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Tree Mortality Task Force Utilization—Market Development Working Group Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2017
11:00-12:30 pm

I. Roll call of Working Group members and confirm new members

Evan Johnson—CalRecycle
Bob Kingman—SNC
Larry Camp—Forest Landowners of CA
Larry Swan—USFS
Cedric Twilight—SPI
Claire Jahns—CNRA
Kevin Conway—CAL FIRE
Kristen Merrill—CAL FIRE
Rick Carr—CAL FIRE
Angie Lottes—Watershed Center
Steve Brink—CFA

II. Approved agenda

III. Approved March minutes

IV. Updates

- **Beck report update and next steps (Evan Johnson, CAL FIRE)**
 - **Propose summary recommendations**
 - **Scope recommendations**
 - **Identify lead**

Action: Larry Swann, Bob Kingman, Steve Brink and Evan Johnson will lead development of summary recommendations, based on Beck Report outcomes.

Action: CAL FIRE to set up Beck Group webinar.

V. New business

- **Strategies for working with counties**
 - Great idea to work with counties directly, recommend clumping them to enable collaboration
 - SNC has established lines of contact, with 6 supervisors/contacts on the SNC board, happy to help
 - What is the purpose of this outreach?
 - To best identify what help WG can offer



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- Help encourage business development activities within counties
- Spur innovation
- TMTF has an internal meeting with each county monthly, and we can get on the agenda for those meetings.
- There should be consistency in questions to counties, to help guide conversations.
 - What have you already done?
 - Who have you spoken to?
 - What barriers have you found
 - Etc.

Action: Kevin Conway will send out the meeting schedule, and we can start to set up dates.

- **Identify necessary new members**

- Ideas:
 - TNC
 - Sierra Business Council
 - OPR
 - N Cal Society for American Foresters
 - Someone in the transportation/shipping arena
 - Someone in export
- Recommend discussing further at future meeting.

- **Round-robin update (time permitting)**

- Claire: 859 Workgroup is working to finalize recommendations, and will be shared once they are public. The recommendations are a mix of small-scale pilots and concepts for systemic change.
- Larry: The USFS is working on a biochar pilot project in Stanislaus
- Larry: Went to a useful wood product conference up in Portland. Many of the attendees are waiting for the California market to crack open.
- Larry: Still in the due diligence phase of OSB plant in N. California
- Bob: Pursuing opportunities to connect out-of-state CLT manufacturers with small mills in CA.
- Angie: Hosting a workshop with Sierra Community Institute and Waste to Wisdom on wood products, biomass, and rural development May 17th, 18th in Sacramento.
- Steve: Want to highlight impending challenges with road infrastructure, including potential load limits on certain roads, as a barrier to moving material.

Miscellaneous notes:

- One of the major challenges is the uncertainty in feedstock, and businesses need to identify strategies to de-risk. Industry doesn't currently have the tools to do so.

VI. Closing comments/adjournment