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## Tree Mortality Task Force

### Tree Mortality Task Force Weekly Update April 1, 2016

#### 1. Highlights

- CAL FIRE Southern Region Leadership Team (SRLT) Visits Mortality Area – Unit Chiefs from the Southern Region of CAL FIRE visited the training site for the air curtain burners as well as for the tracked chippers. These key leaders within CAL FIRE will provide some of the personnel and support staff from their respective Units to operate the equipment once it's placed in various counties. This visit also afforded them the opportunity to view a dead tree removal and fuel break project in the Fresno-Kings Unit.

#### 2. Main Task Force Report

- Planning for the entry of additional counties to the six priority counties continues and parameters and contacts are being identified. A full report on this topic will be provided at the next full Tree Mortality Task Force Meeting.
- Remember, the next full Tree Mortality Taskforce meeting will be held at **2 PM ON APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**.

#### 3. Working Group Reports

##### Mapping and Monitoring (Mark Rosenberg/Chris Fischer)

- Aerial Detection Survey Flights  
Planning is underway by the USFS to facilitate a special early detection flight which will monitor mortality in the southern Sierra foothills, Tehachapi and the northern transverse ranges. This is tentatively scheduled for mid-April, but is subject to having favorable weather windows in which to fly and conduct the survey.

##### Public Outreach (Daniel Berlant/Staci Heaton)

- Resolution E-4770 FAQs Sheet  
CPUC released a FAQs sheet on the E-4770 Resolution and provided it to the Public Outreach group. This will help provide information on a complex and important topic. The FAQs sheet will be posted to the TMTF web site next week.



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### **Regulations** (Matthew Reischman/Sandy Goldberg)

- Storage Yards  
The Regulations group is contacting the counties to identify specific sites that counties are working to develop so the WG can begin focusing on specific regulatory roadblocks that may be hindering the establishment of storage/processing site.

### **Resource Allocation** (Thom Porter/Tom Lutzenberger)

- Equipment Training  
CAL FIRE conducted training for their staff on air curtain burners and tracked chippers Tuesday through Friday this week. The Resource Allocation WG can now begin to match equipment requests with operators and initiate the deployment of tracked chippers and the use of Air Curtain Burners. Training on heavy loader equipment is scheduled for the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. Arrival of the heavy loader equipment is scheduled for late April.

### **Utilization – Bioenergy** (Kim Carr/Angie Lottes)

- Biomass Volume  
Work has begun to identify the volume of biomass from dead trees in the High Hazard Zones. Currently, specialists who can perform the analysis are being tasked and computer models which can calculate the volume are being evaluated. This key work is an important piece of information for the direction of bioenergy programs.