



## **Tree Mortality Task Force Public Outreach Working Group Agenda**

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017  
Time Frame: 11:00 – 12:30 PM

In Person or Call In:  
Office of the State Fire Marshall  
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Conference Call Line: (916) 324-6897

- I. Roll call of Working Group Members and confirm new members:
  - i. CAL FIRE: Daniel Berlant, Heather Williams Pete Cafferata, Stewart McMorrow
  - ii. CPUC: Cindy Nelson
  - iii. Cal Trans: Lisa Worthington
  - iv. PG & E: Brandi Ehlers
  - v. SNC: Brittany Covich
  - vi. Food and Ag: David Pegos
  - vii. USFS: Stephanie Gomes
  - viii. UC Cooperative Extension: Susie Kocher
  - ix. Sagent: Anne Staines, Elizabeth Merwin & Joe Bonner
- II. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved
- III. Updates
  - a. Status of talking points on urban outreach and education regarding forest health
    - a. Working on review from POWG leaders. Goal to send out in February to group.
  - b. Legislative tour—Outreach to the new Legislature in 2017.
    - a. Counites are working to coordinate the visit of offices of urban legislators to discuss tree mortality.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Reforestation / Landowner Assistance efforts and public outreach



Stewart McMorrow and Pete Cafferata from the Forest Health and Reliance Group join the POWG to help provide insight into available resources for landowners regarding reforestation and tree removal. Group discussed the various grants, contacts, and programs that offer assistance to forest landowners. A few issues to be considered are educating the small landowners about best practices when it comes to replanting. Additionally, ensuring the proper Defensible Space is maintained and the public is aware of those spaces between trees and shrubs. The leaders of the POWG will be looking at ways to help share these resources with the public.

#### Landowner Assistance Tools and Resources

1. CFIP – CAL FIRE grant opportunity for landowners with 20 acres or more to help reforest their property. Help landowners make an educated decision on what to plant and assist in ordering of seedlings. Note: multiple landowners may apply if together they have 20 acres or more.
  2. EQUIP – Federal version of CFIP
  3. Forestland Steward Newsletter – mailed and email out to a list of people interested in forestland and best practices.
  4. El Dorado RCD Seedling Purchase Program – Private nursey that anyone may buy from.
  5. USFS – Seed zone selection tool
  6. UC Master Gardner’s – organization that can help push information
  7. Association of American Foresters – Phone number
  8. Northern California Society of American Foresters – 1800-738-Tree or email [forestryhelp@gmail.com](mailto:forestryhelp@gmail.com)
  9. SNC Prop 1 Grant – smaller grant to help landowners with tree removal
  10. CAL FIRE Grants program – grants aimed at fire prevention groups and other agencies that apply for monies to complete reforestation, fuel reduction, pest management, conservation and biomass use increases.
- b. Call for volunteers on the legislative strategy advisory subgroup
- c. Other business
- i. David Pegos from the Department of Food and Ag updated the group on the Shot Hole Borer Beetle and where they are beginning to see this beetle emerge.

#### V. Closing Comments/Adjournment