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## Tree Mortality Task Force Regulations Working Group Minutes

Conference Call: June 3, 2016

- **FAQs-Board of Equalization (BOE)-Timber Tax:** Rich Wade has developed the FAQ for Timber Tax. He is awaiting final comment from the BOE and will then circulate to the RWG. The BOE website has more information at: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/timbertaxfaq.htm>
- **Air Quality:** The RWG is working to identify and circulate "right-of-entry" language to help provide consistency for Counties when applying for Cal OES CDAA funds.
- **Other:** The RWG had general discussion regarding potential funding and the ability for those funds to assist private landowners with dead tree removal. The state has restrictions surrounding the "gift of public funds" and the ability to benefit individual landowner vs providing a greater public benefit. Rosemarie has asked the group to explore the issue and asks the following questions:
  - Are there exceptions to laws / regulations governing "gift of public funds" that might be available and applicable to situations where individual landowners are financially unable to remove dead trees around their homes? If not, what would be necessary to establish such an exception?
  - Can we include someone from the Department of Finance in that conversation so that they are part of the conversation early enough to increase the probability that we can find a way through this issue?
- The RWG is evaluating the ability to move hazard trees and debris between sites within Air Districts for treatment in Air Curtin Burners. They are also evaluating issues that may be involved with moving the material across Air District boundaries for treatment.
- The RWG has received comment from CalEPA on the Tree Removal Guidelines and is working on responses to those comments. Overall very few comments were received on the guidelines.
- **Next working group call:** Friday 6/17, 9:00-11:00.