



**Workshop on County Tree Mortality Mitigation Efforts  
April 14, 2017  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
California Office of Emergency Services Headquarters  
3650 Schriever Avenue  
MPR-1  
Mather, CA 95655**

**Objective**

Through convening representatives from the 10 Sierra Nevada counties covered by the Governor's declaration of the tree mortality emergency it is expected that attendees will gain insights from the activities of their peers and lessons learned that will enable them to further their goal of combatting the potential hazardous effects of tree mortality caused by the extended drought and associated bark beetle epidemic.

**Agenda (subject to change)**

0900: Introductions

Dr. Richard Harris, Northern California Society of American Foresters  
Peter Crase, California Office of Emergency Services

0910: State Tree Mortality Task Force 2017 Priorities

Kevin Conway, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

0930: Innovative Approaches to Inventory and Implementation

"Tree Mortality Inventory Remote Sensing Methods"

Mike Miller, Calaveras County

"Data Collection: Field, Cloud and Desktop"

Jose Crummett, El Dorado County

"Using Drones for Estimating Tree Mortality Concentrations"

Neal Bolton, Blue Ridge Services

10:30 Break

10:40: Public Outreach and Education

"Right of Entry Best Practices"

Ryan Campbell, Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services

"Website Development for Public Outreach and Education"

Ethan Billigmeier, Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services

11:20: Commercialization

"Export Market Opportunities"

Jim Davies, Jim Davies Forestry

"Small Mill Cooperative"

Jennifer Alger, Far West Forest Products

"Current State of the California Biomass Power Sector"

Tad Mason, TSS Consultants

12:20 Lunch Break (lunches provided)

1:30: Coordination and Regulation

"CAL FIRE Labor and Equipment Support"

Kevin Conway, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

"Coordinating County Mitigation Efforts with the U.S. Forest Service

Chris Fischer and Stephanie Gomes, U.S. Forest Service

"Coordinating County Mitigation Efforts with Utility Companies"

Niel Fischer, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (placeholder)

"Lessons Learned by Tuolumne Utility District"

Lisa Westbrook, Tuolumne Utility District

2:30: Private Property Assistance

"SRA Grants and the Blue Lake Springs Community Project"

Pat McGreevy and Pete Padelford, Cal Am Foresters and Blue Lake Springs

"Tree Mortality Assistance Program"

Tom Penhallegon, Tuolumne Lions Club

3:10 Monitoring

"Role of Local Field Data in the Determination of High Hazard Zones"

Kelly Larvie, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

3:30: Obstacles and Impacts

"Funding Tree Mortality Mitigation with County Resources"

Eric Coyne, Tulare County Administrator's Office

"Collateral Damage: Effects of Tree Removal on County Roads"

Samuel Bolton, Blue Ridge Services

4:10: Closing Comments and Adjourn

## Logistics

Please go to <https://treemortalityworkshop.eventbrite.com> to confirm your attendance and register for the workshop. Please be sure that any colleagues who you know will attend do the same. We need to keep track of the number of participants so that we do not exceed the meeting room's capacity. Register early because the workshop is becoming widely known and others, not necessarily associated with the counties' efforts may seek to attend.

Visitor Parking is available in front of the building, enter building at main entrance, flagpole location. If the front lot is full, follow signs to back of building, and enter in the back of building.

There are no conveniently located eating establishments so we request that all participants bring their lunch. We will provide coffee at the break and water.

We look forward to a successful exchange of information!

The workshop will also be streamed live for those that cannot attend in person. Please go to <https://bluejeans.com/9168458203> at the time of the meeting to watch the proceedings. It is recommended that you download the application at bluejeans.com beforehand to save time. After entering the site call 1-888-240-2560. You will be prompted for the meeting ID which is 9168458203. That will allow you to enter the meeting.

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