

Tree Mortality Task Force Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2015

Attendees (in room): 70 people, see attached roster for complete attendance

Via Phone/Webinar: 26 people

1. Welcome & Instructions
 - a. Task Force Co-Chairs
 - i. Ken Pimlott
 - ii. Mark Ghilarducci
 - b. Governor's Office Liaison
 - i. Cliff Rechtschaffen
 - ii. Wade Crowfoot
2. Review of the Agenda (Ken Pimlott)
3. Description of the Problem (Duane Shintaku)
4. High Hazard Zone Identification (Glenn Barley)
(See attached PowerPoint)

Introduction to the online tool and explanation of data origins. An overview of the Forest Health viewer. The purpose of the Forest Health viewer is not to provide data at the parcel level, but rather allow for community and landscape scale planning and coordination. The viewer will be available on readyforwildfire.org and readyforbarkbeetle.org website. It will also be available at FRAP website, and CAL FIRE's main website.

5. Detection/Monitoring (Glenn Barley, Mark Rosenberg)

Currently the information in the viewer is based on annual survey data. Feedback from users, land managers etc. will be critical to updating the viewer and providing the most up to date information on the spread of mortality. This updated information will be used to prioritize areas of the State for projects. The other project tracking databases such as CAL MAPPER for tracking locations of projects on the ground will tie in with the Forest Health Viewer to give a complete view of work on the ground.

ACTION ITEM: Once the tool is available online, all local entities are requested to provide updated information on the spread of tree mortality as it becomes available in order to update the viewer.

6. Review of the Proclamation (All)

Overview of each section of the Proclamation, the likely impacts and also questions on each provision. Discussion on the need to create information for practitioners and the public that bridges the language of the Proclamation to action steps on the ground. Also discussion on the best way to disseminate information on funding, exemptions, and environmental compliance more broadly, including the use of a dedicated website, information "fairs", and distribution of materials. There will also be an ongoing commitment to monitoring the work on the ground to gauge for effectiveness, particularly in light of the drought and climate change.

A number of stakeholders expressed the need to move on the issue of facilities that are currently accepting woody biomass and how to keep them operational (if possible or economical).

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(See *Draft FAQ* for specific questions raised during the discussion.)

ACTION ITEMS

- i. Create a guidance document that explains in layperson's terms what the Proclamation does.
- ii. Create a matrix of all possible funding sources, allowable uses, and amount available. Also which entity is responsible for managing or allocating funds.
- iii. Create a guidance document that explains all of the exemptions and rules for dead tree removal.
- iv. Include the Department of Insurance in future task force meetings.
- v. All stakeholders to provide questions for an FAQ.
- vi. Draft responses to FAQ for public and other stakeholder use.

7. Review of the Draft Charter (Ken Pimlott)

8. Organizational Structure/Action Plan (All)

Discussion on the different working groups that were needed to address the different parts of the Proclamation. Ideas includes groups to address different types of woody biomass utilization (immediate storage issues, biomass / bioenergy, wood products), funding, broader forest health issues, prescribed fire, and public outreach. Goal was to create smaller groups based upon expertise to work on implementing each of the Proclamation's action items.

ACTION ITEMS:

- i. Develop field tours for legislative staffers
- ii. Identify working groups and allocate stakeholders

9. Funding (All)

Discussion on how limited funding would be allocated initially and how the focus will be on hazards, evacuation routes, and other immediate public safety hazards. Agencies will consider all possible funding sources and consider creative ways to combine Federal, State, and local funds.

10. Closing Comments (Wade Crowfoot, Mark Ghilarducci, Ken Pimlott)

11. Scheduling of Recurring Meetings/Points of Contact Designations

Once a month, next meeting mid-December

12. Action Items: See attached matrix