

## Forward

The inspiration and impetus to finally develop this new publication documenting the latest reforestation practices for conifers in California came from several directions. In 1979, far-sighted reforestation professionals held the first Forest Vegetation Management Conference (FVMC). This organization fostered the exchange of ideas and information that played a central role in the significant improvements in reforestation practices used in California and elsewhere over the past 40+ years. With many key practitioners on the cusp of retirement, a sense of urgency to share their mostly unpublished knowledge led to the creation of the FVMC Forest Legacy Committee. The consequent development of this publication is a major addition to the legacy of this organization and its ongoing efforts.

Among the many individuals who contributed inspiration and guidance to this effort, the late Dr. Robert Powers deserves special recognition. He spent many years as a soil scientist and silviculturist with the USDA Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station in Redding, California. Bob Powers had that almost unique ability to look into the future and determine what questions practitioners of forest management would like answered, and then design applied research that would provide those answers. His presence is sorely missed.

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Tom Jopson, Chair  
Forest Legacy Committee  
Forest Vegetation Management Conference

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