



## Director's Report to the Board of Forestry

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### Resource Management

#### Forest Practice Program (through 9/30/2016)

##### Plan Submissions

- **THP Submissions:** THP submissions through September continue to be lower than last year (i.e. 163 compared to 189).
- **NTMP Submissions:** NTMP submissions are more than 2½ times last year's at this time (i.e., 21 compared to 8). NTO submissions are up 11% from last year (i.e., 126 compared to 117).
- **Exemption Notice Submissions:** Exemption submissions remain notably higher compared to last year (i.e., 2,218 compared to 1,630 or up nearly 40%). There have been a total of 980 Drought Mortality exemptions submitted under the new regulations, covering a total of 91,635 acres since July 1, 2015.
- **Emergency Notice Submissions:** Emergency Notice submissions were the same as last year (i.e., 156 both years at this time).
- **Plan Approval:** 179 THPs have been approved in 2016, in addition to 11 NTMPs.

#### General Review Team

##### Santa Rosa

- As of October 1, 2016, Santa Rosa has three Forester I Review Team vacancies. These vacancies are being advertised.
- Redding Review Team Staff and Anthony Lukacic are continuing to assist Santa Rosa with plan approvals. Mendocino Unit Forest Practice Staff are assisting with Exemption Review.
- Forester II Shawn Headley is attending Basic Firefighter Academy through November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## **Redding**

- Forester II Review Team Chair Forester Jon Woessner and Forester III Program Manager John Ramaley attended Forest Practice Enforcement Training in Fort Bragg the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Forester II TRFRF Dan Craig and Forester III Program Manager John Ramaley are developing the first 5-year report to the Board on the use of the Aspen/Meadow/Wet Area Special Prescription.

## **Fresno**

- Acting Review Team Chair Kevin Kiniery is continuing to assist FKU and MMU in CEQA project development.

## **Watershed Protection Program Update**

- Watershed staff continue to have been heavily committed to post-fire assessment work during the past month.
  - Drew Coe served as team leader for the Soberanes Fire WERT (Watershed Emergency Response Team) and Stacy Stanish was the GIS Specialist. The final Soberanes WERT report was released to the public on September 30<sup>th</sup>; it is posted on the CAL FIRE webpage:

[http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/Watershed\\_reports/20160930\\_SoberanesWERT\\_Final.pdf](http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/Watershed_reports/20160930_SoberanesWERT_Final.pdf)

Drew also attended the public meeting held at Big Sur on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Pete Cafferata served as the team leader for the Loma Fire WERT and Stacy Stanish was a GIS Specialist, as well as fisheries and wildlife expert. The Loma Fire WERT is expected to be released to the public during the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Pete Cafferata attended a multi-agency meeting held on October 19<sup>th</sup> in South Lake Tahoe for the Emerald Fire. This incident burned 176 acres immediately before two storm events that dropped approximately 7 inches of rain (25-30 year event) and caused massive surface erosion. Possible approaches to reduce sediment impacts to Lake Tahoe on both federal and private lands were discussed.

- Drew Coe continues to work on the Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest post-fire runoff and erosion study with Dr. Joe Wagenbrenner (USFS PSW) and Don Lindsay (CGS). Logging and ripping has been completed for two of the fire research blocks, and installation of plot-scale sediment fences occurred prior to the storm events that occurred from October 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> (3.12 inches). Sediment fence excavation after the storms occurred during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Watershed staff continue to participate in the BOF's Effectiveness Monitoring Committee, AB 1492 Leadership Team, Ecological Performance Measures and Data and Monitoring Working Groups, Pilot Projects Team, Interagency Training Team, and Wood for Salmon Working Group meetings.
- Pete Cafferata continues to serve as a co-leader for the Tree Mortality Task Force—Forest Health and Resilience Working Group; monthly meetings occur on the first Wednesday of the month.

### Forest Practice Enforcement Update

- The Administrative Civil Penalty Program has a total of 46 active civil cases. There have been a total of 8 cases submitted in 2016. Two new cases were submitted this month. There are two settlement meetings scheduled this month and a hearing was postponed until November. Only one case is under review. The remaining cases are in different stages of the process.

Status	# of Cases
Under Review	1
Development for Signature	3
CPO Signed, Mailed, Served	11
Due and Payable	5
Settlement Mitigation	2
Payments	8
Probation	9
Judgement Needed	6
Other	1
Total	46

It should be noted that starting this month the program will be breaking out respondents and identifying them as separate civil cases. In the past, a civil case with multiple respondents were developed and processed as one but served separately. Civil cases with multiple respondents will now be identified, developed and processed as separate independent cases.

## Timber Operators Licensing Program Update

- The licensing program will be sending out post card reminders to those operators whose license will be expiring in December. License renewal applications are starting to be submitted and are being processed. We have two LTO Training classes remaining for the year, one on October 20<sup>th</sup> in Willits and the last one on December 1<sup>st</sup> in Roseville.

## Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF) Updated from the TRFRF Database (01/01/2016 through 09/30/2016)

- **Specific TRFRF Forest Practice Effort:** The Forest Practice Program has utilized 119,479 hours in conducting forest practice activities in the following breakdown: review and processing of THPs (20.1%); conducting forest practice inspections (21.4%); participating in mandated training (10.8%); supervising and managing the forest practice program (7.5%); processing and managing the data related to THPs (7.4%); forest practice law enforcement (2.0%); program/project monitoring (0.9%); and responding to letters of concern (1.4%). Other activities comprising an insignificant portion of the time include Board of Forestry and Fire Protection related activities, ecological performance, and litigation. (This represents TRFRF funded forest practice effort only.)
- **Total Departmental Forest Practice Efforts:** The Forest Practice Program has utilized a total of 128,625 hours in conducting forest practice activities and non-forest practice activities in the following breakdown: review and processing of THPs (19.50%); conducting forest practice inspections (21.8%); emergency incident support (11.9%); participating in mandated training (10.3%); supervising and managing the forest practice program (8.0%); processing and managing the data related to THPs (7.4%); other duties in support of unit programs (7.5%); other forestry related activities (8.1%); forest practice law enforcement (1.9%); project/program monitoring (1.2%); and responding to letters of concern (1.3%). Other activities comprising an insignificant portion of time include Board of Forestry and Fire Protection related activities, ecological performance, and litigation. (This represents all forest practice efforts both TRFRF and Non-TRFRF funded.)

## Resource Protection and Improvement Program

### Urban and Community Forestry

- Work continues on all Urban and Community Forestry GGRF grant projects. Projects are continuing work and are actively billing and reporting regularly.
- The program is expecting to release Grant Guidelines for Urban and Community Forestry California Climate Investments any day now. Workshops are being planned for mid-late November.

- The program is currently working to fill a Program Manager Forester II. In addition, the program is now short one Regional Urban Forester position in the Sacramento region due to the promotion of Glenn Flamik.
- Federal funding (USDA Forest Service) sub-grants are active. Six projects have been funded for FY 2015, 2 have been completed.
- The program is engaged in the selection process for sub-granting of 2016 USDA Forest Service funding. These funds are used for projects that state GGRF funds cannot be used to fund. These include priority educational, applied research, and outreach projects.
- The program has submitted its 2017 USFS Grant Narrative for internal review. The grant is anticipated to be for a similar level of funding as last year.

### **Demonstration State Forests**

- Salvage and site preparation operations continue on Boggs Mountain State Forest, with another one-million board feet recently purchased by Mendocino Forest Products. This sale consists primarily of “blue” pine logs, the result of bug kill trees that survived the fire but have since succumbed to western pine beetle.
- A burn plan and smoke management plan have been prepared for Boggs Mountain State Forest to treat the significant number of sub-merchantable tree and slash piles resulting from the salvage and site preparation activities. BMDSF staff in conjunction with the Sonoma Lake Napa Unit will be implementing the plan for pile burning operations, with Unit staffing scheduled to allow for 5 two man burn teams to operate at Boggs 5 days a week burning piles.
- The erosion study sites and FRAP carbon study areas located on Boggs Mountain State Forest have been logged, and research crews are completing the plot installations with sediment traps and data collection equipment.
- Boggs Mountain State Forest staff met with CAL FIRE Sacramento Grants Management staff and CalOES representative John Schussler to discuss the numerous FEMA grant projects, with \$700,000 in potential grant funding, the Forest applied for in the wake of the Valley Fire.
- The educational app “NatureTour” for Android devices that takes visitors through 18 stops along the main road on Soquel Demonstration State Forest is in a beta version, with Spanish language stops to be completed and added soon as part of bilingual public outreach.
- The Monterey Bay Search Dogs used off-trail areas on Soquel Demonstration State Forest to re-certify three search and rescue dogs that had to find “victims” hidden in an 80-acre area. They also conducted a regular training day under their Special Use Permit for training and educational purposes.

- Soquel State Forest staff assisted NOAA Fisheries and Santa Cruz County biologists with two separate annual electro-fishing projects along Soquel Creek on the Forest in early October. The fisheries data collection project for SDSF began in 1993.
- Soquel State Forest staff attended the Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz meeting, gave an update on forest projects, and issued 43 mushroom gathering permits for personal use.
- Soquel State Forest staff gave presentations on forestry to five classes at Soquel High School in preparation for the annual Forestry Challenge. This year's topic for the Forestry Challenge focuses on forest inventory plots, forest modeling and sustained yield.
- The first significant storm of the season on October 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> brought 9.22 inches of rain to Soquel Demonstration State Forest.
- Latour Demonstration State Forest Manager Jason Proburko is at the CAL FIRE Academy for Company Officer training from October 10<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Latour Demonstration State Forests Cabled Cow Timber Sale, a carryover from last year, was just completed. A total of 4.9 million board feet was harvested from this sale which generated approximately \$1 million dollars in revenue. In addition, operations are nearing completion on this year's Mountain Cow Timber Sale. This timber sale is projected to harvest approximately 2.9 million board feet and generate an estimated \$500 thousand dollars in revenue.
- CalTrans is planning a road curve realignment project on Highway 20 just west of the Camp 20 Day Use Area on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. The realignment of the highway is intended to ease a compound curve where numerous vehicle collisions have occurred in the recent past.
- A Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) meeting was held in Fort Bragg on October 18<sup>th</sup> where forest staff provided updates on research, recreation and road projects, timber sale operations and other items of business from this field season, and to present and discuss future plans.
- The South Fork Caspar Silviculture Demonstration area is being installed along Road 640 on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. It will feature five blocks ranging from 2.6 to 7.9 acres, each representing different approaches to uneven-aged silviculture, and will be an ideal location for tours.
- On September 29<sup>th</sup> Dan Stark, Staff Research Associate, UC Cooperative Extension-Humboldt/Del Norte worked with forest staff to monitor Sudden Oak Death at Jackson Demonstration State Forest. There were only two positives: one from within the infested area (collected as a positive control) and one that was adjacent to the infested area. All other samples were negative for *P. ramorum*.

- All of the campgrounds on Jackson Demonstration State Forest, except Big River, closed for the winter on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The total camping numbers for the 2016 season are \$37,013 camping fees collected and 7,135 camper days.
- The steam donkey display at Camp 20 on Jackson Demonstration State Forest has been completed with a new concrete foundation for the steam donkey and new skid logs and associated decking and fuel tank parts. New interpretive signs are also being developed.
- Increased Law Enforcement (LE) patrols have also been instituted on Jackson Demonstration State Forest due to an increase in illegal activities, including vandalism, ORV's, trash dumping and transient/homeless camps.
- A Water Quality Non-Point Source grant concept proposal has been submitted by the Mendocino Land Trust on behalf of Jackson Demonstration State Forest for road decommission and upgrade projects.
- Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest is in the process of installing a new 350 foot deep well, a 10,000 gallon water tank and delivery systems to provide a reliable water source for fire suppression and campground use.
- Timber salvage operations continue on Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest, producing four to six loads per day.
- Three prescribed fire units are planned for burning this fall on Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest, totaling approximately 75 acres.
- Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest Manager Jim Kral visited Eleanor Roosevelt Charter School to brief their teams in preparation for the Sequoia Forestry Challenge event.

#### **L.A. Moran Reforestation Center (LAMRC)**

- LAMRC received nearly 900 bushels of ponderosa pine cones from the North Sierra Tree Improvement Association (NSTIA) seed orchard in Malin, Oregon. These cones and the 1,087 cones of giant sequoia, incense cedar, sugar pine, red fir, white fir, and ponderosa pine received earlier have now all been tumbled to remove the seed.
- Cleaning and upgrading of the seed is now under way, and will likely continue for at least several months. In addition, staff will continue to process seed orders for sowing at Cal Forest Nurseries in Etna.

- Thanks to the Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit's Delta Camp hand crews, off-loading of the NSTIA bushel delivery truck was completed quickly. Crews have been employed several times this month. In addition to their timely help with off-loading of the NSTIA bushels, the crews have also assisted in loading of kiln boxes, campus maintenance, and assorted other projects.
- Two of LAMRC's five staff are currently attending fire control training: one at a Basic Firefighter Academy sponsored by the Fresno-Kings Unit, and the other at a Company Officer Academy in Ione. Their training will continue into the New Year at the CAL FIRE Academy in Ione.
- As reported previously, master agreements with both the USFS Region 5 and the California Tahoe Conservancy are continuing through the process of development and approval. It is anticipated these agreements will be operational prior to the 2017 cone collection season, and thereafter will continue to support long-term coordinated cone collections on public lands.

### **Fire and Resource Assessment Program**

- **Forests and Rangelands Assessment Indicator development:** Fire and Resource Assessment staff developed candidate draft indicators to report on in the Forests and Rangelands Assessment, 2016. FRAP has a number of draft chapters developed, but due to workload issues the report has been delayed. Expect completion in early to mid 2017.
- **GGRF Quantification Methodology:** Tadashi Moody (FRAP) continues to work with ARB on quantification methodology for estimating GHG emissions and carbon balance from fuel reduction projects. This work will support CAL FIRE GGRF funded projects at both the project and landscape level.
- **Climate Change:** FRAP staff are assisting FCAT in developing the Forest Carbon Plan and other supporting documents.

### **California Forest Improvement Program**

- CFIP was successful in requesting a change to the cap rates for CFIP projects where landowners perform the work themselves. A new cap rate sheet and revised User's Guide will be on the CFIP website very soon.
- The CFIP program encumbered all TRFRF funds allocated to the program as of the 2015/2016 fiscal year and is now encumbering well into the 2016/2017 funds.
- A new funding source has been made available for CFIP reforestation activities through the High Speed Rail Authority. The amount available is \$2.33 million and must include planting of nearly 400,000 trees by 2020.

- The Riverside Forestry Assistance Specialist vacancy remains unfilled and the position has been moved to the TCU or MMU units in order for the program to provide more resources to the region affected by heavy bark beetle mortality. Advertisement for the position will be opening soon.
- A total of 34,759 acres across 96 contracts are included as encumbered project areas in the 15/16 FY funds.
- A total of 5,345.3 acres across 18 contracts to include \$904,743 are included as encumbered project areas in the 16/17 FY funds to date.

### **Forest Legacy Program**

- The top three state projects (Pacific Union College in Napa County; Mailliard Ranch in Mendocino County and Grizzly Creek Ranch in Humboldt County) for the USFS Forest Legacy Program FY 2018 (chosen by the Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee in September) were presented to the Director and approved. These projects will be presented to the national Legacy Committee for consideration for funding in November. All three projects total approximately 10 million dollars and will be evaluated and ranked for funding in January, 2017.
- Required annual monitoring for the existing conservation easement on Usal Forest, owned by The Redwood Forest Foundation Inc. was conducted by Forester II Brook Darley in late October. Updated photographs of specific points of interest from the Baseline document were taken as well as overall ground and forest conditions being evaluated. Monitoring of other existing easements will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

### **Cultural Resources**

- CAL FIRE archaeologists completed the last two annual archeological training refresher courses during October. This was done in conjunction with the California Licensed Forester's Association. Three such courses were provided this year.
- The annual five-day archaeological training course will occur in early November in Redding. The course is full.
- CAL FIRE staff continues to work on updating the Memorandum of Understanding between CAL FIRE, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Office of Historic Preservation. The MOU allows persons who have undergone the CAL FIRE archaeological training course to perform records checks at California Historic Resource Information System Information Centers. CAL FIRE reported this work to the Board's Resource Protection Committee previously. The update will address changes in the delivery of records checks. It also allows CAL FIRE to update some of its procedures pertaining to cultural resource management.

- CAL FIRE staff continues to work on re-constituting the Department's Native American Advisory Council. The Native American Advisory Council's mission is to assist CAL FIRE in establishing a cooperative and meaningful relationship with California tribes. CAL FIRE hopes to hold its first advisory council meeting in 2017.

### **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Program**

- The Governor's FY 16-17 budget provided CAL FIRE with a total of \$40 million in GGRF grant funds, \$15 million will be administered through the Urban and Community Forestry program and \$25 million will be administered through the Forest Health program. Staff are completing updates to the grant procedural guides and are planning GGRF grant workshops in the near future.
- In anticipation of receiving the GGRF funds, staff have been meeting regularly all year with Air Resources Board staff on program development, funding requirements and quantification methods.

### **Other Grant Programs**

- CAL FIRE recently signed an inter-agency agreement to assist the California High-Speed Rail Authority meet its environmental commitments to offset direct greenhouse gas emissions resulting from construction of Phase 1 of the California High-Speed Rail Project. CAL FIRE will provide tree planting services through its Landowner Assistance and Urban and Community Forestry Programs. The tree planting will provide climate benefits by sequestering carbon.
- Draft Urban Forestry CHSRA Guidelines are out for review with CHSRA. Once a draft is ready that both agencies are comfortable with, The Grant forms can be created and the program advertised. It is hoped this can be timed similarly to the Urban Forestry GGRF Guidelines.
- CHSRA Landowner Assistance Grant Program guidelines are currently under development.

### **Forest Pest Management**

- *Phytophthora ramorum*, the causal agent of sudden oak death disease, has been found in San Luis Obispo County for the first time. Samples from 25 California bay laurel trees from sites scattered through the western half of the county were found to be positive as part of a SOD blitz effort conducted with the University of California Berkeley. Re-sampling also came back positive. Once the California Department of Food and Agriculture conducts official isolations and detections the county will be added to the federal SOD quarantine.

- The Kuroshio shot hole borer complex has been found in Santa Barbara County, a previously uninfested county. This is a huge jump from the nearest known infestation in Orange County. The insects were found on dying sycamores and willows in a riparian area.
- A new pest of palms, the South American palm weevil has been discovered near the Mexican border. The insect is known to attack a wide variety of palms including agricultural, urban ornamental, and native palms.

### **Tree Mortality Task Force (TMTF)**

- Saul Gomez from the Governor's office has been appointed to the TMTF.
- The Mapping and Monitoring workgroup is currently updating High Hazard Zone Tier 2 designated watersheds to reflect the most recent survey data available (May, 2016) from the USFS. This update incorporates additional information on utility company assets and the May 2016 Aerial Detection Survey conducted over the western slope of the Sierra Nevada to identify new Tier 2 High Hazard Zones. We anticipate updated information will be available on the TMTF web viewer in time for the next full TMTF meeting in October.
- In addition, the mapping and monitoring group is also developing a process to develop "local" high hazard zones.
- Work has continued on developing a strategy for reforestation of areas heavily impacted by bark beetles, including investigating which species should be replanted considering elevation zones and seed zones, areas with high rates of mortality, and other considerations (e.g., climate change).
- On September 15<sup>th</sup> members from the RWG participated in a meeting with the CA Department of Insurance, Fair Plan, Office of Planning and Research and several County representatives. The meeting focused on several issues the Counties are experiencing regarding insurance. The FireLine model used by insurers to evaluate fire risk is one tool that helps decide where to write and how to price policies. The models do not just take into account the attributes of one property – they also look at the likelihood that a wildfire will sweep over the area surrounding the property and neighborhood. The main, common factors used by all fire risk models are (1) vegetation type and density, (2) steepness of slope, and (3) access to the property (e.g., dead-end road). The concern is that the FireLine model relies on satellite imagery and may not be accurately capturing or considering common fuel break efforts including PRC 4291 clearance. CAL FIRE is planning a meeting with the CDI and Verisk (makers of the FireLine model) to review and evaluate the model.

## **Fire Protection**

### **Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery**

- For the month of September, CAL FIRE Law Enforcement made 19 arrests and issued 71 citations (excluding 4291).
- For the month of September, CAL FIRE received \$1,859 resulting from Civil Cost Recovery actions.
- CAL FIRE peace officers are currently engaged in their biannual requirements for continuing education and are also training on the implementation of the new Sig Sauer P320 series service weapon.

### **Fire Protection Operations**

- Program staff met with National Association of State Foresters (NASF) and National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) representatives on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, in regards to Data Integration Systems and the opportunity for CAL FIRE to participate on National working groups. This data could allow CAL FIRE to potentially leverage national fire occurrence, perimeter, and other incident related data. This was preliminary discussion, with a full briefing of CAL FIRE Executive forthcoming and prior to engaging in any discovery processes with NWCG.
- Emergency Command Center (ECC) reviews are scheduled in the Southern Region for the week of October 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the first time that Program staff will have returned since implementing the ECC review process, and the Review Team will be checking on the progress of the Units to address deficiencies/issues discovered during the first round of reviews that took place three years ago.
- The United States Forest Service (USFS) has changed radio frequencies on a number of the Forests within California. This will have an effect on adjoining CAL FIRE Units who will require radios to be reprogrammed a second time. A Safety Communication was distributed to all CAL FIRE personnel, advising them of the issue and the potential for lack of common communications on an incident until the situation is fully resolved.

### **Mobile Equipment**

- New vehicles purchased from the FY 15/16 Fleet Acquisition Plan have started to arrive at the Davis Mobile Equipment Facility for outfitting and distribution.

## **Aviation Management Unit**

- New helicopter specifications continuing to be worked through with DGS and Agency.
- The two Large Air Tankers (LAT) on Exclusive Use contracts under drought augmentation end on October 31, 2016.
- The one DC-10 Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT) under drought augmentation will remain on contract through December 31, 2016.
- Two Exclusive Use helicopter contracts are still in place at Paso Robles (San Luis Obispo) and Millerton (Fresno).
- Many air bases in the Northern Region have started down staffing due to precipitation already received and projected weather. This has allowed aircraft to be moved elsewhere in the State and/or moved to AMU to begin annual winter maintenance.

## **Tactical Air Operations**

- Program and Management Services staff have met and began drafting the CAL FIRE Aviation Strategic Plan project scope.
- The rewrite of the CAL FIRE Aerial Ignition Guide is underway and expected to be completed by Spring of 2017.
- CAL FIRE Chief Travis Alexander has been requested to serve as the Co-chair to the Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee to the NWCG National Interagency Aviation Committee.

## **Incident Management Teams**

- September 27, 2016 - Incident Management Team 2 was assigned to the Santa Clara Unit, Loma Incident.

## **Conservation Camp Program**

- The Department is working closely with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) on a proposal to establish and staff a new Fire Center at Los Pinos (Orange County). The CCC has assumed possession of the former Orange County Juvenile Probation Center located on the Cleveland National Forest. This new center has the potential to provide four additional fire crews in the Orange/Riverside County area and is targeted for opening in the spring of 2017 if funded.

- The statewide Conservation Camps count as of Wednesday, October 26, 2016:
  - The current statewide shortage of fire crew members assigned to fire crews is **887** (an increase of 27 from 860 as of October 12, 2016);
  - The inmate population stands at 81% of capacity;
  - Fire crew capacity stands at 73%.

### **State-Federal Program**

- The Association of Contract Counties will hold its annual meeting with CAL FIRE Executive and Program staff in Orange County on November 3, 2016. The Contract Counties (Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Santa Barbara and Ventura) have assumed responsibility for fire prevention and protection for all SRA lands within their respective jurisdictions. This meeting will be focused on mutual operational and administrative issues and will serve as the starting point for the renewal of the three-year contracts which expire on June 30, 2017.

### **Local Government Program**

- The Local Government Program is compiling potential revisions to contractual language contained within the Local Government Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement for 2017. This document is reviewed and modified as needed every year. It contains standardized language which applies to all local government agreements wherein CAL FIRE provides fire prevention and protection services under contract. This language will be vetted before the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and submitted to the Department of General Service – Office of Legal Services for approval. Modifications proposed include contractual clauses addressing Affirmative Action, Drug/Alcohol-Free Workplace, Fraudulent Conduct and Confidentiality.

## **Office of the State Fire Marshal**

### **Planning and Risk Analysis Division**

#### **Wildland Pre-Fire Engineering**

- Defensible Space Inspection data using the new electronic collector app now exceeds 25,000 records across the state. Data migration glitches are being identified and corrected. With the new ESRI Enterprise License now in place, all records are being migrated over to this new platform. (additional ESRI information below.)
- The first 100 tablets for electronic data collection for both D-Space and DINS (Damage Inspection) have arrived in Sacramento. An additional 350 tablets will be purchased over a phased-in timeframe.

- Working on developing a training curriculum to train the Units and Contract Counties as we bring them on board with using the Collector App for D-Space inspections.
- Staff has met with ESRI program designers to help finalize the D-Space Collector App. These meetings include other staff from various programs of the Department, such as IT, FRAP, etc. As the first step in CAL FIRE's new Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) with ESRI, this initial product design will incorporate the base architectural platform from which all GIS programs will work from in the future. It is critical that this design is done correctly in order for all programs to link together rather than function individually.

### **Fire Plan**

- Annual report on the Department's accomplishments for the 2010 Strategic Fire Plan is being presented at today's meeting.
- Evaluations of applications for the Western States Fire Manager WUI Grant Program took place last week in Bend, OR. California submitted 10 grant applications for consideration.

### **SRA Fire Prevention Fee**

- An updated SRA Information Report has been finalized with all reconciled FY 15/16 accounting information. Final review of this new report will begin within the next week.
- SRA Fire Prevention Fund Grants and Tree Mortality Grant applications were reviewed by Sacramento and Region representatives on October 18 and 19. Final scores are being tallied, and a recommendation will be established on November 9 to ask for Executive Team review and approval.

### **CAIRS**

- 2015 Redbook is currently going through the Green Sheet process.
- Evaluations of the existing CAIRS program are being conducted to identify updates and improvements to be made during the upcoming renewal period for the CAIRS contract, which expires in May 2018.

### **Land Use Planning**

- LUP Staff is coordinating Safety Element Reviews with BOF Staff for a number of Cities and Counties around the State.
- Informational outreach to all required jurisdictions has been completed. Active involvement with Safety Element reviews will be initiated as these jurisdictions begin their reviews.