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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the Forestry Research Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Forestry Research Advisory Council. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The Forestry Research Advisory Council will meet on August 25, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on August 26, 2004, from 8 a.m. to noon. A complete agenda will be available prior to the meeting. To obtain a copy call the Contact Person identified below.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Portrait Conference Room, 1330 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catalino A. Blanche, FRAC Coordinator, Mail Stop 2210, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250; telephone: (202) 401-4190; fax: (202) 401-1706; e-mail: cbblanche@csrees.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1441(C) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 requires the establishment of the Forestry Research Advisory Council to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a, *et seq.*), known as the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The

Council is composed of 20 voting members from: federal and state agencies, forest industries, forestry schools and state agricultural experiment stations, and volunteer public groups.

The purposes of the meeting are: (a) To hear reports from the Forest Service, USDA, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, USDA, forest industries, the National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges, and (b) to formulate advice on Federal and state forestry research for the Secretary of Agriculture.

Done at Washington, DC this 27th day of July, 2004.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Service

Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet at the USDA Service Center in Redding, California, September 15, 2004. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed projects under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: September 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the USDA Service Center, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, California 96002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Odle, Asst. Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are open to the public. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee.

Dated: Dated: July 27, 2004.

J. Sharon Heywood,

Forest Supervisor, Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Southern California Tree Mortality Emergency; Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego, Counties, CA

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Part 1500), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service regulations (7 CFR Part 650), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for proposed federal assistance for the Southern California Tree Mortality Emergency in Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles K. Davis, State Conservation Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 430 G Street, Davis, California 95616-4164, telephone (530) 792-5622.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that it will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Charles W. Bell, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this action.

The proposed work involves removal of dead and dying trees and excess brush that have created an imminent threat of catastrophic wildfire. The work will be done in locations where that threat has resulted in a hazard to life and property.

The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting