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Resolution to form a California Firewood Task Force

WHEREAS since 1990 California Department of Food and Agriculture border stations have intercepted approximately 300 potential forest pests on firewood from 40 states, Canada, and Mexico, including emerald ash borer, *Agrilus plannipennis*, in 2010; and

WHEREAS movement of firewood has been implicated in the rapid spread of destructive forest pests, such as the emerald ash borer in the midwestern United States; and

WHEREAS the goldspotted oak borer, *Agrilus auroguttatus*, is currently killing large numbers of native oak trees in eastern San Diego County, firewood infested with the goldspotted oak borer is currently moving out of San Diego County, and 39 million acres of oak host type in California is at risk of being affected; and

WHEREAS trees damaged or killed by exotic pests introduced by firewood pose public safety hazards; and

WHEREAS California's forests provide significant social, economic, and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS there is currently a need for a coordinated interagency effort to address the risk of introduction of forest insects and pathogens to native forests via firewood movement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all interested and responsible parties establish a task force composed of public, private, and non-profit sector members as a forum to discuss firewood/pest movement issues and create seamless strategies across land ownerships and jurisdictions to the extent practical and specifically address the following tasks:

- 1) Engage stakeholders that are concerned with the threat from invasive pests to California forests via firewood movement; and
- 2) Synthesize, evaluate, and publicize information related to this threat; and
- 3) Work cooperatively to develop and promulgate best management practices related to firewood movement and develop appropriate outreach and educational materials for various audiences; and
- 4) Identify and support appropriate research, management, and educational programs related to firewood movement.

The formation of the task force will be initiated and assisted by a designee of the Chairperson of the California Forest Pest Council.

Notification of this resolution will include, but not be limited to, the following groups. Their support and participation is encouraged:



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