

## **Proposed Amendments to AB744**

### **Adjacency & limits**

- Define % of watershed that can be treated – temporally and spatially: for example, out in wildlands 10% over 10 (-15) years. Perhaps create an exemption process to allow more if compelling case can be made and environmental assessment is robust. Make exemption request public and allow 30 day review.
- Set adjacency limits temporally and spatially- how close to one another initially and when new projects can be undertaken in untreated adjacent areas
- Within a CCWP or other fire plan or high risk community or Master Plan.
- Maximum stump diameter to be 22” in general and 24” within 200 – not 500’ of a legally permitted structure or in an area prioritized as a shaded fuel break in a community wildfire protection plan approved by a public fire agency

### **Require a 20 year management plan post-thinning with Cal Fire oversight and public disclosure**

#### **Herbicides**

- require disclosure of intent to use for at least 10 years within exemption document. If not disclosed at time of filing plan and then intent to use arises, must post to THP website for public to see
- Notify downstream well owners and water districts of intent and at time of usage
- California Pesticide database posts all usage within plan area to THP website

#### **Increase the transparency and public nature of the process**

- photo monitoring: representative areas
- where do we see these plans now? Have them posted to THP website and included in THP database info
- Have a 30 day period for public review prior to beginning operations
- Provide conversion tables for dominant and co-dominant species, including hardwoods, for public and LTOs
  - Conversion table for stump diameter to dbh
  - Stump diameter to circumference

#### **Enhance Resource Protections in exchange for the exemption**

- MTHP resource provisions—including %age of area untouched
- Hardwood protection –Joint hardwood agreement --- preference to hardwoods -- give importance –MTHP– leave all up to the 40 basal sq feet per 20 acres or whatever current rule is
- Snags: set a standard; at least 4-6 per acre where exist at time of operation except as safety hazard within 200’ of a habitable structure
- Large downed wood. Set a standard

#### **Industrial timber owners excluded**

#### **Slash pile management standards**

- To assure that the lessened allowable on-the-ground slash from these projects does not lead to excessively large slash piles which could in themselves become a fire threat and firefighting impediment