Ed/Op letters offering expert viewpoint on current affairs.
4. Develop a "Walk in the Forest" program.
5. Document the history of So Cal SAF.
6. Establish a permanent archive for state society documents and items.
7. Publish a quarterly newsletter for broad distribution.
8. Establish a state society web page.
9. Take an active role in the California Big Trees program for southern California.

3. Establish a Professional Outreach program to initiate working relationships with local environmental and forestry-related professional organizations.

Objectives

1. Invite other professionals to SAF activities.
2. Attend other environmental professional organization activities.

4. Define possible career paths for current and future Urban Foresters.

Objectives

1. Develop intern programs with Cal Poly and Pierce College.
2. Coordinate employment opportunities with southern California resource management agencies, environmental consulting firms, municipal governments and related non-profit organizations.



5. Increase the annual budget to support ongoing and planned programs.

Objectives

1. Develop fund-raising activities and apply for grants to support each program.
2. Keep expenses in line with annual budget.

Doug Nickles, Chair

Habitat for Humanity

Hello everyone,

We have been given an opportunity to improve your construction skills, promote SAF in Southern California, and most importantly assist your fellow man. The local Ventura County Chapter of the **Habitat for Humanity (HFH)** has given us the chance to partake in an all day event that we will be sponsoring. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing organization that seeks to eliminate substandard and poverty stricken housing in this nation by building homes. Habitat builds affordable homes, from which it receives no profit. This particular project (Duneden project) is located just off of the 126 highway near the City of Piru. The home will be approximately 1500 square feet when completed. It has not yet been determined exactly what portion of construction we will partake in (framing, drywall, landscaping), but when you show up bring your work clothes. Our date is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2000, starting at 0800. It would be nice if everyone showed up a little earlier so we can start the process. If you are interested, please contact **Bradley Yocum** at (805) 376-9672 for more details. We are hoping to have a large turnout to make the work that much easier. Also, if you were thinking about what to do for lunch, don't. The lunches will be provided, compliments of the HFH. Let's show the community what we are about. Let's make SAF work in Southern California.

BRADLEY YOCUM, SPECIAL PROJECTS

Habitat for Humanity is Growing!

By CJ Hall, SAF Centennial Assistant, (301) 897-8720, ext. 155; fax (301) 8973690, or e-mail: hallcj@safnet.org

Join the many SAF units across the country already participating in the SAF Centennial Habitat for Humanity project! From landscaping to donating a load of logs to an afternoon of manual labor, your efforts can help us reach our goal of contributing to 100 homes for the needy by the end of 2001! An update on the SAF build projects is being sent to State Society and Division Chairs. If you have participated in a Habitat project, and are not listed in the update, please contact Louise Murgia, SAF State Society Support Manager, at (301) 897-8720, ext. 118, or e-mail: murgia@safnet.org. If your project is listed, please provide any updates or corrections to the information in the listing. You can also contact Louise for information on getting started on a Habitat for Humanity project.

A GROWING IDEA...

Remind members of available services they gain through SAF. Feature a "Service-of-the-Month" in your unit newsletter. Examples include:

Continuing Education Programs: Earn continuing education credits when you attend regional and local meetings. And gain recognition for your hard work – SAF keeps your employer informed when you earn 150 hours or more of continuing education credits within a three-year period. 2. Members are eligible to apply for low-cost life, disability, major medical, and catastrophic medical insurance. For more information visit www.safnet.org/JZA/intro.htm or call the plan administrator at 800 865-2324. 3. SAF has an electronic mailing list – for members-only! It serves as a forum for discussing forestry issues, and as a way to exchange technical and practical information about forestry. Members are particularly interested in "hands-on" information that has direct application in the field or office, in communications and outreach efforts, and policy work. To subscribe send an e-mail to saf-member-subscribe@igc.topica.com Leave the message and subject area blank.

Money-saving benefits – Your membership entitles you to substantial discounts on informative publications and videos such as The Dictionary of Forestry, The Forestry Handbook, and Foresters: Growing Forests for our Future. You also are entitled to discounts on the stimulating national convention in Washington D.C to be held November 16-20, 2000, and regional meetings sponsored by state societies and divisions. For SAF merchandise visit the SAF store at <http://www.safnet.org/market/store.htm> and for a listing of SAF meetings visit <http://www.safnet.org/calendar/coned.htm>

SAF Submits Comments on TMDL

By Amie Brown, Policy Analyst, (301) 897-8720 ext. 115; fax (301) 897-3690; or e-mail: browna@safnet.org

The national SAF has completed and submitted its comments on the EPA's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) proposed rule, which aim to reduce non-point sources of pollution and achieve the goals of the Clean Water Act.

Specifically, SAF stated that EPA's proposed rule:

1. Fails to acknowledge, or consider, that managed forests preserve and improve water quality.
2. Disregards congressional mandates that regulate silvicultural activities as point sources of pollution.
3. Misallocates scarce federal resources given that EPA's own data states that silvicultural activities are a minor source of water quality impairment (e.g., US EPA 1996).
4. Fails to disclose that private landowners will incur compliance costs and that federal land management agencies will incur the costs of watershed assessments and other regulatory requirements.
5. Cites a limited number of scientific references to determine the need to eliminate silvicultural activities' point source pollution exemption.

For a complete copy of SAF's comments see the SAF website at <http://www.safnet.org/policy/psst/tmdlpos.htm>

We encourage you to contact members of Congress, state water quality agencies and state forestry agencies, and submit comments to EPA, either as an individual or as a SAF state society, division, or chapter. Please feel free to use these comments in whole or in part to develop your thoughts on this issue or contact Amie Brown, Policy Analyst, Department of Forest Policy at (301) 897-8720, ext. 115 or via e-mail at browna@safnet.org for assistance in preparing your comments.

Please remember to forward a copy of any correspondence sent by your unit to the SAF Forest Policy Department. It is important to show the Congress, the Agency and our states that our membership is active and concerned about this issue. By having copies of your comments the national office can better assess the number of our members that have responded.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS**

2000 SPRING MEETING
May 19-20, 2000

“Prescribed Burning at the Urban-Wildland Interface”

With the continued sprawl of development throughout southern California, the use of prescribed fire as a natural resource management tool presents a continuing challenge. However, with its value in managing vegetation and protecting structures, it remains an essential element of a comprehensive vegetation management program. Come join us for a timely program about the role, planning, application, coordination and future of prescribed burning at the urban-wildland interface.

Program Highlights

Planning for the Burn - Doug Campbell, Kent Field and Curtis Vincent will share tools, resources and logistics from their years of experience regarding wildfire behavior, weather forecasting and multiple-agency coordination.

Prescribed Burning On Public Open Space - Rorie Skei of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will give her views on how and when prescribed burning should or could be used in some of our permanently-preserved recreational and wildlife habitat areas.

The Future of Urban-Wildland Interface Management - Richard Wilson, former Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, will present his views on this emerging resource management issue. Richard lives in the Ojai Valley, and will share some insights on the recent fire as well.

Tri-Tip BBQ - Feast on mouth-watering tri-tip steaks prepared by Chief SAF Chef Mick Sears.

Tour of the Upper Ojai Valley - Terry Raley will share about the Ventura County Fire Department prescribed burn program, and then lead us on a tour of the December 1999 Ojai Fire and the Sisar Road Prescribed Burn Project, which helped to stop the fire and save 70 homes.

Lunch in the Ojai - We'll eat lunch at Soule Park, while reviewing the history of the Ojai Valley.

Location

Ventura County Fire Services Training Center. The Training Center is located at the Camarillo Airport in Camarillo. Take the Las Posas Exit off of Highway 101 (Ventura Freeway) and proceed south. Go about one mile to Pleasant Valley Road and turn right (west). About ½ mile on the right is the entrance to the airport facility; turn right on Airport Way. At the end of the street, turn right on Durley Avenue to the Training Center.

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$59.00 plus tax, single or double, for those attending the meeting. For reservations, call 805-485-3999. The **Holiday Inn Express** is located just across the freeway from the airport, about three miles away on Highway 101 at the Central Avenue Exit (4444 Central Avenue, Camarillo, CA 93010). A free continental breakfast is provided. Make your reservations by April 25 for the special rate.

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AGENDA

Friday, May 19

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00am Spring Executive Committee Meeting
Doug Nickles, Chair

SPRING MEETING

12:30pm Registration
Scott Gardner & Mick Sears, So Cal SAF

1:00pm Welcome & Introductions
Doug Nickles, So Cal SAF

1:10pm Welcome
Bob Roper, Fire Chief, Ventura County Fire Department

1:15pm *The Role of Prescribed Burning in a Comprehensive Urban-Wildland Interface Vegetation Management Program*
Jeanine Derby (Invited), Forest Supervisor, Los Padres National Forest

1:45pm *Planning and Design Considerations for Urban-Wildland Interface Prescribed Burning*
Doug Campbell, Fire Behavior Analyst. Doug has extensive experience in wildfire behavior analysis, community fire planning and prescribed burning. He will be explaining the application and use of unique and practical tools he has developed for field use during prescribed burning projects at the urban-wildland interface.
Kent Field, Meteorologist. As one of the three critical elements of wildfire behavior, Kent will be sharing what data is necessary and available to incorporate weather into prescribed burning planning. Kent will also address the latest issues regarding the Air Resources Board proposals.

3:00pm Break

3:15pm *The Application of Prescribed Burning on Public Open Space at the Urban-Wildland Interface - When & Where*
Rorie Skei, Deputy Director, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Rorie has had an active role in open space conservation throughout Ventura and Los Angeles counties for many years. She will be giving her views on how and when prescribed fire can be used as a resource management tool on publicly-owned open space.

4:00pm *Coordinating Prescribed Burning Efforts with Multiple Public Agencies*
Curtis Vincent, Wildland Fire Specialist, Montecito Fire Protection District. As the wildland fire specialist for a fire protection district, Curtis has learned how to coordinate numerous activities with various agencies. He will explain the need and process in which to coordinate projects that involve many players.

4:45pm Questions/Answers

5:00pm Break

5:30pm Social Hour



6:30 pm Dinner
Tri-Tip BBQ hosted by Mick Sears.

8:00 pm *SAF Council Update*
Robert Solari, Council Member, SAF District III

8:10 pm *Guest Speaker - The Future Role of Urban-Wildland Interface Management*
Richard Wilson, Retired Director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Richard not only has professional experience in wildland fire and prescribed burning, but practical experience as well being a rancher and landowner. He will share some of his past experiences, including surviving the recent Ojai Fire, and share his insights on what issues we might expect to face in the near future. Time for a question & answer session will be included.

9:00 pm Raffle

9:15 pm Close

Saturday, May 20

FIELD TOUR

8:30 am Welcome/Introductions, Camarillo
Doug Nickles, So Cal SAF

8:35 am *Review of Ojai Fire and Sisar Road Prescribed Burn Project*
Terry Raley, Ventura County Fire Department. Terry is the Wildland Fire Officer for the Fire Department, and is responsible for managing the prescribed burn program. He will start the day with a Power Point overview of the Ojai Fire of December 1999, and the Sisar Road Prescribed Burn Project. The Sisar project was instrumental in containing the Ojai Fire, as well as saving 70 homes in the area.

9:45 am *Field Tour of Upper Ojai Valley*
Terry Raley, Ventura County Fire Department. This guided tour of Ojai Valley and Upper Ojai will provide examples of the growing urban-wildland interface in Ventura County, and demonstrate the benefits of prescribed burning as a resource management tool.

12:00 pm Lunch (Soule Park)

1:00 pm Resume Tour

3:00 pm Return to Camarillo - Adjourn

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Registration Form

Name _____
Guest/Spouse _____ e-mail _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Registration Fees Check for each person registering; circle the appropriate selection.

	Fri.-Sat.	Fri. Only	Sat. Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-SAF Member	\$70	\$50	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> SAF Member	\$65	\$45	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-SAF Student Member	\$35	\$25	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> SAF Student Member	\$30	\$20	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest/Spouse	\$30	\$20	\$15

Total amount due: _____

Please return form and payment by April 25, 2000! There is limited seating, so you may want to hurry.
Late fee - add \$5. Registration at the door - add \$10.

Saturday Field Tour transportation survey:

- I have a vehicle that can be used for car pooling; I can take _____ passengers with me.
 I will need to car pool with someone.
 I will not be staying for the Field Tour.

For lunch on Saturday, I would like my sandwich to be: beef turkey veggie

Return the completed registration form by **April 25**, along with a check payable to **So Cal SAF**, and send to:
Mick Sears, So Cal SAF Treasurer, 8908 Balboa Blvd. Northridge, CA 91325

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS BALLOT FOR 2000 OFFICER

Chair-Elect:

Tamara Hanna

Tamara is a Forestry Technician for the County of Los Angeles Fire Department currently working at the Environmental Review Unit. She assists private homeowners, homeowners associations, organizations and governmental agencies in urban-wildland interface development planning, enforces the county's Oak Tree Ordinance from an individual to complete oak woodland.

Tamara has been Chair-Elect and Chair of the San Gabriel Chapter and she is active in other professional organizations such as the California Urban Forester Council.

_____ Tamara Hanna
_____ Write-in: _____

Please mark your candidate for Chair-Elect or write-in of choice. Send ballot with your spring meeting registration form **by April 25, 2000**. If you would like to serve the Social SAF in other capacities, please contact John Bryant @ 805.756.5171. There is plenty to be done and we are always looking for new people and ideas.