

AB 1492 UPDATE FOR BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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California Natural Resources Agency

Departments of Conservation, Fish and Wildlife, Forestry and Fire Protection

California Environmental Protection Agency

State and Regional Water Boards



Overview of Presentation

- Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund Condition
- New Resources in FY 2015-16 Budget Cycle
- Current Major Activities
 - Restoration grants;
 - Working groups;
 - Collaborative projects;
 - Advisory Committee establishment.

Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund Condition

(millions of dollars)	2014/15 (actual)	2015/16 (projected)
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 16.5	\$ 26.0
Total Revenues, Transfers and Other Adjustments	\$ 37.2	\$ 39.4
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 53.7	\$ 65.4
EXPENDITURES		
Natural Resources Agency	\$ 0.5	\$ 2.6
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	\$ 13.8	\$ 22.1
Department of Conservation	\$ 3.1	\$ 4.0
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$ 6.6	\$ 10.3
State Water Resources Control Board	\$ 2.5	\$ 5.4
Board of Equalization	\$ 1.2	\$ 2.2
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 27.7	\$ 46.7
RESERVES	\$ 26.0	\$ 18.7

New Resources in FY 2015/16 Budget

Administrative Unit	Staff (PY)		Restoration Grants (2 yrs.)	Data and Pilot Projects (1-2 yrs.)	Information Systems (1 yr.)
	Perm.	2-yr. LT			
CNRA				\$750	\$1,300
CAL FIRE	2	8	\$3,000		
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection	1				
Dept. of Conservation	4*				
Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	2*				
Water Boards		4	\$2,000		

(Thousands of \$)

*Received position funding but not position authority.

Enhanced Staffing

Department	FY 2007- 08	FY 2008- 09	FY 2009- 10	FY 2010- 11	FY 2011- 12	FY 2012- 13	FY 2013- 14	FY 2014- 15	FY 2015- 16
CAL FIRE	102	95	95	95	95	95	101	104	114
BOF									1
DFW	33	22	25	7.7	8.7	26	41	41	43
Water Boards	32	28.2	28.2	26.4	26.4	27.8	32.1	33.1	37.1
DOC	13	13	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	15	15	19
Resources Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Total	180	158.2	160.3	141.2	142.2	160.9	192.1	196.1	217.1

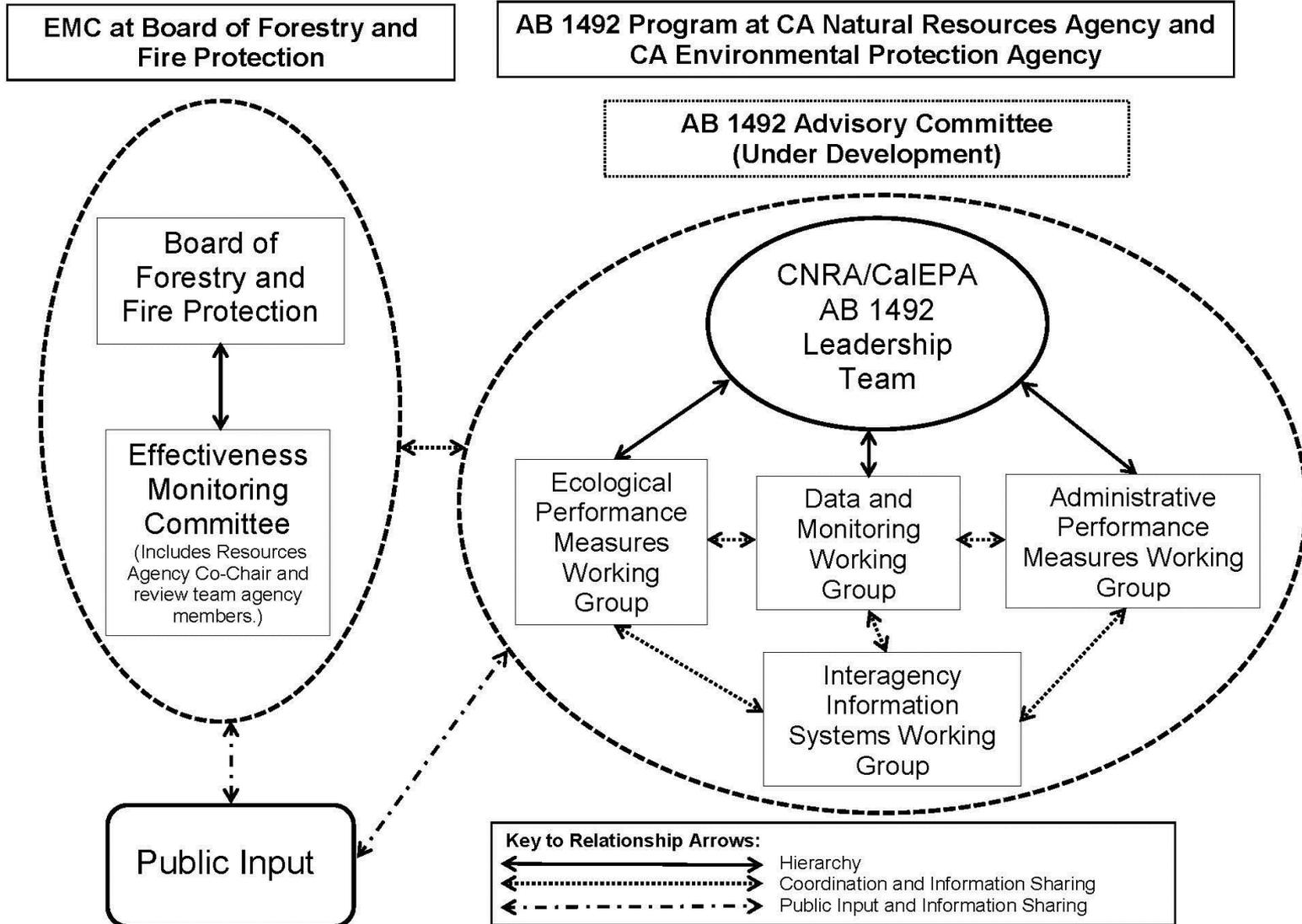
Forest Restoration Grants

- DFW Fisheries Restoration Grant Program: \$3.5 million (includes carry-over from last FY)
- Water Boards Clean Water Act 319(h) Program: \$2 million
- CAL FIRE California Forest Improvement Program: \$3 million

Working Groups

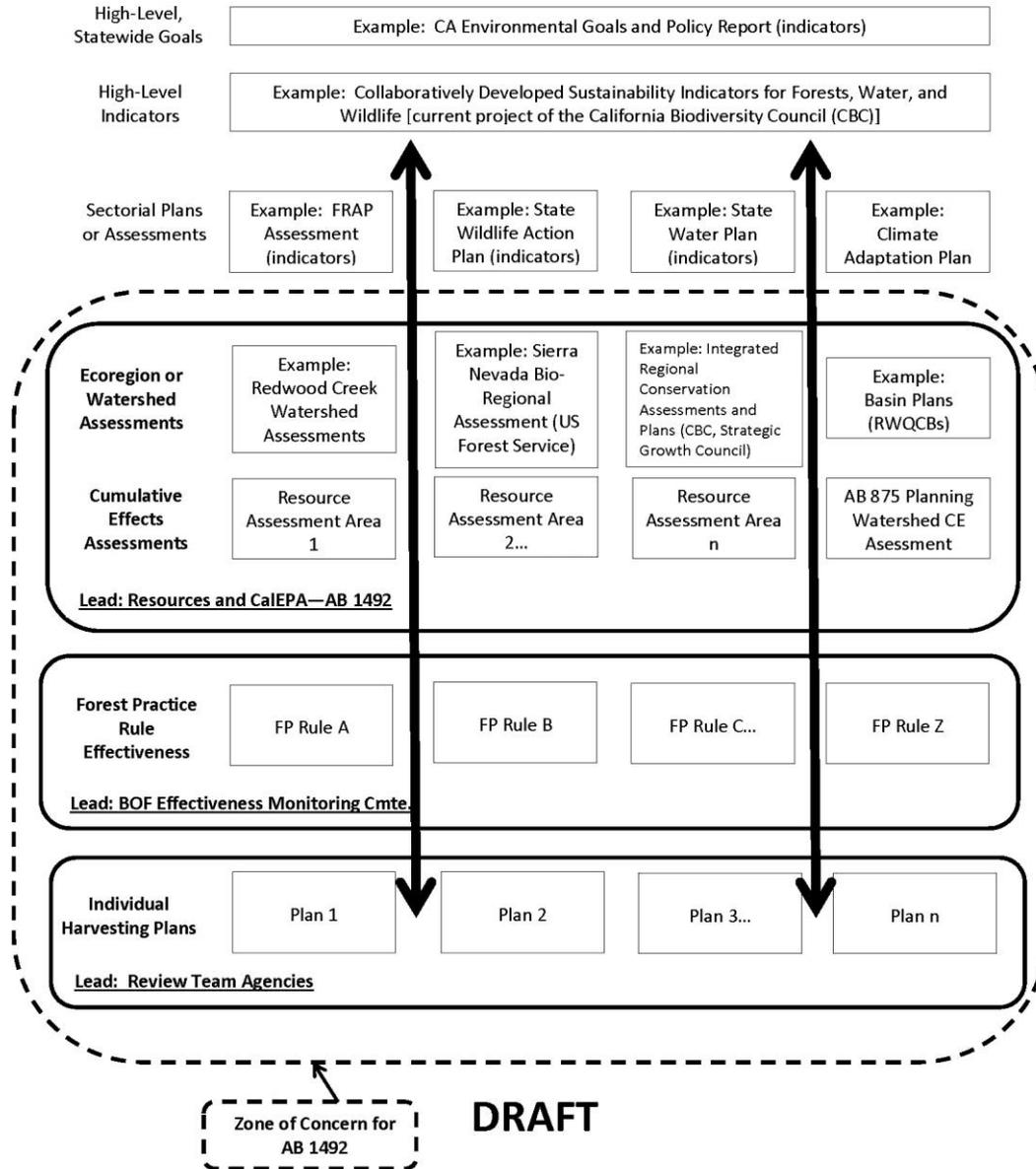
- Four Working Groups:
 - Administrative Performance Measures
 - Data and Monitoring
 - Ecological Performance Measures
 - Interagency Information Systems
- Final Charters posted on our website:
<http://resources.ca.gov/forestry/>
- Draft Work Plans soon to be posted for public comment
- Support from UC Cooperative Extension

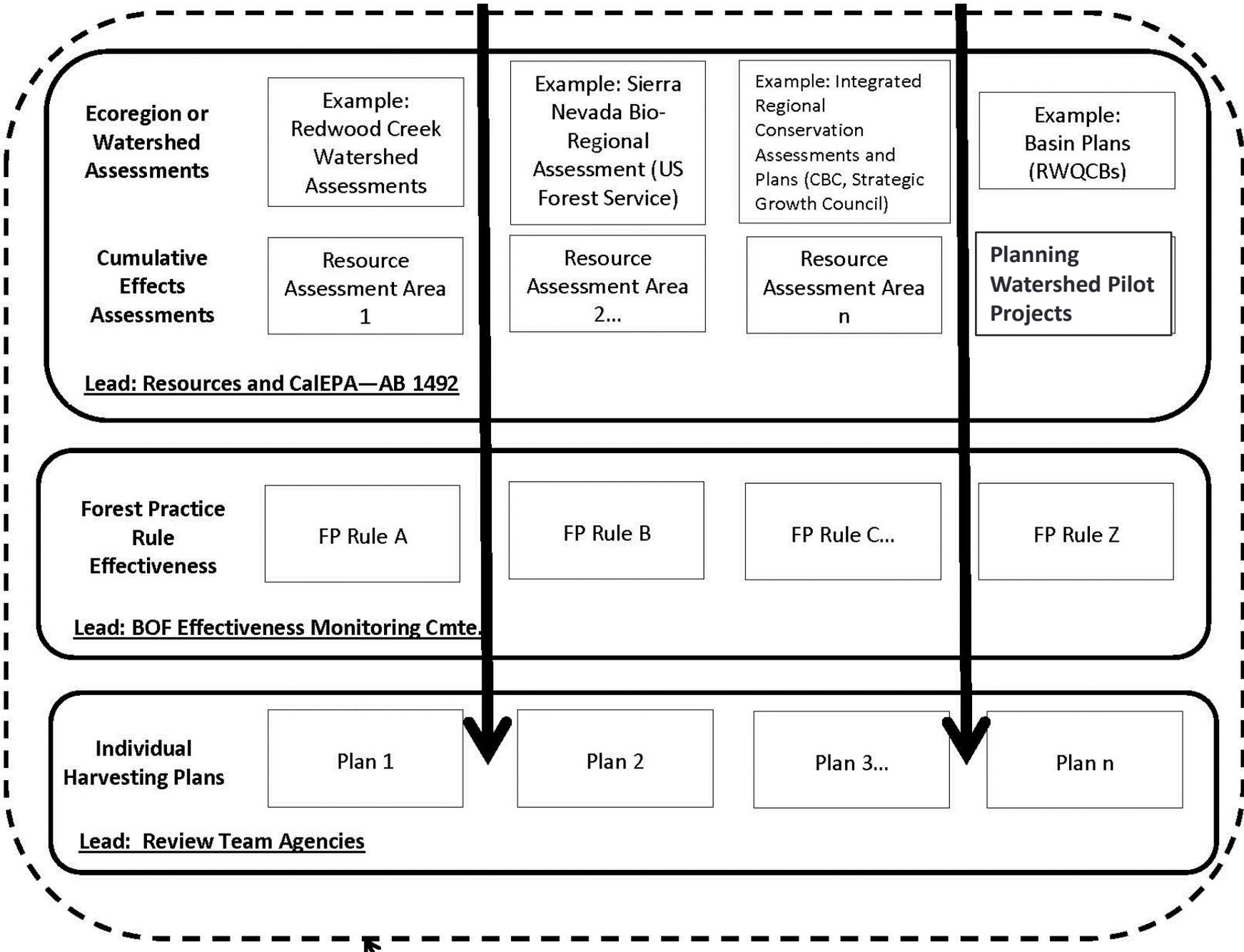
EMC and AB 1492 Program



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Conceptualizing Levels of Environmental Performance Measurement for AB 1492





Collaborative Projects

- Planning Watershed Pilot Projects
 - Collaborative and multi-disciplinary (Pilot Project Working Group);
 - Data collection and characterization;
 - ID of information and methods used for cumulative impacts assessment;
 - ID of specific restoration opportunities;
 - Draft concept paper, on website, identifies 6 critical questions;
 - Initial public meeting held October 14 in Ukiah;
 - Follow-up meeting in December.

Collaborative Projects

- Assessment of Stream Habitat and Water Quality on Private Forestlands
 - Application of SWAMP bioassessment protocols on 12 new reference sites and 60 probabilistically sampled sites.
 - Collaborators include:
 - Natural Resources Agency
 - Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
 - CAL FIRE
 - State and Regional Water Boards
 - CA Forestry Association
 - CSU Chico Research Foundation

Advisory Committee Establishment

- Part of our overall commitment to transparency and public involvement: “Public Process Approaches”
- Role of Center for Collaborative Policy
- Stakeholder assessment process
- Development of Charter
- Appointment of Committee
- Initial Committee meeting

Public Process Approaches

- **Intent:** Be transparent and to provide the public with frequent and meaningful opportunities to receive information and to provide input.
- **Email Updates on Program Activities:** We have established a list serve for the TRFR Program. Subscribe at our website:
<http://resources.ca.gov/forestry/>
- **Website Postings:** Our website provides detailed program information.
- **Commenting on Program:** Comments on the TRFR Program can be emailed to: ab1492program.comments@resources.ca.gov
- **Advisory Committee:** Establishment in process. Its meetings will be open to the public and provide opportunities for public comment.
- **Participating in Meetings and Workshops:** Held periodically to update the public on our work and to seek input. We will facilitate public participation by webcasting whenever possible.