Resource Management

Forest Practice Program

Plan Submissions

- **THP Submissions**: THP submissions through October remain significantly lower than last year (i.e. 197 compared to 314).

- **NTMP Submissions**: NTMP submissions are more than 1½ times last year’s at this time (i.e., 15 compared to 9). NTO submissions are up 12% from last year (i.e., 134 compared to 120).

- **Exemption Notice Submissions**: Exemption submissions remain notably higher compared to last year (i.e., 2,444 compared to 1,812 or up nearly 35%). There have been a total of 1,066 Drought Mortality exemptions submitted under the new regulations, covering a total of 130,054 acres since July 1, 2015.

- **Emergency Notice Submissions**: Emergency Notice submissions are down 7% from last year (i.e., 161 compared to 173).

- **Plan Approval**: 190 THPs have been approved in 2016, compared to 187 last year. In addition, 12 NTMPs, compared to 6 last year.

General Review Team

**Santa Rosa**

- As of October 1, 2016, Santa Rosa will have three Forester I Review Team vacancies. These vacancies are being advertised.

- Forester II Shawn Headley is attending Basic Firefighter Academy through November 11, 2016.

**Redding**

- TRFRF Forester II Dan Craig and TRFRF Office Technician Asia Coleman are continuing to work on the initial module for the Cal Trees on line harvest document submission program.
• Forester II Jon Woessner and Forester III John Ramaley attended supervisor training the week of November 14th.

Fresno

• Fresno Forest Practice is continuing to receive Right of Way exemptions for PG and E and Caltrans with numerous timberland owners. Redding has been assisting with processing the documents to meet all necessary timelines.

• Forester I Kevin Kiniery is assisting MMU with CEQA on a fuel break.

Watershed Protection Program Update

• Watershed Protection Program staff worked on a variety of projects during the past month, including:
  
  ▪ Post-fire evaluations - (1) planning for a “WERT (Watershed Emergency Response Team) After Action Review” meeting to be held in Sacramento on December 9th with personnel involved in WERT field work this year, and (2) preliminary work for a California Forestry Note titled “Lessons Learned from Sixty Years of Post Wildfire Erosion Assessment Work on Non-Federal Lands in California: 1956 to 2016,” including assembling past post-fire reports from 1956 to the present.

  ▪ Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest post-fire runoff and erosion study - Drew Coe continues to lead this research effort, working with Dr. Joe Wagenbrenner (USFS PSW) and Don Lindsay (CGS). Logging and ripping have now been completed for all the research blocks, and installation of plot-scale sediment fences is being completed this month. Additionally, Sergio Prats Alegre, a visiting postdoctoral scholar, has begun complementary post-fire erosion research on BMDSF.

  ▪ BOF Effectiveness Monitoring Committee - Staff have completed a Class II-L proposal and moved forward with a research project, developed a draft scope of work for a statistical review for the FORPRIEM ver. 2.0 project, and helped complete the revised EMC Strategic Plan for Board review.

  ▪ AB 1492 Team participation - Watershed staff continue to participate in the AB 1492 Leadership Team, Ecological Performance Measures and Data and Monitoring Working Groups, Pilot Projects Team, and Interagency Training Team.

  ▪ Tree Mortality Task Force work - Pete Cafferata continues to serve as a co-leader for the Forest Health and Resilience Working Group, with monthly meetings occurring on the first Wednesday of the month. Progress has been made on two white papers and strategies for reforestation in the high hazard counties.
- DFW’s Watercourse Classification Calibration - Stacy Stanish participated in both the office and field components for this meeting held in Mendocino County on November 3rd.

- THP Review - Staff have helped review Section V site-specific riparian prescriptions for plans in Humboldt and Tehama County (office and field review).

- Personnel hiring - Stacy Stanish assisted the Santa Rosa GIS staff with GIS analyst application review, and Pete Cafferata and Drew Coe have begun working on filling an Environmental Scientist position in the Watershed Protection Program.

Forest Practice Enforcement Update

- The Administrative Civil Penalty Program has a total of 41 active civil cases. Several cases were closed out this month; unable to collect the penalty. One new case was received this month and two cases were settled. The remaining cases are in different stages of the process, see table below.

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Timber Operators Licensing Program Update

- The licensing program mailed out renewal reminders. The number of submitted renewal applications has increased significantly since the reminders were mailed. The CAL FIRE website was updated to provide a better link for licensed timber operators to find the forms for renewal. We have one LTO Training classes remaining for the year. It will be held on December 1st in Roseville. The 2017 class schedule for LTO training has been posted.
Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF)
Updated from the TRFRF Database (01/01/2016 through 10/31/2016)

• **Specific TRFRF Forest Practice Effort:** The Forest Practice Program has utilized 131,516 hours in conducting forest practice activities in the following breakdown: review and processing of THPs (20.3%); conducting forest practice inspections (21.6%); participating in mandated training (10.7%); supervising and managing the forest practice program (7.7%); processing and managing the data related to THPs (7.6%); forest practice law enforcement (2.0%); program/project monitoring (0.8%); and responding to letters of concern (1.3%). 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 142,037 hours in conducting forest practice activities and non-forest practice activities in the following breakdown: review and processing of THPs (19.7%); conducting forest practice inspections (22.0%); emergency incident support (11.4%); participating in mandated training (10.2%); supervising and managing the forest practice program (8.2%); processing and managing the data related to THPs (7.6%); other duties in support of unit programs (7.2%); other forestry related activities (8.3%); forest practice law enforcement (2.0%); project/program monitoring (1.2%); and responding to letters of concern (1.2%). 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 (UCF)**

• Work continues on all 2014-15 Urban and Community Forestry GGRF grant projects. Projects are continuing work and are actively billing and reporting regularly.

• The program released Grant Guidelines for the 2016-17 Urban and Community Forestry California Climate Investments on November 3rd. Ten workshops were held throughout the state from November 14-22. A webinar was conducted on November 28th. Concept proposals will be due on December 16th.

• The program is advertising to fill a Program Manager Forester II. In addition, the program is short one Regional Urban Forester position in the Sacramento region. This position will be advertised soon.
• 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 to the US Forest Service. The grant is anticipated to be for a similar level of funding as last year.

Demonstration State Forests

• Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest was closed to unauthorized vehicular access for the winter on November 2nd.

• On November 14th the California Department of Fish and Wildlife planted 90,000 fingerling golden trout between the two Balch Park ponds and Hedrick pond on and adjacent to Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest. They are expected to reach a length of 12 inches in one year.

• Salvage logging continues on Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest, averaging four loads per day.

• Three units on Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest, totaling 75 acres, were control burned on November 1st and 2nd.

• A small lightning caused fire in the Golden Trout Wilderness near Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest was reported by the USFS on October 29. The Sequoia National Forest (SQF) contacted Forest Manager Kral on November 3 to discuss their plan to confine and contain the fire and what their management objectives were. The planning area is approximately 9,500 acres in size which includes about 800 acres of MHDSF. The USFS objective of reintroducing fire into an area that hasn’t seen fire for more than 100 years is consistent with the management objectives at MHDSF. CAL FIRE and the SQF entered into unified command for fire operations. To date, ideal weather and fuel conditions, coupled with the forest being closed, have allowed for backing fire operations on approximately 190 acres the MHDSF.

• Salvage, site preparation, slash and pile burning operations continue on Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest.

• Planting and vegetation control contracts for Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest have been prepared and submitted for bid solicitation. This initial reforestation project is scheduled for Spring of 2017, and includes approximately 300,000 mixed-conifer seedlings, enough to reforest approximately 1,100 acres.
• Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit has dedicated a staff of 19, including Fire Captains, FAEs, and FFIs, to support pile burning operations at Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest. A minimum staffing of 6 will be on the Forest 7 days a week to support this operation. Crews have been burning approximately ten acres per day.

• The erosion study on Boggs Mountain Demonstration state Forest has expanded with the introduction of Dr. Sergio Prats, a visiting post-doctoral scholar from Spain/Portugal (University of Averio) and his wife, Dr. Maruxa Malvar. Dr. Prats will be conducting complementary studies on Boggs, collecting more detailed data on erosion rates on areas with varying degrees of disturbance. Their microplots are nested within the existing study at Boggs. They may also conduct rainfall simulation experiments and BMP trials.

• Dr. Joe Wagenbrenner, now Research Hydrologist with the USFS in Arcata and a key member of the erosion study research team on Boggs Mountain, has solicited the help of a future graduate student who will be working on the project as well. He will be advised by Dr. Kevin Bladon from Oregon State’s Department of Forest Engineering (http://fews.forestry.oregonstate.edu/). Dr. Bladon has extensive research experience in post-fire settings.

• Latour Demonstration State Forests Old Cow Timber Sale was completed on November 11th, with a total harvest volume of approximately 3.3 million board feet (MMBF) and a value of $560,000. An additional 200 MBF of tree mortality salvage has been logged on the Forest.

• Latour Demonstration State Forest Manager Jason Poburko graduated from the CAL FIRE Academy on November 18th.

• The State Capital Christmas Tree, an 85 foot tall white fir, was harvested from Latour Demonstration State Forests the first week of November. This is the fifth year the Capital tree was harvested from Latour.

• Soquel Demonstration State Forests Meridian Timber Sale will be advertised in January.

• Work continues on Soquel Demonstration State Forests 10-year periodic resource inventory update.

• Jackson Demonstration State Forest has submitted information to be included in the MEU Strategic Fire Plan. The intent is to include JDSF as a “Target Area” for fuels reduction projects within Battalion 6 of the Unit. The primary fire fuels projects would focus on shaded fuel breaks and prescribed fire.
• Chris Lee, CAL FIRE Forest Health Specialist and Steve Volker of Oregon State University sampled at Jackson Demonstration State Forest and neighboring lands on November 10th-14th. The study is investigating causes of Bishop Pine mortality. They will be investigating age structure of the stands as well as inventorying pest problems.

• Jackson Demonstration State Forest Senior Wildlife Biologist Tina Fabula met with Mendocino Redwood Company biologists and NCRM consultant biologists regarding a field methodology being developed to measure basal hollows and sample them for DNA of bats, specifically the Townsend’s big-eared bat. The DNA is extracted from soil samples taken at the bottom of the hollow. A graduate student from Humboldt State University is getting a grant to pay for the DNA testing and will be a portion of his Master’s thesis.

• Work continues to plan for the Phase I stabilization of Jackson Demonstration State Forests Caspar “Little Red” Schoolhouse project. Phase I includes the replacement of the foundation, roof, front porch and side stairs.

L.A. Moran Reforestation Center (LAMRC)

• CAL FIRE Technical Services and LAMRC staff, with the significant assistance of hand crews from Delta Camp, completed demolition of the cone drying shelter over the course of two days in early November. This is the first step toward construction of the new, much larger cone processing facility at LAMRC. Construction of the new facility is expected to commence in early 2017.

• LAMRC staff is immersed in hand cleaning of an estimated 1,500 pounds of seed. This is the largest amount of seed LAMRC has worked with in a number of years. Hand crews from Delta Camp will continue to assist in this effort. Even so, seed processing is expected to continue into spring 2017.

• LAMRC staff have begun to receive and fill seed orders for sowing at private nurseries. A much larger number of seed orders are anticipated in the coming weeks.

• Lastly, the Reforestation Center would like to recognize the great assistance and support from both the Technical Services Program, and Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit’s Delta Camp. Over the past several months, these folks have done great work to support the reforestation mission. Though the seed processing and facility construction work ahead is daunting, we are on schedule thanks to our partners at Tech Services and Delta Camp.
Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)

- **Forests and Rangelands Assessment Indicator Development**: Fire and Resource Assessment staff members continue to work on the Forests and Rangelands Assessment, 2016. FRAP has several 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. Current work include estimation fire ignition probabilities.

- **Fire Effects, Carbon, and Forest Recovery**: ongoing research and stand inventory monitoring following the Valley Fire at Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest. FRAP staff recently visited LaTour forests to discuss recommendations for additional research and experimental design.

- **Fire Map 1 for PUC**: FRAP (D. Sapsis) lead a technical committee that developed a map that depicts areas of California where there is an elevated hazard for the ignition and spread of fire from utility lines under conditions with strong winds and dry vegetation. FRAP staff are developing options to support PUC’s development of Fire Map 2.

- **Climate Change**: FRAP staff are assisting FCAT in developing the Forest Carbon Plan and other supporting documents.

- **Tree Mortality Task Force (TMTF)**: FRAP staff are supporting Mapping and Monitoring work group and the Forest Health work group. The Mapping and Monitoring group is currently updating High Hazard Zones based on recent Aerial Detection Survey data collected by the USFS. FRAP staff are reviewing proposed changes that the USFS are proposing to the ADS data. These changes have implications for reporting on tree mortality.

- **AB 1504**: FRAP has recently hired a Senior Environmental Scientist (Nadia Tase) who will serve as a technical expert to support the development of AB 1504 reporting. Mark Rosenberg has developed an initial reporting framework and is establishing an agreement with USFS – PNW to develop FIA based inventory tables for the report.
California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

- Contracts: Applications for removal of dead trees remains strong in the central and southern areas of the Sierra. To date the Department has encumbered $1.6 million of the $3.4 million in the 2016 TRFRF allocation.

- Training: The CFIP Forestry Assistance Specialists (FAS) conducted RPF training at LA Moran Reforestation Center on the 29th of November. The class is currently full to capacity. The purpose of the training is to inform consultants of the most efficient methods of helping their landowners to apply for CFIP, meet the CEQA requirements, and to invoice for activities so that landowners are reimbursed in a timely manner.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

- Applications: California’s top three projects have been submitted to the national selection panel for scoring. With 49 states and five territories completing for limited funds, the competition is expected to be very strong this year. With a new administration coming in there is considerable question as to the level of funding that might be available for 2017. For the past many years annual appropriation has run in the $50-$65 million range.

- Funded Projects: The 597 acre Rainbow Ridge project appraisal has now been completed and accepted by the landowner. The Department still has not heard from the USDA Forest Service Review appraiser as to its acceptability. Once the FS reviewer finds that the appraisal is in compliance with federal standards, the project can move forward to the Wildlife Conservation Board to begin the last stages of the approval process. At this time we expect the project will close spring of 2017.

Forest Pest Management

- The most recent aerial surveys conducted by the United States Forest Service report that California has lost over 100 million trees due to drought and bark beetles since the beginning of the most recent drought.

- There has been a find of a single polyphagous shot hole borer in a trap in San Luis Obispo County. Surveys are ongoing to determine if there is an infestation or not in the county.

- Surveys are ongoing for a find of Kuroshio shot hole borer in Santa Barbara County to determine the extent of the infestation there.
• Sudden oak death has been found on California Bay Laurel at around twenty
different locations in San Luis Obispo County. The finds were through a citizen
scientist SOD Blitz conducted by the University of California – Berkeley. The
finds still need to be confirmed by the California Department of Food and
Agriculture through separate isolations before the county can be officially
declared infested and a federal quarantine imposed and the Zone of Infestation
expanded. At present we are in the worst time of the year for making positive
isolations so it will likely be spring before the county is quarantined.

• The South American Palm Weevil has been found attacking several palm
species in San Diego County. This is the first infestation of the pest in the
United States.

Cultural Resources

• Archaeology Program staff in partnership with California Licensed Foresters
Association have completed site recognition training for 2016. This included
four refresher courses (two in spring and two in fall) and one full five-day
course. Student attendance in all courses exceeded 150 persons.

• Chuck Whatford, Associate State Archaeologist, Santa Rosa, has retired after
many years of service. His replacement is Ben Harris, who has been working in
the Santa Rosa Regional Office for several months.

• Sacramento HQ is in the process of hiring an associate state archaeologist.
They hope to use a newly-formed Department of Parks and Recreation list for
hiring.

• Sacramento HQ recently sent letters out to 140 tribal groups requesting
possible participation on its Native American Advisory Council. The letter
requests a response by December 31, 2016. CAL FIRE staff will evaluate any
applications received for consideration of membership on the Native American
Advisory Council and develop a ranked recommendation list for CAL FIRE
management.

Environmental Protection

• Environmental Protection Program staff have been working with Aviation
Program staff to update the CAL FIRE mitigated negative declaration for fire
retardant use.

• Environmental Protection Program staff expect to provide basic CEQA training
for unit and regional staff during the winter and spring of 2016. Such training
will cover basic concepts with emphasis on grant-related projects.
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Program

- Urban and Community Forestry GGRF Grants are currently advertised for concept proposals. Concept proposals will be due on December 16th.

- Landscape Scale Forest Health GGRF Grants are currently in the public comment period, with three workshops scheduled (Redding, Sacramento, Fresno).

Other Grant Programs

- CAL FIRE is developing the guidelines for the California High Speed Rail GGRF funded grant programs and plans to advertise the guidelines in early December. Some work on guidelines and forms remains to be done.

Tree Mortality Task Force

- The U.S Department of Agriculture announced the U.S. Forest Service has identified an estimated 36 Million dead trees since its last aerial survey in May 2016. This bringing the total dead tree count since 2010 up to 102 million trees. An estimated 62 million having died since October 2015 when the Governors Emergency Proclamation was announced.

- Forest Health and Resilience Working Group (FHRWG) completed a document titled “Achieving Long-Term Forest Health and Resilience in California.” This document will be posted on the TMTF website. The final version was sent out to the FHRWG on November 22nd.

- Mapping and Monitoring Working Group completed a site suitability GIS analysis to build emergency wood storage and processing facilities in Mariposa County. CAL FIRE Unit foresters made requests for additional counties to be completed. As a result, CAL FIRE’s FRAP is working on site suitability analyses for Madera, Amador and El Dorado counties.
• The Regulations Working Group continues to work on insurance issues regarding the significant number of residential and commercial property owners suffering from insurance cancellations, non-renewals, or declines to issue insurance for recently purchased homes due to wildfire risk. The TMTF counties continue to provide the California Department of Insurance (DOI) with documentation of recent homeowner insurance issues (cancellations, non-renewals, etc.). The RWG discussed issues surrounding the higher cost of FAIR Plan and an interest to request information from FAIR Plan on the maximum premiums by county. The RWG participated in a meeting on November 28 with Verisk to discuss the FireLine model and the potential for data sharing. The RWG and CDI are planning a workshop with the TMTF Counties early next year.

• The Public Outreach working group has completed the fact sheet recognizing the successes of the Task Force within the first year since the Governor signed the Tree Mortality Executive Order. The document has been approved and is ready for release with the final numbers from the most recent USFS aerial survey.

Fire Protection

Cooperative Fire Program

• Conservation Camp Program: The total statewide Camps fire personnel hours for 2016 stand at 3,361,918 as of November 23rd. The Camps Program management reviews have begun with Gabilan, Cuesta, High Rock and Eel River Conservation Camps scheduled for this week. The statewide Conservation Camps count for Wednesday, November 23, 2016: the current statewide shortage of fire crew members assigned to fire crews is 955. The inmate population stands at 81% (no change) of capacity while crew capacity stands at 71% (-2%).

• Local Government Program: To date the Local Government Program has received 100% of the anticipated FY 2016/2017 succession agreements from our local government cooperators. Local Government Program staff is working with CAL FIRE Business Services, LHRM and Budget programs to develop FY 2017/2018 succession contract assignments, salary rates and benefit rates.

Safety, EMS, Research & Development

• CAL FIRE has implemented a heat and exertion Injury and Illness double-sided fact sheet that was distributed Statewide. The fact sheet was designed to educate our firefighters, in addition, it should be given to health care providers to assist with treatment and early recognition of rhabdomyolysis when firefighters are transported for heat injuries.
• The AB 1129 (electronic patient care reporting-ePCR) ad hoc group met November 10, 2016 for a software presentation. The group comprised of multiple CAL FIRE programs discussed the benefits of the software to all programs in addition to ePCR's. To date, EMSA has not established the regulations to implement the requirements of AB1129.

• EMS Program continues to work on the compliance audit from CalOHII, updating CAL FIRE's HIPAA compliance and privacy policies.

• The Research and Development Program web page is live on the CAL FIRE intranet. The site provides information for CAL FIRE employees regarding process and submitting ideas to the program. We are in the final stages of the external site that will provide outside entities the process and necessary forms to submit their ideas to CAL FIRE.

Department Training Update

• The approval processes was completed for the new seven week Basic Fire Control (BFC) classes (Firefighter Academy and Company Officer Academy) format and curriculum.

• The new format will be implemented with the January 9, 2017 academy class.

Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery

• Last month, CAL FIRE Law Enforcement made 10 arrests and issued 54 citations (excluding 4291).

• Last month, CAL FIRE received $327,430.72 resulting from Civil Cost Recovery actions.

Fire Protection Operations

• CAL FIRE Operations attended a demonstration of the new dispatch radio console that CHP has adopted. Looking at moving toward this kind of IP based platform for COOP-COG and functionality within the next couple years at significant cost savings to the Department.

• Updates to the Department’s Hired Equipment policies are nearly complete. Rates should be established by mid-December to allow vendors to begin the sign up process.

Mobile Equipment

• Mobile Equipment Management has a new Senior FEM, Jack Ogletree. Jack promoted from CSR as their FEM II and has been very involved in purchases of tree mortality mitigation equipment.

• Mobile Equipment Management has a new FEM II, Corey Call. Corey came to Davis from the FEM II position in CNR.
Aviation Management Unit

- Tanker 70 reconstruction is now 25% complete with an expectation that the air tanker will be in service by the 2018 fire season.

- One DC-10 Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT) under drought augmentation still on contract through December 31, 2016.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Wildland Pre-Fire Engineering

- Staff continues to meet with ESRI program designers to create statewide database for D-Space inspections. This involves working closely with IT personnel to integrate new electronic collector app with CAL FIRE infrastructure. Discussions are ongoing about using ESRI Cloud storage.

- Current projections anticipate statewide rollout of new Collector App for D-Space to take place in March 2017. This will include training curriculum for statewide consistency in data collection.

- Damage Inspection (DINS) Program is undergoing review with FIRESCOPE committee to comply with standardized certification process. The vision is to create task books for two positions – a qualified DINS inspector, and a DINS Lead. Future trainings are being planned for Spring 2017.

- Staff is working with two companies who are creating new devices to prevent the possibility of wildfires being caused by electrical shorts in utility wires. Evaluations and analysis is underway to determine a temporary exemption process for these new devices.

- Annual DPA review letters have been sent to each Unit asking for submittal of any changes in DPA designations.

Fire Plan

- Western States Fire Manager WUI Grant Program evaluations were conducted in Bend, OR, in late October. California submitted 10 applications, but none were approved to receive any grant dollars. Staff is reviewing quality of applications to determine ways to be more successful for next year’s grant program.

- Staff continues to work with IT and FRAP personnel on continuing upgrades to the new Version 3 of CalMAPPER.

- The recently appointed Fire Plan rewrite committee will be meeting to kick off the process for updating the current 2010 Strategic Fire Plan for the 2018 edition.
SRA Fire Prevention Fee

- Updated SRA Information Report with reconciled FY 15/16 accounting information is currently going through the Green Sheet process.

- SRA Fire Prevention Fund Grants and Tree Mortality Grants for FY 16/17 have been reviewed and approved by the Department and Agency. Notices of successful applicants were sent to the Units on November 30, 2017, and coordination is being finalized to make a public announcement.

CAIRS

- 2015 Redbook has completed the Green Sheet process and is being printed for distribution soon.

- New CAIRS software evaluation process is continuing.

- A new SSA position has just been posted, with anticipation that a new person will begin work in February 2017.

Land Use Planning

- LUP Staff held a workshop in Monterey to discuss current and future program activities.

- Staff is spending more time dealing with PRC 4290 issues and providing guidance to the Units on planning initiatives and projects throughout the state.