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## Tree Mortality Task Force Regulations Working Group Minutes

Conference Call

January 29, 2016

9:00 to 10:00AM

(Conference Call Line 916-324-6897)

I. Roll Call

II. Working Group Additions-Alan Abbs CAPCOA

III. Current County Needs and Priority Deliverables

- Locate existing and potential storage sites in the six Counties:  
**Federal Lead:** Scott Tangenberg, Rosemarie Smallcombe  
**Sate/Local Lead:** Christa Darlington, Sandy Goldberg  
Need to establish site ID procedures, point data, spreadsheet lat./long. etc.  
Information should be provided to the Mapping and Monitoring Group  
Christa/Sandy will coordinate local site ID with County Councils  
Note: County interaction should be coordinated with Task Force County Liaison Jeff Isaac (559) 243-8996, [jeff.isaacs@fire.ca.gov](mailto:jeff.isaacs@fire.ca.gov)  
**Status Update:** Scott provided direction on issues surrounding federal sites that was incorporated into the Regulations Guidance Document under review.

Christa Darlington has scheduled a meeting with County Council from the six counties to discuss identifying storage site locations and legal needs.

- Provide CEQA guidance-develop documentation or Information Bulletin:  
**Lead:** Sandy Goldberg, Heather Baugh  
**Status Update:** CEQA direction was developed and incorporated into the Regulations Guidance Document under review
- Develop a checklist/guidelines for storage site establishment: identify desired site conditions, regulations, safety regulations, local agreements, policies, potential land use templates and urgency ordinances that can be used to consider storage site development.  
**Lead:** Christa Darlington, Heather Baugh, David Bischel-CFA, Rosemarie Smallcombe  
**Status Update:** Storage site guidance was developed including a draft urgency ordinance with examples. The information was incorporated into the Regulation Guidance Document and will be reviewed by the various County Councils on 2/1.



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- IV. **Regulations Guidance Document organization and development:** The Group is developing an all-inclusive Regulations Guidance Document (RGD) that contains information developed based on County priorities and work group objectives. Currently, the RGD contains guidelines for tree removal in HHZs, CEQA direction and guidelines for storage sites. The draft RGD was circulated to the Group 1/28 and final comments are due COB, Thursday 2/4. The Group intends to have the draft RGD revised based on comment and available for the next TF meeting scheduled for 2/8.
- V. Action Items and General Information:
- 1) Heather/Matthew will seek clarification/flexibility on the definition of commercial purposes in regard to sell, barter, exchange or trade of logs from within HHZs specifically when the wood is of no value or results in a cost to the landowners to have it removed.
  - 2) Matthew will inquire with FRAP regarding the HHZ viewer on the website to determine if data layers will be added that enable project proponents to determine if their property is in a HHZ.
  - 3) Matthew will contact TF County Liaison Jeff Isaac to determine the status on his request to the Counties for storage site information.
  - 4) Monday, 2/1 at 15:00-Christa will conduct a meeting with County Council from the six counties to request storage site information and introduce the current guidance document. Comment from the Counties will be requested by Thursday 2/4, COB. The Counties will also be asked to identify legal needs.
  - 5) Following receipt of comments provided by COB 2/4 the final draft guidance document will be prepared for Task Force review at the next TF meeting on 2/8.
  - 6) The Group is developing an operational contact list designed to provide contact information to any project proponent that may have questions regarding the EP, CEQA, from the various agencies or the TF. As contact information is developed it should be sent to Lia Duncan (CNRA) [lia.duncan@resources.ca.gov](mailto:lia.duncan@resources.ca.gov).
  - 7) The Group had a lengthy discussion on the applicability of the EP to drought mortality beyond the current HHZ definitions. There was interest to include landscape forest health and safety issues (i.e. water quality beneficial uses, forest resilience and wildfire threat) into the definition of HHZs to allow a forest health landscape approach to tree removal. This would extend the HHZs beyond the current definitions that are more focused on the built environment.
- VI. Next working group call: Friday 2/5, 9:00-10:00.
- VII. Next working group meeting: February 3, 2016 from 9:00-11:00. Natural Resources Bld. 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, 16th floor Conference Room 1654-3, Conference call line 916-324-2474
- VIII. Closing Comments/Adjournment