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Tree Mortality Task Force

Tree Mortality Task Force Weekly Update February 26, 2016

1. Highlights

- A guidelines document has been completed by the Regulations Working Group and will be posted on the Task Force website for general review. Pursuant to the Governor's proclamation, a public meeting will be scheduled to receive comment on the document.

2. Main Task Force Report

- A meeting is scheduled with Kern County for March 3rd.

3. Working Group Reports

Regulations (Matthew Reischman/Sandy Goldberg)

- Storage Sites
A list of potential storage sites has been established. Sites will be added to the Tree Mortality Viewer as they are vetted with the property owner and suitability of the site has been further investigated.

Mapping and Monitoring (Mark Rosenberg/Chris Fischer)

- High Hazard Zones
Work has been focused on a second iteration of the High Hazard Zones which is more inclusive of fire risk and encompasses additional assets which would be at risk as a result of fire and/or falling trees. The draft of the second iteration is scheduled to be completed the first of next week.

Resource Allocation (Thom Porter/Tom Lutzenberger)

- Equipment Allocation
Draft criteria that will be used to determine the allocation of equipment to priority counties was developed. Draft criteria includes but is not limited to: operation plan in place, collaborative effort among local entities, a clear plan for and the ability to support the equipment, work will be associated with threat reduction to critical infrastructure and assets at risk.



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- Non Priority County Applications for CDAA
Cal OES drafted a response denial letter for entities which are not in the priority counties and have applied for CDAA funding for tree mortality.

Prescribed Fire (Nick Goulette/Craig Thomas)

- Permitting/Waiver for Air Curtain Burners
Efforts obtaining permits/waivers for the deployment of air curtain burners continued.

Utilization – Bioenergy (Kim Carr/Angie Lottes)

- CPUC Resolution Revised by CPUC
CPUC revised their resolution based on comments provided by several member organizations of the TMTF. The CPUC was generally very responsive to the input provided, but the CPUC did not act on the resolution in its meeting this week. Significant effort has been made by many members of this working group to provide a timely response of critical information to the CPUC.

Utilization – Market Development (Evan Johnson/Kim Carr)

- Markets Being Explored
The following outlets for biomass from dead trees are being investigated by the WG:
 - Export of logs
 - Densified Fuel (briquettes, pellets, densified logs)
 - Biochar
 - Reutilization of existing but dormant industrial sites
 - Use of wood for posts by Cal Trans
- Go Biz representative advised the group about the Cal Competes Tax Credit (CCTC) program which can provide certain tax credits to businesses that want to locate or stay and grow in California. This program could be a potential incentive for new or existing businesses receiving woody biomass from dead trees.