

While we have a good estimate, we do not have final or solid first round numbers - yet. The best source of information at this point is the State's Tree Mortality Map Viewer, at:

<http://egis.fire.ca.gov/TreeMortalityViewer/>

County staff is working with State OES and CAL FIRE to develop our estimates and a final Dead Tree Removal Plan, information required of us in order to submit an application to State Cal OES for California Disaster Assistance Act funds to assist the County in the removal and processing of the dead trees on County property that threaten public safety and infrastructure. These actions are in response, and our next steps, per the Board of Supervisors action on March 28, 2016, in adopting Resolution 053-2016 to proclaim a Local Emergency in the County of El Dorado due to Tree Mortality. I have attached a copy of the Resolution for your reference.

The State of California has a Tree Mortality Task Force that includes representatives from several state agencies and the counties experiencing higher levels of tree mortality. The State Task Force, at first included six counties all located to the south of El Dorado County. As the disaster has, and continues to, spread north into other counties, the State Task Force added four additional counties to the Task Force membership as "Transitional Counties." El Dorado County is one of the four Transitional Counties. Information on the State Task Force can be accessed at: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/treetaskforce/index>

We are working with CAL FIRE, the USFS, the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, the Resource Conservation District and several other key agencies to develop and finalize our Dead Tree Removal Plan and establish a County Tree Mortality Task Force. We are developing a presentation/update to the Board of Supervisors as part of the May 17, 2016, Board meeting. This update will be scheduled as part of the afternoon calendar. A specific time has not yet been determined. This update will include a recommendation for the Board to review and request approval of a County Dead Tree Removal Plan and to provide direction to staff for the County's next necessary steps to initiate our efforts to address dead and dying trees on County owned property.

To answer your questions pertaining to private land owners, the County's Task Force will provide a forum for all of the agencies that have a role in this disaster to work cooperatively in sharing information, resources and efforts to address the disaster from a countywide approach. This will include efforts to identify and support the submission of applications for grant funding that could be used to assist local private property owners. Additionally, the Resource Conservation District has scheduled a "Workshop on Tree Mortality in El Dorado County" that is designed specifically to provide information and identify resources for private property owners. This Workshop has two parts, an informational session in the morning in the Board of Supervisors meeting room followed by a field tour in the Sly Park Recreation Area. The Workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 17th and the flyer is attached for your use and distribution.

We will have more information as the County moves forward in our efforts to address the disaster, working in cooperation with state and local agencies, and to educate and assist County residents.