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Tree Mortality Task Force Forest Health and Resilience Working Group Agenda

Wednesday, January 6, 1 pm – 2 pm
1416 9th Street, Room 1506-12, Sacramento
Conference Call Line 916-324-2474

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Review of Working Group Objectives from Incident Action Plan.
3. Items covered:
 - Forest practice rules and other laws and regulations already provide a great amount of environmental protection. Avoid reinventing the wheel with protection measures.
 - Summarize environmental protection measures already in place through existing laws and regulations.
 - Reorder the objectives into sequential order. Focus on fewer, tangible, action oriented items.
 - Distinguish between actions and objectives in the short term and long term.
 - Define the scale of the problem. Decide whether it is tree characteristics or landscape level.
 - Distinguish between:
 - a) General, broader forest health issues and actions taken across a broader landscape outside the HHZs, such as habitat, watersheds and ecosystems, and
 - b) Homeowner advice, specific best management practices for tree removal.
 - Issues outside the HHZ will involve both state and federal laws and regulations depending on ownership characteristics.
 - Develop standards for evaluating and monitoring tree removal methods.
 - While the scope of the group's efforts may spill over past the high hazard zones in some areas or subject categories, generally the scope of the Tree Mortality Task Force is within the HHZ. Infrastructure, life and property are important criteria.
 - Clarify fire risk as a function of dead trees.



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- Define target conditions for healthy forests. Distribute the Forest Carbon Action Team (FCAT) definition of healthy forests.
- Seek the least incidental damage to resources associated with operations. Seeks best management practices for removal processes.
- We need a system of prioritization for treatments and actions.
- Keep it simple. Focus on what resources we can bring to bear to remove as many trees as possible.
- A possible action plan could include:
 - a) Positive outcomes and unintended consequences.
 - b) Desired conditions.
 - c) Methods and management practices.
 - d) Materials for landowners.
- Establish how the Forest Health and Resilience Group relates to other efforts, such as the Forest Carbon Action Team and AB1492.

Next meeting.

- Future meetings of the Forest Health and Resilience Group will occur on the first Wednesday of every month, from 11 am – 12 noon.

4. Closing Comments/Adjourn.