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Tree Mortality Task Force Regulations Working Group Action/Progress

Conference Call

February 19, 2016

9:00 to 10:00AM

Conference Call Number (916) 324-6897

BLM Storage Sites

Rosemarie-Ashley has the information provided by the Mother Lode Field Office. Bill Haigh and his staff have been quite helpful. However, Bill reported today that BLM upper management may have concerns about longer term storage (beyond 2-3 years). So, it would be very good for them to participate in the Regulations WG. During the call tomorrow, my question will be whether it makes sense for us to prepare a submission to BLM based on a site in Mariposa and/or Tulare counties to provide a basis for more concrete discussions.

Ashley-I asked for either Tom Pogacnik, Deputy State Director for BLM CA, or Greg Miller, natural resources lead for BLM CA desert district to join the regulations group, at a minimum. I suggested that we could make a formal invitation from the Governor's office, if necessary. Stay tuned on a response.

Scott-We continue to work with the BLM on locating sites to store logs, particularly in Mariposa County, where I think Rosemarie is making good headway. I've also spoken with Tuolumne County reps, and my local USFS contact, and there are several sites here for storing wood material. Some are currently being used for this, some would need to be broached with those land owners. We can identify these as current and potential future sites, but I do not have the sense that Tuolumne County entities are desperate for additional locations at this time. The Bakersfield BLM is willing to consider a site near the town of Alpaugh, in Tulare county, about 45 minutes southwest of Porterville. Again, this would need to go through the BLM process, and Ashley had offered to work with them at the State level to see if she could streamline that process.

Insurance

Rosemarie-County staff and I spoke again this morning with Tom Corbett, a representative of CSAC-Excess Insurance Authority. His basic message WRT transferring risk from private landowners who permit log storage on their properties to a JPA is that we need to define what liability would be transferred. CSAC-EIA might be interested in working with us at that point.

Water Supply and Storage Sites

Phil-Water Supply for Fire/Dust Suppression at Timber Decks, Storage, and Processing Facilities

Parties should attempt to utilize an existing, authorized source of water. Examples include establishing an agreement to use water from a nearby reservoir or tank, or purchasing a supply from a municipal or private source and having it trucked in.

Parties interested in understanding existing water rights (water sources) near their project can view our online water rights database and GIS at:



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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/ewrims/

Parties with questions should review the State Water Board, Division of Water Rights frequently asked questions page:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/board_info/faqs.shtml

If an existing, authorized source is not available and parties need to discuss an authorization, they should determine their water right permitting contact on the following webpage and discuss the issue with them:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/docs/palcontacts.pdf

Air Quality

Heather-ARB has determined federal surplus equipment can be obtained for as long as CAL FIRE needs, and will draft a letter providing its view that the obtaining of that equipment does not require permits.