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Tree Mortality Task Force Regulations Working Group Agenda

Minutes of Meeting

July 15, 2016

9:00 to 11:00AM

Conference Call Number (916) 324-6897

- I. Regulations Working Group Update/Agenda Additions
- II. Action Item Discussion
 - **FAQs** - Board of Equalization-Timber Yield Tax-Submitted to TF

Final revisions are complete and document has been provided to Tree Mortality Task Force for posting on the website. As of 7/22/16 has not yet been posted.

- **Insurance**
 - Discussion about complaints that FAIR Plan is too expensive. The Fair Plan provided a powerpoint at the Legislative Hearing. Rosemarie forwarded this to the Working Group after the call. Fair Plan costs are supposed to be comparable to other insurance, but coverage is limited to fire. A "Difference in Coverage" plan for theft, personal liability, etc. may add to a homeowner's insurance costs.
 - Placer County has rec'd numerous complaints about "non-renewal" of policies, and people saying the Fair Plan is very expensive.
 - Fair Plan was designed for urban areas, not mountain communities. The "Fireline" model used to determine risk does not adequately account for proximity of CAL FIRE stations, volunteer fire departments, or Forest Service facilities.
 - Sandy will contact Fair Plan brokers listed online for the relevant counties and try to learn more.
 - Insurance Com. Jones recognizes concerns with Fair Plan model and is willing to discuss the issue. The Working Group will ask for a committee including Ins. Dept. and Fair Plan staff to work on improving the Fair Plan for residents in rural areas with wildfire risk.



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- **Storage Site-List update/ interest to map existing sites**

- Viable storage sites are identified in Madera and Tuolumne counties. North Fork wood sorting site in Madera may open this month. Caltrans is using Jamestown storage site in Tuolumne Co.
- Mariposa and Tulare – not yet identified viable site.
- Rosemarie notes that rather than “log decks” used in lumber industry, counties need wood sorting sites.
- List of potential sites was prepared using local knowledge about private property that might be appropriate, but these property owners were not notified. The list is not confidential, but is not being widely circulated, and is only provided as a guide for counties.
- Philips & Jordan (P&J) was hired to work on PG&E hazard tree removal; P&J plans wood sorting sites in every affected county. Mariposa, Placer, Caltrans and possibly other counties are talking to P&J about potential agreements for county use of these wood sorting sites.

- **Air Quality / Air Curtain Burner Permitting - Governor’s ACI Letter of Exemption**

- Not Discussed.

- **Out of State Equipment Use**

- Most of P&J’s equipment is expected to meet CA standards, so this may not be an issue for PG&E any longer.

- **Right of Entry Permit**

- Discussed requirement in Tuolumne’s Right of Entry Permit that property owner waive all liability claims against state, county and their agents (i.e., contractors) and agree to indemnify them. CalOES requires this agreement from owners when counties use state disaster funds for hazard tree removal on private property.
- Caltrans Right of Entry agreement does not require such a waiver.
- Mark Thornton, former Tuolumne Supervisor, has raised objections to the waiver, and wants to bring it up at full Task Force Meeting. CalOES is already looking into this.
- It is noted that CA Civil Code 2782 has some restrictions on indemnification of contractors.

- **Other**

III. Next working group call: Friday 7/29, 9:00-11:00.