



## Tree Mortality Task Force Regulations Working Group Minutes

December 16, 2016

9:00 to 11:00 AM

Conference Call Number (916) 324-2474

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

### II. Action Item Discussion

- **TMTF Meeting 12/12/16-Brief Update**

Matthew provided a brief update on the 12/12 TMTF meeting specifically highlighting the Directives update, Grant update and the CPUC and Bio-mat update. Gabe indicated the Directive document is dynamic will be updates as additional progress is made on each directive.

Matthew updated the group on the Bioenergy Working Group efforts to develop a set of guidelines for facilities to follow and utilities to use to ensure that fuel consumed by facilities under BioRAM 1, BioRAM 2, and the SB 859 allowed contracts meet requirements of those contracts.

A multidisciplinary group has been pulled together after the identification of need expressed at the 12/12/16 TMTF meeting. The issue to be solved is; how can the wood material supply chain be made more efficient. In particular, to get biomass from the high hazard areas to bioenergy producing facilities and other potential outlets for the material.

- **Insurance**
  - **Fair Plan: Premiums by zip code**

The group discussed if the Fair Plan contained a maximum allowable premium for each zip code and identified that Fair Plan premiums are determined at the individual address level so they don't have a maximum allowable premium by ZIP Code. The group discussed any interest in requesting more specific information from Fair Plan regarding premiums.

- **Insurance Workshop: Planning, Logistics, Topics**

The group discussed the scope of the upcoming (likely February due to availability of presenters) insurance workshop. Per the TMTF counties, there is a general lack of knowledge on 1) insurance regulation and 2) the fire risk models and how they are used by insurers to assign fire risk. The insurance workshop will target the TMTF counties and is intended to disseminate information and maintain open communication on insurance regulation and use of the fire risk models. During the call, the counties were asked to provide information on what they would like addressed and presented in the workshop. This information will be developed into a workshop scoping plan to provide the



presenters more information on workshop objectives and goals. Matthew will develop the initial draft scoping plan and circulate to the counties for review and comment.

- **Air Quality**

- **Use Agreement Template:** Christiana updated on the MOU/agreement for use of the CAL FIRE TMTF equipment. The agreement is in final form and final attachments are being added. Once finalized it will be placed on the website.

- **ARB Portable Equipment Regulations-Tier 0**

There was an initial concern that Tier 0 engines used to facilitate hazard tree removal and disposal would no longer be allowed to operate after the first of the year due to a regulation change.

Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District working with ARB have determined that Tier 0 diesel engines can be used during the tree mortality emergency. The Governor's Emergency Declaration is the basis for allowing this exemption. The following are a brief summary:

1. All Tier 0 engines operating during the Emergency have to be registered with CARB and complete Form 40 (attached);
2. These engines may only be used for tree mortality work consistent with the parameters of the Declaration;
3. Only Tier 0 engines operating 100% of the time for tree mortality purposes are allowed to participate;
4. These engines are allowed to operate as long as the Declaration is in place;
5. There will be no permitting requirements, recordkeeping/reporting, or fees involved with this exemption (other than the submittal of Form 40); and,
6. CARB "recommends" only certified engines (Tier 1 and above) be used for tree mortality work and they will be sending a list of available compliant chippers from their State database for potential hiring.

- **ACI Letter:** The RWG is waiting on the serial numbers for the specific equipment that started working on December 6, 2016 and will then have the information needed to submit the letter.

- **Other**

Matthew will distribute the 2016 Working Group Summary for comment and update.

III. Next working group call: Friday 1/16, 9:00-11:00.