

TREE MORTALITY TASK FORCE



State of Emergency Proclamation

Mariposa County March 21, 2015



Mariposa County October 11, 2015





November 11th 2015 Madera/Fresno County line

Mariposa County



□ March 21, 2015



□ October 11, 2015



Ponderosa Basin October 20, 2015

Executive Department
State of California

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS the State of California is experiencing record drought conditions, which have persisted for the last four years; and

WHEREAS on January 17, 2014, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout the State of California due to severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS a lack of precipitation over the last four years has made trees in many regions of California susceptible to epidemic infestations of native bark beetles, which are constrained under normal circumstances by the defense mechanisms of healthy trees; and

WHEREAS these drought conditions and resulting bark beetle infestations across broad areas have caused vast tree mortality in several regions of the state, with the United States Forest Service estimating that over 22 million trees are dead and that tens of millions more are likely to die by the end of this year; and

WHEREAS recent scientific measurements suggest that the scale of this tree die-off is unprecedented in modern history; and

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FORMATION

19 DIRECTIVES

8 WORKING GROUPS

79 ENTITIES





Cal OES
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

TREE MORTALITY TASK FORCE

In Response to the State of
Emergency Proclamation

Incident Action Plan
2016

Chairs: Director Pimlott, Wade Crowfoot, Director Ghilarducci

Task Force Leaders:

Glenn Barley

Chris Anthony

Whitney Bray

Liaison Officers

CSAC

RCRC

CAL FIRE

8 Working Groups:

Forest Health and Resilience

Mapping and Monitoring

Prescribed Fire

Public Outreach

Regulations

Resource Allocation

Utilization- Bioenergy

Utilization- Market

Development

Intent of the Taskforce

- **To implement the activities described in the Governor's Proclamation**
- **Statewide Taskforce supports local coordination groups by:**
 - **Identifying High Hazard Zones (HHZs)**
 - **Work to remove trees in HHZs**
 - **Identify potential storage sites**
 - **Distribute equipment across counties**
 - **Address regulatory impediments and work to resolve them**
 - **Maintain, develop, and expand the use of bioenergy using feedstock from HHZs**
 - **Work to identify and promote wood markets**
- **Core to this effort is local organizations**

Forefront Action Items

- ❑ **Prevailing Wage Determination**
- ❑ **CDAA Funding**
- ❑ **Outlet for Trees Being Cut**
 - ❑ **Bioenergy contract extensions**
 - ❑ **Market development**
 - ❑ **Sawmills full**
 - ❑ **Storage sites**
- ❑ **Financial Assistance For Private Landowners**

Tours

□ **State Legislative Tour**

- Planned for April 15th-Bass Lake area
- State legislators and their staff
- CSAC & RCRC are leads in planning the tour.

Addition of Counties to TMTF

- Focus has been on 6 “priority” counties (Tuolumne, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kern)
- Anticipate addition of counties to the north based on:
 - ▣ Declaration of Local Emergency
 - ▣ County wide level of significance
 - ▣ Local coordination team
 - ▣ Hazard tree removal plan
 - ▣ Policy direction of the Chairs

Counties and Local Structures

- Counties are encouraged to establish a core planning team/ local coordination group consisting of decision makers from the county and various agencies to assist in the development of a Tree Mortality Hazard Tree Removal Plan
- This group is encouraged to gather and share resources, address regulatory oversight, and discuss facilitation of the tree removal plan
- Individuals/Agencies to consider:
 - ▣ County Supervisors with significant mortality within district, County Administrative Officer, County OES, County Roads Dept, CAL FIRE and/or County Fire, USFS, Fire Safe Councils, Utilities, Caltrans, Cal OES, Sheriff's Office, Local Tribal Leaders, etc.

Public Outreach



□ Websites

- www.treetaskforce.org or www.fire.ca.gov/treetaskforce/ (Internal)
 - Contains materials and information related to the Task Force and monthly meetings (i.e. FAQ's, meeting minutes and agendas, workgroup pages etc.)
- www.prepareforbarkbeetle.org or [www.readyforwildfire.org/Bark Beetles Risk](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Bark%20Beetles%20Risk) (Public)
 - Contains materials geared toward the public (i.e. assistance for private landowners, dead tree removal information, etc.)
- Tree Mortality Viewer Overview
 - Link to viewer can be accessed from both websites or at <http://egis.fire.ca.gov/TreeMortalityViewer/>

The End

- Thank you for your attention!
- Questions?

