



## **Workshop on Tree Mortality in El Dorado County**

**June 17, 2016  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
Placerville Office  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville  
and  
Sly Park Recreation Area**

Tree mortality due to the extended drought, disease and insect attack is a state-wide issue that warranted the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency in 2015. There has been a dramatic increase in tree mortality throughout much of the Sierra Nevada and in El Dorado County on both public and private land. Recognition of this situation motivated El Dorado County government into taking action to both participate in state-wide efforts to address the problem and to secure funding for treatments on public land. It also created the impetus to hold this workshop. The workshop is directed mainly at private landowners who have experienced significant mortality on their properties. It is also directed at landowners who need to know how to diagnose potential problems and if possible, take steps to reduce their risk.



The workshop will present information on the extent of tree mortality in California and in El Dorado County. It will include presentations by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, CAL FIRE executive and forestry staff and specialists in financial and technical assistance available to private property owners. A field trip to the El Dorado Irrigation District Sly Park Recreational Area will be held to observe mortality and receive instruction on diagnosing problems.

**Agenda (subject to change):**

0830: Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Richard Harris, Northern California Society of American Foresters and Mark Egbert, District Manager, El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts

0845: The Tree Mortality Task Force

Chris Anthony, CAL FIRE, Deputy Task Force Leader, Tree Mortality Task Force

0915: Tree Mortality in El Dorado County

Tom Tinsley, CAL FIRE, Unit Forester, Amador-El Dorado Unit

0945: Break

1000: El Dorado County Government Response to the Tree Mortality Emergency  
Supervisor Ranalli, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

1030: Financial and Technical Assistance Available to Private Landowners  
Stewart McMorrow, CAL FIRE, Stewardship Forester

1100: Financial and Technical Assistance Available to Private Landowners  
Matt McNicol, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Forester

1130: Questions and Discussion

1200: Depart for Sly Creek Recreation Area

1300: Diagnosing Tree Disease and Insect Problems in the Field  
Tom Smith, CAL FIRE, Forest Pest Management Specialist

1500: Adjourn

**Logistics:**

Transportation from the conference site to the Sly Park Recreation Area will be the responsibility of attendees. Car-pooling will be encouraged. You should come prepared for a full day and bring your lunch and water. Dress appropriately for the afternoon field session in the woods.

The Northern California Society of American Foresters (NorCal SAF), El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, CAL FIRE, El Dorado County Resource Conservation District and the Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District are sponsoring this workshop.

To register for the workshop contact Mark Egbert at (530) 295-5633 mark.egbert@ca.usda.gov or Dr. Richard Harris at rharrisconsulting@gmail.com or calling (707) 685-5508. Please contact Dr. Harris if you have any questions about the workshop.

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