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Tree Mortality Task Force Regulations Working Group Action/Progress

Conference Call

February 26, 2016

9:00 to 10:00AM

Conference Call Number (916) 324-2474

BLM Storage Sites

Darold Heikens provided a list of Caltrans sites that might be useful as storage locations. Mark Smith from Sierra also has identified sites they're using in Madera County.

Private Storage Sites

PG&E: (Neil Fisher) has been working to help find private property locations that could be used for log storage. PG&E has compiled a list, however out of respect for their customers, company privacy policies prevent PG&E from directly sharing with the state or counties. PG&E takes this issue very seriously.

Solutions:

- PG&E is working with their customers to get written permission to supply assessor parcel numbers to the county/state. This will take time.
- In the alternative, PG&E will ask their customers to directly contact the state or county. But, PG&E will need to know whom from each county their customers should contact? Is there a contact list?
- Another option is to have local Fire Safe Councils (FSC) reach out to owners; or owners could work through the local FSC to notify the state or counties. This idea needs some vetting – but could work in locations that have mature FSC's with the staffing/capacity to act.

Added information:

PG&E customers are asking 3 main questions around log storage on their lands:

- How long will the logs persist on their properties?
- Who will insure/indemnify the underlying owner and at what cost?
- How will owners be remunerated and at what rate – i.e. how much will they be paid – and by whom?

PG&E did search their own fee lands for storage site locations. None were identified within the 6 affected counties because:

- Properties were sloped (near our dams)
- Accessibility is poor – served by rural, unpaved roads currently under snow; poor log truck access/unloading areas
- Electrical infrastructure on site that would interfere with the safe operation of log loading/unloading, heavy machinery (chipping) and trucking operations

PG&E will continue to review their fee lands for options and the RWG will discuss the private landowner notification or contact options via Counties or the state during the next Conference call on 2/26/16.

TF Storage Site List:



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Jeff Isaac (TF County Liaison) continues to work through local CAL FIRE Units and Counties to identify potential storage sites on private, County, State and Federal lands. An internal list of sites is being developed. The confidential list of potential storage sites was circulated to the RWG for discussion. I would like to make the point that these are just potential sites and the list is confidential. Once regulations are established and cost are identified some of these sites may fall off the list.

Insurance

Rosemarie consulted Erin Ryan on the State Senate Committee on Effects of Global Warming and Drought on Homeowner's Insurance. She plans to attend and may testify at the hearings scheduled for March 9th

Contacts List:

The draft list of regulatory contacts is comprehensive for CAL FIRE, but needs additional contacts for other agencies. A list of local fire officials can be located at <http://www.cpf.org/go/cpf/serving-our-profession/fire-department-directory/> This has been added to the draft Emergency Guidelines.

Water Supply and Storage Sites

The draft Emergency Guidelines now include Water Quality permitting information for both commercial and non-commercial tree removal, and onsite water supply and water rights information.

Air Quality

Air Curtain Burners: The demo in Mariposa County was covered by a LE-5 from CAL FIRE and our local air district exempted it for purposes of the demo. We're currently looking into US EPA requirements as Mariposa understands we'll likely receive a burner in the next couple of weeks. Per Alan Abbs we need a higher level contact at US EPA than the folks he's talked with.

County Counsel Group

The County Counsel Group formed by RWG member Christa Darlington, and comprised of legal representatives from each of the six counties, is working on full cylinders. The group is identifying and resolving many legal issues. The majority of issues are county specific and have little relevance beyond the individual county. Christa has reached out to the San Joaquin Air District and asked for any final input on the Regulations Guidance document by Monday 2/29.