

## **Tree Mortality Task Force – Forest Health and Resilience**

Meeting Notes – June 1, 2016

### Group Objectives

1. ~~Evaluate resource impacts associated with the removal of trees.~~
2. Monitor forest health and resilience as a result of tree removal efforts.
3. Evaluate and monitor overall forest health.
4. Provide guidelines for how to achieve long-term forest health and resilience.
5. Work cooperatively with landowners and agencies to implement forest health and resilience guidelines at a landscape level across ownership boundaries.
6. Provide regular updates at Task Force meetings to ensure effective communication and geographic coordination among all task force groups and stakeholders.

### **Action Items**

#### Group Objective 4

1. Guidelines for how to achieve long-term forest health and resilience (J. Amodio)

Proposal was made to develop a document on longer term forest health strategies. Emphasized the need for landscape level restoration efforts to address declining forest health. It was mentioned that the paper should be coordinated with the public outreach working group (Stacey offered to coordinate).

Next Step: A sub-group (J. Amodio and L. Camp) agreed to work on an outline for the paper.

2. Discussion on Landowner Guidance document. Tom Smith circulated a revised version of the document.

Next Step: Members of the working group were asked to provide any further comments to Tom. The working group will finalize the documents at the next meeting and then forward it to the entire task force.

#### Group Objective 3

3. Discussion of forest health monitoring related to FIA (S. Haselhurst). Sherri provided a summary of number of FIA plots in High Hazard Zones (Tier I and Tier II). Additional discussion was provided on the cost of adding new plots and difficulties of obtaining landowner permission for private lands.

Indicators – An update was provided with examples of forest health and water resource indicators that are being developed as part of CALFIRE's Forest and Range Assessment report.

For other types of monitoring the issue was raised that a well-defined set of management questions needs to be articulated.

Next Step: A survey will be provided to work group members to solicit input on management questions and monitoring needs (C. Keithley and S. Haselhurst).

#### Other Business

1. Announcement made regarding field tour to Teakettle Experimental Forest. Contact J. Branham (Sierra Nevada Conservancy) for additional information.
2. Update on the USFS Aerial Detection Survey was provided. Anticipate data availability in 2 to 3 weeks.

### **Steps for Next Meeting**

Outline for long term forest health document

Draft a short document on forest health questions and monitoring options; solicit to work group members

Update to landowner guidance document