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CAL FIRE AND SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES MEET

PREPARE FOR UPCOMING SEASON

Camino – Chief Officers from CAL FIRE’s Amador- El Dorado (AEU) and Tuolumne – Calaveras (TCU) Units met recently with representatives from Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) Camino, Martell and Sonora Districts to prepare for the up-coming wildland fire and logging seasons. The meeting was held in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into between the California Forestry Association (CFA) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in August of 2011. The MOU is designed to establish a general framework for cooperation through partnerships. CAL FIRE AEU Unit Chief Kelly Keenan stated “the purpose of the meeting is to maintain an open dialogue that fosters communication and coordination between cooperators during the fire season.”

During the meeting a range of topics were discussed including scheduled timber harvest activity, a radio frequency agreement which would allow for better communications, required fire tools on active logging sites, SPI’s proposed spring burning and morning status reports for personnel, equipment and fire weather. Chief Kelly Keenan added, “CAL FIRE’s mission is to serve and safeguard the people and protect the property and resources of California. Sierra Pacific Industries owns over 300,000 acres of timberland in AEU and TCU, a vast resource of not only timber but also watershed, wildlife, botanical and scenic values. Our meeting was very productive.”

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