



## Tree Mortality Task Force Regulations Working Group Minutes

April 7, 2017

9:00 to 11:00 AM

Conference Call Number (707) 576-2048

### I. Regulations Working Group Update/Agenda Additions

### II. Action Item Discussion

- **Insurance**

Insurance subgroup update: John and Rosemarie

John provided an update on the recent 4/6/17 meeting of the insurance subgroup. The group continue to discuss the insurance pool concept and the interest to engage the insurance industry to participate in developing a solution. The group continues to discuss how data (d-space or fuel breaks) can be shared with insurance companies for use in underwriting. The interest is to develop a solution that provides landowners an incentive to treat their property in order to realize insurance benefits.

Tuolumne County White Paper:

The County White paper is still under development. The paper will provide a discussion on the insurance issues and recommended strategies to invoke higher level support for change and resolution to the insurance problem. The paper will be presented to the Governor's Office when completed, likely within the next few weeks. Tuolumne County will coordinate with the RWG and Insurance Subgroup on the release of the white paper and will provide a county participant for the subgroup to help in developing solutions.

D-Space Inspections:

Dave Shew (CAL FIRE, Staff Chief) provided an overview of CAL FIRE's new electronic D-Space Application. The Department is conducting staff training in preparation for rolling the application out. The application is based on PRC 4291 requirements and will allow electronic data collection of properties and structures. The data will have multiple uses including post fire damage assessment, help support fire code and regulation revisions, help identify common compliance issues within given areas and allow for more standardized reporting. Ultimately the data will help further support fire prevention and education efforts for the Department. The RWG had discussion on how the data might be used in the context of insurance underwriting or be shared with insurance companies. There may be other insurance risk data that insurance companies want collected beyond what CAL FIRE's inspection provides. Dave will provide a PDF of the specific information collected for the RWG to review. The group discussed the potential



to obtain insurance data from CDI. CDI will follow-up on the potential to share specific types of insurance data.

- **Air Quality**

ACI-CalRecycle Regulations - Calaveras County LEA notification process. Kevin provided an update, the Calaveras County ACI has not become operable and is being transported to the intended site. An ACI in Mariposa County is located at a landfill site and is being operated by CAL FIRE. Thus far there have been no issues with LEA notifications.

- **Other-General Information**

- Insurance workshop presentations have now been posted to the TMTF website: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/treetaskforce/workinggroups>
- The Tree Removal Guidelines in HHZs document is being updated.

III. Next working group call: Friday 4/21 9:00-11:00.

IV. Next TMTF meeting: Monday 4/10 1:00-3:00.