

Brief update on the Board's Effectiveness Monitoring Committee (EMC)

- The EMC is meeting approximately every two months. The last meeting was May 16th.
- The EMC website has meeting announcements, project proposals, etc.:
http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/board_committees/effectiveness_monitoring_committee/
- The EMC Strategic Plan was approved by the BOF in October 2015.
- 10 critical monitoring question “themes” are identified in the Strategic Plan: WLPZ riparian function, watercourse channel sediment, road and WLPZ sediment, mass wasting sediment, fish habitat, wildfire hazard, wildlife habitat: species and nest sites, wildlife habitat: seral stages, wildlife habitat: cumulative impacts, and wildlife habitat: structures. Each critical question theme has associated critical questions.
- 11 EMC monitoring projects have been submitted, all with short one page descriptions.
- Detailed project descriptions have been developed for 3 of these projects:
 - FORPRIEM ver. 2.0.
 - Class II-L Monitoring.
 - Effectiveness of the Road Rules in Reducing Hydrologic Connectivity and Significant Sediment Discharge.
- The EMC will use a ranking process (Appendix F in the Strategic Plan) for project proposals with detailed project descriptions.
- Funding from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration (TRFR) Fund is expected to be available for EMC projects in the coming fiscal year (2016)—see below.

Brief Update on AB 1492 Topics

- Dr. Russ Henly, CNRA, has reported that the AB 1492 TRFR Program funding for EMC work (\$425,000/year for 2 years) continues to be included in the Governor's budget, and was approved by the Assembly Budget Committee. No opposition in the Senate is expected.
- Link to the “2016 Assembly Bill 1492 Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program”:
http://resources.ca.gov/docs/forestry/AB-1492_Annual_Report_2016_to_Legislature_FINAL.pdf
- Agency members have been selected for the following AB 1492 Working Groups: Data and Monitoring, Ecological Performance Measures (EPM), Administrative Performance Measures, and Interagency Information Systems, as well as for the Business Solutions Team, Interagency Training Team, and Planning Watershed Pilot Project Initiation Team.
- A draft outline for the EPM white paper has been produced. UC Cooperative Extension staff will prepare the draft white paper.
- Campbell Creek has been selected as the first AB 1492 Planning Watershed Pilot Project. It is located in the South Fork Ten Mile River watershed.
- The AB 1492 TRFRP Spring Finance Letter is posted at:
http://web1a.esd.dof.ca.gov/Documents/bcp/1617/FY1617_ORG0540_BCP704.pdf
If approved by the Legislature, this proposal would make on-going and slightly increase limited-term funding to support public involvement processes, technical assistance, and scientific guidance - \$230,000 from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund. The proposal also includes Budget Trailer Bill language to permit providing reasonable per diem compensation to persons other than public agency staff who are serving on program advisory committees or working groups.