

# BIOMASS SUPPLY SYMPOSIUM

Local Engagement to Enhance Forest Biomass Residual Utilization in the Western Central Sierra

JUNE 26, 2024

8:15 AM - 5:00 PM

MAIDU COMMUNITY CENTER

1550 MAIDU DRIVE

ROSEVILLE, CA 95660

## Agenda

**8:00 am – Doors Open** (Please arrive by 8:15 am; the program will begin promptly by 8:30 am.)

**8:30 am - Opening Remarks and Welcome by Local Elected officials**

- Joshua Alpine - Placer County Water Agency Director
- Lori Parlin - El Dorado County Supervisor
- Tom Ivy - Grass Valley City Council

**9:00-11:00 am - Morning Session: Wildland and WUI Biomass Sources from El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada Counties** (Moderators: Tony Firenzi and Andy Fecko - PCWA)

**Local Voices from the Community and Governmental Efforts:**

Panel One: Biomass Collection Carried Out by Local Government

- Steve Monaghan (Nevada County OES)
- Mark Egbert (El Dorado RCD)
- Josh Huntsinger (Placer County Agricultural Commissioner)

Panel Two: Bring the Biomass Out of the Forest, An Outlook for Future Prospects

- Matt Dias (Calforests)
- Jamie Jones (Nevada County Fire Safe Council)
- John McCarthy (CalFire)

**9:45-10:00 am - Break**

**Local Voices from the Business Community:**

Panel Three: Commercial Biomass Utilization Today

- Chris Quijano (Rio Bravo)
- Mark Shaffer (Honey Lake Power)
- Jim Turner (Tahoe Forest Products)

Panel Four: Commercial Timber and Line Clearance Work

- Les Day (Mountain Enterprises doing line clearance for PG&E)
- Madison Thompson (CHY)
- Joe Griggs (Robinson Enterprises)

**11:00-11:30 am - Networking Break**

**11:30 am-12:30 pm - Technology That Finds Where the Biomass is Growing or Piled**

(Facilitator: Clarke Stevenson - Watershed Research and Training Center)

Panel: Mapping/Ground Truthing Location of Biomass

- Carl Rudeen (SIG) - Joint Institute Biomass Availability Study Dec 2023 publication
- Rob Lawson (SIG) - Wildfire Resilience Taskforce GIS Tools Overview: Planscape
- Camille Swezy (Mule Ears Consulting) - The Role of Biomass Supply Studies in the Future

**12:30-1:30 pm - Lunch Speaker: Patrick Wright (Wildfire Resilience Taskforce) Discussing the Biomass Utilization Plan** (Lunch Provided)

**1:30-2:30 pm - Where Does the Biomass go now and in the Future?**

(Facilitator: Erik White - Placer County Air Pollution Control District)

**Panel: Where Biomass Might Go Tomorrow**

- Martin Twer (Watershed Research and Training Center) - Cutting Edge Wood Products
- Christiana Darlington (CLERE Inc.) - Electricity Production at Community Scale
- Sam Uden (Conservation Strategy Group) - Biofuels/Hydrogen and the LCFS from the Policy Perspective
- Josiah Hunt (Pacific Biochar) - The Future of Biochar
- David Lach (Anew) - Carbon Credits Markets

**2:30-3:00 pm - Networking Break**

**3:00- 4:45 pm - Cal FRAME and other State Agency Involvement**

(Facilitator: Regine Miller - Headwaters Environmental)

*Opening Discussion on Cal Frame: Michael Maguire (Office of Planning and Research)*

**Panel One:**

- Kerri Timmer (Placer County) - Community Outreach Report
- Camille Swezy (Mule Ears) - Biomass Availability - One Location- in the Pilot Region
- Tony Firenzi (PCWA) - Overview of Bioenergy Feasibility Report Coming Out in the Spring

**Panel Two:**

- Catherine Silvester (Landmark Environmental) - Water District Report
- Christiana Darlington (CLERE Inc.) - Legal Entity Review Report
- Amy Lapin (EPS) - JPA Financial Study

*Look Ahead on Behalf of Pilot Team: Long-Term Feedstock Contracts with Public Price Mechanism, Insurance Tools, and Green Waste Programs: Christiana Darlington (CLERE Inc.)*

**4:00-4:10 pm - Break**

**Panel Three: Other State Programs that Work on Biomass-Related Issues**

- Katie Harrell - The Joint Institute for Wood Products
- Elizabeth Betancourt - Department of Conservation
- Emily Blackmer - Sierra Nevada Conservancy

**4:45 pm - Closing Comments - Davina Hurt (California Air Resources Board)**

**5:00- 5:15 pm Wrap-Up and Directions Re: Optional Off-Site Post-Event Social Hour**



*This event is being co-hosted by Placer County Water Agency and Placer County Air Resource Control District.*