

DISCUSSION	Chief Melodie Durham stated that she will be reporting on a quarterly basis regarding the SRA Fire Regulation Review.	
CONCLUSIONS	Work remains on-going.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

DISCUSSION	Chief Durham went over the recommended changes on the draft revisions. Specifically line 21-regarding reduced fuel zones language. The changes were done to provide greater consistency with revisions made to public resource code 4291 in 2009.	
Chair Pam Giacomini noted that there needs to be some additional language in the regulation or guideline on requirements for fuel hazard reduction in the location from zero to 30 feet from the structure. The committee also discussed potential complications in interpreting the statute regarding removal of petroleum-based products such as plastic lawn furniture.		
CONCLUSIONS	Chief Durham will make recommended changes with new language and present back to the Committee next month.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

DISCUSSION	Background on Sudden Oak Death Outbreak and proposed rule change under sections under CCR 1052 for the Emergency Notice. Amend rule under Emergency Process and make permanent.	
<p>Mr. Gary Ryneerson gave the Committee some handouts regarding the discussion on the recent outbreak of the Sudden Oak Death on Green Diamond lands in Redwood Creek in Humboldt County. Additionally, Mr. Ryneerson distributed a proposed rule change for consideration by the Resources Protection Committee that offers changes to the sections under CCR 1052 for the Emergency Notice. This draft was developed with input from Yana Valachovic (UC Cooperative Extension), Mark Stanley (COMTF), Jack Marshall (Cal Fire) and Gary Ryneerson. The recent outbreak on commercial timberlands in Redwood Creek demonstrated that the current Emergency Rules are not designed to deal with pathogen outbreaks associated with SOD. Mr. Ryneerson attached a rule change which is intended to allow the removal of infected trees (some of which are not dead or dying) and establish a buffer to limit spread. Mr. Mark Stanley stated that to eliminate the infection you have to treat both the infected material and susceptible vegetation around the area. The current Forest practice rules do not allow this to be done in expedited manner beyond the use of a timber harvest plan. Mr. Gary Ryneerson noted that the certain strain of sudden-death in Redwood Creek is isolated to one location and does not appear to be an exotic strain.</p> <p>Mr. Jack Marshall, Cal Fire pest Specialist reviewed each section of the proposed rule change.</p> <p>Cal Fire Deputy Chief Duane Shintaku stated that the Department supports this emergency rule. However, Chief Shintaku noted some concerns regarding the used of a ministerial permit to conduct such complex harvesting operations. He suggested a set of best management practices should be included to ensure spread is contained, clarity is provided on which trees and vegetations are being removed, and how slash is treated. Noted that the best management practices must consider such things as effect on salmonids and preconsultation regarding these effects with other agencies may be necessary.</p> <p>Discussion among all participants is demeaning included focus on how state of Oregon was addressing the eradication feature amendments to the Green diamond habitat conservation plan to address the issue, and any need for limitations on projects size or geographic location.</p> <p>Chair Giacomini directed staff to contact the California Department of food and agriculture to discuss their interest in a board designation of zone of infestation for the Golden Spotted Oak Borer.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Mr. Ryneerson and other members of the SOD team are asking for an Emergency Rule on an Emergency Notice to address sudden oak death infections as part of a commercial timber harvesting permit.</p> <p>Mark Stanley, Jack Marshall, Gary Ryneerson and Duane Shintaku will work on BMP's for discussions on putting in Rule Language.</p>	

Mr. Chris Zimny will work on draft emergency findings, and consult the Office Administrative Law on the proposal qualifications for meeting an emergency regulation

GOAL is to have the board adopt the emergency regulation in December 2010 and have it effective for 180 days, while the permanent rule is being developed.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

AGENDA ITEM #6 UPDATE ON VEGETATION TREATMENTPROGRAM EIR. RUSS HENLY/DOUG WICKIZER

DISCUSSION Doug Wickizer gave a summary report regarding the Vegetation Management Programmatic EIR. The Department is reactivating development of the VTP EIR and has identified Proposition 40 funds that can be used for further work on the existing Administrative Draft. The Department has established a Management Team (including a Board Member) to oversee this effort. The Team had their first meeting on September 24th. A workgroup is established to provide technical guidance for completion of the Administrative Draft. An administrative group will be assigned to manage the day to day activities needed to finish an Administrative Draft available for the board to release for public comment. Chair Pam Giacomini will be the Board member assigned to serve on the VTPEIR Management Team. Initially the work will not require a great deal of time (through October), but as the draft develops the time demand for review and guidance will increase. The highest demands on time will occur in January through February of 2011.

CONCLUSIONS Review existing materials and concur on a base draft document – October 2010
 Have final EIR work plan in place. October 30, 2010
 Complete a grant to fund VTP EIR development and writing – November 2010.
 Provide an opportunity for additional public and agency input on issues or topics that need to be addressed in the VTP-EIR – November 2010.
 Management Team/Workgroup work with contractor on development of completed Administrative Draft for Board review. November 2010 –March 2011
 Board-Department release Draft EIR for public review period – May 2011

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N/A		

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS #7

Mr. Jeff Calvert went over a Resolution that he proposed to the Committee in which the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection would be authorizing the application for grant funds and if awarded, the acceptance of grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property known as Baxter Ranch in Sonoma County. Mr. Calvert was asking for the Board to approve this Resolution subject to the Grant Agreement. Committee members asked Mr. Calvert that some word smithing needed to be done on the resolution.

Action: Committee Member Saito made a motion to approve the Resolution and move for approval to the Board
 Committee Member Piirto, seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

1. Update on Draft of Proposed Regulations for the Forest Legacy Program (Jeff Calvert).
2. Review of the Draft Revisions to 14 CCR 1299 100 Foot Defensible Space Regulations and Guidelines.
3. SOD Emergency Notice
4. GSOB

REVIEW OF 2010 PRIORITIES #8

ISSUES FOR 2010/11

PRIORITY 1:

1. **Update of Title 14 CCR 1270 Regulations (Fire Safe), PRC 4290/4291:**
Objective: Revise SRA Fire Safe regulations as needed. **Status:** Staff has completed proposed amendments to administrative portions of the regulations. CAL FIRE and external stakeholders will begin review of RPC proposal and other technical sections of rules. Target is completed initial reviews review by end of 2010 and complete review of technical standards by made 2011. Periodic updates will be received by the RPC in 2010.
2. **SRA 5 years review of maps:** **Objective:** Adopted revise SRA maps and update SRA Classification Guideline regulations. **Status:** SRA classification guidelines proposed amendments held hearing on July, 2010. Additional Guidelines amendments adopted at

October 6th, 2010 hearing. Notice of hearing on Director approved maps to be published by staff October 18th, 2010 for January 2011 hearing. Complete regulatory amendments and map updates scheduled for the end of 2010.

3. **Forest Legacy Program rule proposal update:** *Objective:* Develop and adopts regulations for Forest Legacy Program./*Status:* Staff briefing RPC on regulations and drafting an ISOR. Goal is to have RPC notice proposal by end of 2010.
4. **Golden Spotted Oak Borer** *Objective:* On going updates being provided by various agencies. *Objective/Status:* RPC to consider GSOB Zone of Infestation regulations or other actions to address issues. No timelines or work progress established.
5. **Sudden Oak Death Regulations** *Objective:* On going updates being provided by COMTF. *Objective/Status:* RPC to consider emergency notice regulations or other actions to address issues. Emergency rule scheduled for December 2010.

PRIORITY 2:

6. **Vegetation treatment plan EIR:** *Objective:* Complete administrative draft to incorporate internal reviewers' comments. *Status:* CAL FIRE considering options to complete admin. draft and issue for public review. Funding has become available to complete the work over six-month period.
7. **Safety Element Review (all counties, cities with VHFHSZ):** *Objective:* Review ongoing general plans submitted. *Status:* Completed and approved revision of GP recommendations at March 2010 RPC. Submission of GP recommendations to counties on-going.
8. **(D09 #11) Regulatory consistency with new PRC 4291 laws:** *Objective:* *Revise* Technical Rule Addendum No. 4, diagram of required defensible space to show the 30-to-100 foot zone around structures wherein fuels treatment are required per PRC § 4291(b) and 14 CCR § 1299(a)(2). Also potential amendments to 14 CCR 1299. *Status:* Revisions being prepared by CAL FIRE workgroup in progress. Expected recommendations to BOF in end of 2010.
9. **Utility Vegetation Clearing Standards** *Objective:* Track CALFIRE Monitoring of performance of major woody stem exemption. Also, engagement with CPUC on new vegetation clearing standards. *Status:* Periodic updates in 2010.
10. **Range Management Advisory Committee's white paper entitled, "State Owned Lands: A Discussion of their Acquisition and Recommendations for Sustaining Natural Resource Values."** *Objective:* Complete and submit white paper prepared by RMAC for Resources Agency to establish a policy for providing maintenance to lands acquired or privately controlled via use of state funding. *Status:* Completed paper sent to Resources Agency in 2010. No response received from agency.

PRIORITY 3:

11. **Nursery Program Review:** *Objective:* Begin review of Board Policies in light of current budget and Magalia closure, ramifications for climate change adaptation strategy. *Status:* No timelines or work progress established.
12. **Vegetation Treatment Program Review:** *Objective:* Performance report of CAL FIRE programs to evaluate progress in fuel hazard reduction *suspended*. Issues regarding lack of resources and staffing. *Status:* No timelines or work progress established.
13. **Fuel Hazard Reduction Emergency and Forest Fire Prevention Exemption (14 CCR §§ 895.1, 1052, 1052.1, 1052.4, 1038(e), and 1038(i))** *Objective:* Rules allow fire-prone landscapes in fire-critical areas to be treated to lessen their fire threat. However, there is no provision to assure that such landscapes will be maintained. Consider restricting the future management allowed through the FPRs, i.e., even age management. *Status:* No timelines or work progress established.

Completed Issues

Title 14 CCR 1270 Regulations (Fire Safe), PRC 4290: Staff completed and RPC consented on proposed amendments to administrative portions of the regulations. CAL FIRE and external stakeholders will begin review of RPC proposal and other technical sections of rules.

Update on status of Subvention Funding for the Williamson Act and Board letter
Objective: Submit EO letter on topic to Governor's office following approval by RPC in June 2010.

California Fire Plan: Final Update adopted in June 2010 and document is completed. RPC will receive period updates on implementation progress.

SRA 5 years review SRA classification guidelines amendments adopted at October 6th, 2010 hearing. OAL filing to be approved on November 2010.

Notice of hearing on Director approved maps to be published by staff October 18th, 2010 for January 2011 hearing.

Forest Legacy Program rule proposal update: Regulations for Forest Legacy Program drafted by staff and RPC to take 45 day notice action in December 2010.

Golden Spotted Oak Borer **Objective:** RPC completed assessment need for GSOB Zone of Infestation regulations or other actions to address issues.

Sudden Oak Death Regulations RPC to drafted emergency notice regulations. Emergency rule scheduled for December 2010.

Vegetation treatment plan EIR: RPC and CALFIRE team reactivated team to develop administrative draft.

Safety Element Review (all counties, cities with VHFHSZ): Completed and approved revision of GP recommendations at March 2010 RPC. Submitted GP recommendations to 10 counties or cities in 2010.

Regulatory consistency with new PRC 4291 laws: RPC reviewed CALFIRE recommendations for revisions to 14 CCR 1299.

Utility Vegetation Clearing Standards Completed review of CALFIRE Monitoring of performance of major woody stem exemption.

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