



Tree Mortality Task Force
Regulations Working Group Minutes
March 17, 2017

- I. Insurance Update:
 - a. CDI has suggested legislation saying insurers may not deny coverage due to wildfire risk if property follows defensible space requirements in Pub. Resources Code 4291
 - b. CDI leg office discussed with about 10 legislators, but has not been able to find an author for this legislation
 - c. CDI not aware of any feedback from legislators that might be helpful
- II. Wildfire Insurance Pool Concept (proposed by Nevada County Fire Safe Council)
 - a. Questions raised by Amy Back at United Policy Holders about whether would get enough participants (apparently the earthquake insurance pool has lower than expected number of participants)
 - b. County reps. are interested in more information about the proposal – especially how would it differ from the Fair Plan (what additional benefits, if any?) Rosemarie will try to collect information on this.
 - c. CDI feels is very complex and is premature for it to comment on the proposal
- III. Air Quality Update:
 - a. Summary of requirements under CalRecycle regulations: operator of air curtain incinerator must contact Local Enforcement Authority (LEA) to find out whether a notification form must be submitted and what record keeping requirements apply.
 - b. Operator must provide the LEA notice. Operator is the County, if it has signed an agreement with Cal FIRE to use the ACI. If Cal FIRE operates the ACI, it will provide the LEA notice.
 - c. More info and LEA contacts are at: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LEA/EmergencyWvr.pdf
 - d. Kevin will inform group about Calaveras County experience with the LEA notification process (when it occurs)
- IV. Other
 - a. PowerPoint presentations from the insurance workshop are on the TMTF website
 - b. Sandy will complete revision of Draft Tree Removal Guidelines
 - c. Defensible Space Inspection Program – presentation by Dave Shew may be on agenda for next Working Group call
 - d. NRCS received new 3-year grant from USDA
 - e. For work by non-industrial forest landowners (at property down to 5 acres size)
 - f. Funds split between Forest Service and NRCS for work in counties of Mariposa, Fresno and Merced in areas adjacent to national forests
- V. Next working group meeting is Friday 4/17, 9:00-11:00 a.m.