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Governor Proposes Criminal Justice Sentencing Reforms

Earlier this week, Governor Jerry Brown announced that he (in partnership with various criminal justice stakeholder groups) is taking action to amend and advance an initiative that would introduce various juvenile justice and adult sentencing reforms.

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State Update

SRA Funds Awarded to Tree Mortality Projects

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has awarded nearly

\$200,000 in grants from the State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Prevention Fund to two projects in Madera County to aid in the removal of dead and dying trees from the current bark beetle infestation plaguing the area.

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Federal Update

WOTUS Rule Still Roiling in Controversy

After the Senate failed last week to overturn a veto by President Obama of a Resolution disapproving the rule to redefine Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS), two senators vowed to introduce an amendment to an energy bill that would withdraw the rule and provide specific direction to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Corps of Engineers (Corps) for redrafting the rule.

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