

ITEM: 18

SUBJECT: Risk Assessment of California's Key Source Watershed Infrastructure (by Laurie Wayburn, Co-Founder, Co-CEO and President, Pacific Forest Trust)

BOARD ACTION: *Information Item only*

BACKGROUND:

Assembly Bill 2480 (signed in 2016) declares that source watersheds are an essential part of the state's water infrastructure and makes the financing of their repair and maintenance (including restoration and conservation) similar to that for the built infrastructure of the state water system. Specifically, the source watersheds identified are those that fall within the Central Valley Region's boundaries and supply the Shasta and Oroville reservoirs (Pit, Feather, Shasta, McCloud and Trinity).

Ms. Laurie Wayburn, President of the Pacific Forest Trust (PFT) was one of the primary forces behind AB 2480. The PFT recently completed a risk assessment of the restoration needs in these source watersheds and through that process identified necessary restoration efforts (meadows, wet areas, streams) and needs for forest health actions (fuels reduction, strategic timber management efforts, etc.).

Recently, the PFT in cooperation with the UCD Extension put on a workshop to try to identify permitting needs, hurdles and options for implementation projects at a larger scale than we (the various permitting agencies) are accustomed to working with.

ISSUES:

RECOMMENDATION:

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____

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