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### **California Named Association of Consulting Foresters' Small Chapter of the Year** *Sponsored by STIHL, the Award Recognizes California's Outstanding Achievements*

Williamsburg, VA – For exemplifying outstanding contributions to forest, their local community and the [Association of Consulting Forestry of America, Inc.](#) (ACF), ACF's California chapter has been awarded its Small Chapter of the Year Award. ACF is a national organization of forestry professionals that help landowners address their land-use and forestry challenges.

Sponsored by [STIHL](#)®, the small chapter of the year award honors one of 24 ACF's chapters with less than 20 members. As part of the honor, the California chapter will receive \$500 which recognizes the chapter's strength in membership and recruitment, continuing education, outreach to related organizations, outreach to landowners, and short-and long-term goals.

"Every one of our 17 members should be very proud of this honor because they all contributed to our chapter success," said Mitchell Haydon, Vice President, Environmental Resource Solutions, Inc., Sebastopol, CA; and ACF's California chapter chair. "We are honored to receive this award and thank STIHL for sponsoring it."

The award recognizes the activities of the California chapter from June 2019 to June 2020.

"The chapter received the award for organizing a variety of chapter meetings, providing continuing forestry education through workshops, reaching out to organizations such as the California state legislature and academia, and creating an online member director for landowners in an effort to attract more business to their members," said Justin Miller, ACF, president of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#), and president of ACF.

ACF's Large Chapter of the Year award, was given to the ACF Texas chapter for meeting similar criteria. The Large Chapter award of \$1,500 honors an ACF chapter with 20+ members.

"On behalf of ACF members, we want to congratulate the California chapter for capturing the Small Chapter of the Year Award," Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director of ACF. "We want to thank STIHL for sponsoring the two chapter of the year awards for the third year."

The consulting foresters that comprise ACF membership are located across the U.S. Through their work with landowners, they enhance property values, increase the value of timber, produce a more sustainable timber harvest, protect wildlife habitat, and establish and protect a family's forest legacy. Because of their vital role in the supply chain, ACF members have been deemed essential workers during COVID-19.

As a condition of membership, every consulting forester must have minimum education and experience levels, complete the Practice of Consulting Forestry course, and most importantly, agree to adhere to the organization's stringent Code of Ethics.

For more information about ACF, log onto [www.acf-foresters.org](http://www.acf-foresters.org).

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#### **About ACF**

Founded in 1948, the Association of Consulting Foresters represents independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners. ACF members help landowners enhance property values, increase the value of timber, produce a more sustainable timber harvest, enhance wildlife habitat, and establish and protect your family's forest legacy. As the gold standard of consulting foresters, ACF has 24 chapters across the U.S. offers its members professional development, publications, insurance, networking opportunities, and advocacy information on state and federal issues. For more information, log onto [www.acf-foresters.org](http://www.acf-foresters.org).