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## **Tree Mortality Task Force Regulations Working Group Action/Progress Update**

March 18, 2016

### **Storage Sites:**

DGS Potential Solution: Many of the directives of the Tree Mortality emergency proclamation were predicated on the problem of how to dispose of hazard trees. The fear is that they will build up in storage yards and become a burden for local governments. The Procurement Division of the Department of General Services is exploring a potential solution to this problem that may be of great benefits to the local governments.

DGS has the expertise and contracts in place to auction logs in log decks to the highest bidder. They routinely auction surplus government property and the hazard trees would be simply another form of surplus property to be disposed of. The State would need to take title to the logs, and as a result any proceeds would stay with the State. However, it would be a turn-key solution for county governments that might lack the expertise and staff time to organize their own auction. Speeding the throughput of the county-run log decks could solve a major problem for counties and result in more hazard trees being cleared from the forest.

The Resource Allocation group is working on this issue with input from the RWG. With consensus about the idea DGS will develop a white paper for GO approval before developing the program and reaching out to county governments. A meeting is being scheduled for Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss.

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### **Contacts List:**

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### **Federal Declaration:**



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The RWG expressed an interest to have an update on the Federal Declaration status, below is the response provided by Cal OES:

- The current State threshold for a Presidential Declaration is \$52.5 million. (2010 CA population X \$1.41 = \$52.5 million). There are also individual county thresholds that have to be met for a particular county to receive a Presidential Declaration. (2010 county population X \$3.57 = county threshold). So the overall minimum threshold is \$52.5 million, but a county has to meet its county threshold to be included.

<b>California Statewide County Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Thresholds FY 15/16 Based on 2010 Federal Census</b>		
<b>California Statewide Threshold: 37,253,956 x \$1.41 = \$52,528,078</b>		
<b>Per Capital Threshold for each County is:</b>		<b>\$3.57</b>
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>POPULATIONS</b>	<b>\$ THRESHOLDS</b>
<b>TUOLUMNE</b>	<b>55,365</b>	<b>\$197,653</b>
<b>MARIPOSA</b>	<b>18,251</b>	<b>\$65,156</b>
<b>MADERA</b>	<b>150,865</b>	<b>\$538,588</b>
<b>FRESNO</b>	<b>930,450</b>	<b>\$3,321,707</b>
<b>TULARE</b>	<b>442,179</b>	<b>\$1,578,579</b>
<b>KERN</b>	<b>839,631</b>	<b>\$2,997,483</b>

- Cal OES needs \$\$ estimates from all 58 counties, split into two separate dollar amounts, Federal Aid Roads and CDAA eligible costs. Federal Aid Roads such as Interstates, state highways, major collectors, minor collectors, and all other public roads not classified as local roads or rural minor collectors are not included in the estimate to meet the threshold for a major declaration.
- This is a large undertaking for counties to develop estimates, and counties may not realize the work/time involved. Counties also have to consider the costs for cities, special districts, etc. within their borders in their estimates. Salvage value of timber is deducted from the CDAA cost estimates.
- Removal of dead and dying trees for fire safety, such as the 1,000 foot perimeter around a community defined high hazard zone are not eligible for CDAA. Only trees threatening public owned infrastructure by falling and damaging roadways, public water conveyance systems, etc. are eligible for CDAA.
- Private entities, such as PG&E, for-profit water companies such as Mi-Wuk Mutual Water Company, are not eligible for CDAA assistance.
- Only public entities such as Cities, Counties, Special Districts (like school districts, water districts, sewer districts, flood control districts etc.) are eligible for CDAA assistance.



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- Meeting the \$\$ threshold is just the beginning of the process, FEMA must verify everything the state is claiming, and the Cal OES leadership must agree that the request is viable before going forward with the request to the President.

**Insurance and Hazard tree Removal:** Christy Carol (Dept. of Insurance Rep.) is developing an insurance Facts Sheet for Homeowners that will provide Dept. of Insurance contacts for homeowners experiencing cancellations or non-renewals, Fair Plan information and other pertinent homeowner insurance information.