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Comments ADDENDUM#2 from Richard Gienger, and on the Behalf of Forests Forever,
RE: 10.14.15 Public Meeting & the Draft Concept Paper for Planning Watershed Pilot Projects,
and Related Matters

Dear Russ:

Here's a few more important needs/aspects for successful Planning Watershed Pilot Projects and the overall process putting together a viable and credible Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program:

** Experts and scientists seriously interested in attaining the goals of the TRFR and Pilot Projects need to be sought out and enabled to participate. What comes to immediate mind are some of the authors of the Dunne Report, the SRP Report (and the WQ SRP Reports), and leaders with experience and a public perspective in the various arts and sciences of forests and watersheds. This includes those that engage in environmental and restoration advocacy. Please see the attachments.

** In the Pilot Projects process, and also broadly pertinent, is the evaluation, with improvements as needed to 14 CCR 916.4 – a keystone element in the Forest Practice Rules for adequate protection and recovery of water quality, riparian habitat, and the related aquatic, terrestrial, and avian wildlife species. Every THP requires that the RPF and/or designee walk EVERY watercourse and bring back a clear record with descriptions and maps showing active and potential adverse impacts to the watercourses. 14 CCR 916.4(a) and a portion of (b) attached.

** There are 3 other attachments included, which were distributed at the 14 October 2015 workshop:

>> The “Interagency Watershed Analysis Team Pilot Project” (28 November 2001) – a real guide to conducting pilot projects focusing on cumulative impacts, divergent agency criteria, lack of agency services, and THP documentation. This was put together by the Forest Stewardship Working Group established by former CalFire Director Andrea Tuttle to find incentives and process improvements for smaller forest landowners.

>> A brief chronology of “Cumulative Effects 'Milestones’” done in 2009.

>> A Cumulative Watershed Effects “highlight 'points’” done for the Timber Harvest Working Group in 2012.

Sincerely,

Richard Gienger, and on behalf of Forests Forever