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## **Tree Mortality Task Force RWG-Storage Site Group Action/Progress Update**

March 25, 2016

- Group continued to discuss the primary issues the Counties face regarding storage sites, including:
  - 1) Funding to collect down trees and transport down trees to storage sites
  - 2) Uncertainty regarding the duration of tree storage at any given site
  - 3) Uncertainty regarding CDAA and funds available for transport and storage
- Group discussed NEPA/CEQA issues surrounding storage site development on federal land. Recent discussions with the USFS indicated an interest in short term or temporary storage for 1 year.
- Sandy inquired about the Counties ability to work with local fair grounds to establish site contracts.
- The group discussed an interest to develop storage sites that allow for multiple uses such as log storage, equipment storage and possibly some level of wood processing. Rosemarie will follow-up by identifying a federal site on the list in Mariposa County and begin inquiring with federal contacts on how best to establish.
- The group identified a need for BLM contacts. Chris Anthony is working on getting BLM contacts.
- The group discussed the current interest in log export and storage site operations to support that effort. Darold provided a summary of the recent discussion in the Biomass Utilization Working Group regarding export and DGS auction options. There is a potential that tracking of logs from location of origin may be required to identify state from federal logs, this is important because federal logs cannot be exported.
- CAL FIRE provided a brief summary of regarding the differences in licenses to fall trees commercially vs hiring a licensed contractor. Toby will provide more description on the issue.
- The group discussed the issue of CDAA covering tree removal around schools.