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## Tree Mortality Task Force

### Tree Mortality Task Force Weekly Update February 5, 2016

#### 1. Highlights

- DIR has released a determination on tree removal operations associated with the Governor's proclamation stating that prevailing wage does not apply under the scoop of work defined in their determination.

#### 2. Main Task Force Report

- Meetings with Madera and Mariposa Counties  
Separate meetings were held with Madera and Mariposa counties to gather information on their respective activities and needs as well as any issues that are hindering implementation of their tree removal efforts. Both counties are actively removing trees as well as developing and implementing plans for further tree removal efforts. Following are highlights of some items raised by the counties.
  - The desire for a FEMA declaration
  - The need to extend contracts for existing Bioenergy facilities
  - The need for assistance to private landowners for tree removal
  - CDAA funding is helpful, but will deplete county reserves meeting the 25% match

#### 3. Working Group Reports

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

- DIR Prevailing Wage Applicability  
See above
- Guidelines for High Hazard Zone Tree Removal  
After review by the Working group, additional changes have been made to the draft Regulations Guidance Document (RGD). It is expected the draft will be finalized and submitted Monday to the TF leader for review and submittal to the taskforce chairs.



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

- Status of Equipment Acquisition
  - a. The final order of equipment was completed this week and the first pieces of equipment are anticipated to be delivered next week.
  - b. A core group has begun development of safety/training/operation plan to safely and effectively put the equipment into operation.

### **Mapping and Monitoring (Mark Rosenberg)**

- Mortality Mapper  
A draft mortality mapper has been developed that will aid in capturing data from CAL FIRE and USFS existing project data bases.

### **Prescribed Fire (Nick Goulette/Craig Thomas)**

- Exceptional Events Rule (EER) Comment Letter  
An EER comment letter was submitted by CAL FIRE to the EPA for inclusion in their public comments.

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

- Development of both the self-guided tour and the legislative tours continues. Target dates for the legislative tours continues to be April to minimize potential weather conflicts.

### **Utilization – Market Development (Evan Johnson/Kim Carr)**

- CalRecycle has shared information that may be helpful in establishing storage/utilization sites. CalRecycle can wave some requirements to allow existing solid waste facilities to receive additional volume and different types of materials if the material is associated with the emergency proclamation. They can also wave some requirements for the establishment of new sites receiving material associated with the emergency. CalRecycle is developing a brief description of this process and how it can help.