



Tree Mortality Task Force Monthly Update December 28, 2017

- The next Task Force meeting will be held on Monday, January 8 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. A meeting announcement and agenda will be posted Friday, January 5 on the TMTF website. The webinar registration is available here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1533527737875014914>.
- On December 11, USDA Forest Service announced that an additional 27 million trees, mostly conifers, died throughout California since November 2016, bringing the total number of trees that have died due to drought and bark beetles to an historic 129 million on 8.9 million acres. The press release and supporting documents can be found here: <http://calfire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/newsreleases/2017/CAL%20FIREandUS%20ForestAnnouce129MillionDeadTrees.pdf>. Tree mortality numbers by county are provided as one of the supporting documents under the Media Notes: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd566199.pdf.
- CAL FIRE announced information regarding the 2017-2018 California Climate Investments (CCI) grant funds that will be administered to help the State reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon. Up to \$200 million is available through CAL FIRE's Forest Health grants (including conservation easements through the California Forest Legacy Program) and Fire Prevention grants. Up to \$20 million in grant funds is available through CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry program. Information on qualifying projects is available in individual Procedural Grant Guidelines and will also be provided at upcoming workshops planned for mid-January at areas around the State and via webinar. Specific information about these workshops will be shared on CAL FIRE's social media accounts and on our grants page. More information and Procedural Grant Guidelines are posted at: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/grants>
- The USDA California Climate Hub published [a fact sheet](#) that summarizes the research presented at the July 2017 Drought and Tree Mortality Science and Management Symposium. The Climate Hub crafted this product to be informational as well as educational and useful to resource and forest managers and associated stakeholders and clients.
- CA Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) introduced the [Wildfire Safety and Recovery Act](#) to promote fire prevention efforts and ensure Californians can continue to obtain insurance after a record-setting storm of wildfires. risk, which includes home improvements, vegetation management and volunteer efforts. The Senator will formally introduce language for this Act in the legislative session starting Jan. 3, 2018.
- Associated California Loggers' [Annual Meeting](#) will be held January 16-18 in Reno, NV.