



Tree Mortality Emergency Update

CDAА Application



Presentation Overview

- Action for today's agenda item
- Background on the issue
- Share of the cost of California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)
- Next steps on tree mortality
- Where can the public go for help



Action on Today's Item on CDAA Grant

- Signature of the Chair to send application to the state
- Grant to allow for the County to receive 75% reimbursement for tree mortality activities
- By sending the grant application to the State the Board is not obligated to spend funds



Background on the Issue

- Estimated 3,100 dead or dying trees threatening County roads and facilities
 - 2,800 threatening roads
 - 300 threatening facilities
- Between October 2015 and May 2016 the County saw an increase in tree mortality of 177,000
 - Tulare County – 8,100,000
 - Fresno County – 5,800,000
 - Madera County – 3,800,000
 - Mariposa County – 3,200,000
 - Tuolumne County – 2,500,000
 - Kern County – 2,200,000



Share of the Cost

- CDAA will fund 75% of eligible costs with remaining 25% from the County
- Cost projection for the County:

State	\$2,329,500
<u>County</u>	<u>\$776,500</u>
Total	\$3,106,000



Share of the Cost

- The County has many different potential sources to help with the 25% match
 - Pursuit of Federal funding
 - Max reimbursement for the value of the timber removed
 - Donated resources (e.g. volunteer hours, materials, equipment, etc.)
 - Use the \$250,000 budgeted match over two fiscal years

- Costs are expected to be borne out over two years

Next Steps

- Come back to the Board about possible project sites
- Come back to the Board to discuss contracting with a local registered forester to manage the process
- Select an area to store the lumber for which the County is responsible



Where Can the Public Go For Help

- If public sees a dead or dying tree threatening county infrastructure please email:
treemortalitynotification@edcgov.us
- PG&E Debris Management Program – will take down dead and dying trees in or around private property that meets one or more criteria
 - 1-800-743-5000
 - http://www.edcgov.us/Living/Tree_Mortality.aspx
- California Forest Stewardship Helpline
 - 1-800-738-8733



Where Can the Public Go For Help

- Please remember that CDAA funds are only for the removal of dead and dying trees that threaten public infrastructure
- CDAA does not fund the removal of trees from private property
- However, contact the County if:
 - Tree on county property threatens private property
 - Tree on private property threatens public infrastructure



Conclusion

- Today, with the Chair's signature, the County will have turned in all the necessary paperwork to be eligible for CDAA funding
- Still logistical steps remain before a project can start
- Will be back in front of the Board with additional information in the near future
- Want to thank all County staff and stakeholders for all their help to this point