

Matthew R. Dias

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SKILLS

Budget Management, Project Development,
Management, and Supervision, Public and
Agency Communications, Conflict
Resolution and Negotiation

EDUCATION

Humboldt State University
Arcata, CA
B.S. Forestry
1996 - 1999

Cosumnes River College
Sacramento, CA
AA General Transfer
1994 - 1996

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATES

Registered Professional Forester (RPF
#2773)

CAL - FIRE Archaeological Training

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

California Licensed Foresters Association
Board of Directors
2009 - 2012

Davenport North Coast Association
Board of Directors
2010 - 2012

Cal Poly Natural Resources 475 Class
Annual Professional Presenter
2008 - Present

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

The California Forestry Association (Calforests)
President/CEO
2021 – present

As President/CEO I am responsible for leading the Association, specifically assuming the responsibility for budgeting, staff management, developing and maintaining strategic relationships, business management, and media relations.

State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Executive Officer
2015 – 2021

As Executive Officer I serve at the pleasure of the Board and am responsible for all aspect of Board functions. This includes managing the Board's budget and staff of sixteen employees. Advising the Board on how to act under constraints of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting laws. Additionally, I manage all Board standing and advisory committees, the promulgation of regulations pursuant to CEQA and APA, litigation risk, public records requests, interaction on legislation, interaction with the public and media, and represent the Board on State interagency policy matters as they relate to forestry and fire protection.

State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Licensing Officer (Assistant Executive Officer)
2012 - 2015

As Licensing Officer, I was responsible for the statewide enforcement of the Professional Foresters Law, administration of the Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) and Certified Rangeland Managers (CRM) programs, review of qualification of applicants for the professional exams, staffing the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, conducting outreach for the profession of forestry, and staffing the Professional Foresters Examining Committee.

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Big Creek Lumber Company Davenport, CA 2005 - 2012

As a forester on the central coast I worked with private landowners in relation to forest management and other land use issues; prepared and managed THPs and NTMPs; developed logging bids, crafted components of a draft Habitat Conservation Plan for company owned timberlands; and worked in the capacity as a liaison for the central coast forestry community with various local, state and federal agencies and boards. Working in this capacity often entailed engaging with media and public stakeholders.

Pacific Lumber Company
Scotia, CA
2000-2005

As a Resources Forester with Pacific Lumber Company I worked directly with an Area Forester on approximately 30,000 acres of the ownership. Management of these lands was accomplished through compliance with a Habitat Conservation Plan, the California Forest Practice Rules and the Porter Cologne Act. Additionally, I worked closely with multiple state and federal agencies during the review and implementation of Timber Harvest Plans. This position included a multidisciplinary role involving working with geologists, botanists and wildlife biologists, along with Licensed Timber Operators.