

Dear members of the ad-hoc California Forest Biomass Working Group,

Following a successful celebration of the [6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bioenergy Day](#) with lunch hosted by and a tour of the Rio Bravo-Rocklin bioenergy plant yesterday, October, 24<sup>th</sup>, I would like to thank everyone who participated, in person or in spirit.

We now have over 180 subscribers to this mailing list, representing a wide variety of agencies, organizations, communities, and individuals, from the local, state, and federal level. Many of you are available to participate in our monthly meetings either in person or by calling in, but time is always short, much information is to share, and there are many topics to cover.

As such I am initiating a bi-weekly email newsletter/digest to aggregate content related to Forest Biomass utilization in California. This might include grant opportunities, events, meetings, presentations, research, etc.

I will rely on contributions and input from the group for content.

The format I would like to use is: a headline, a short summary (a sentence or two), and a link to more information.

#### **Here now Issue No. 1:**

**[USDA Forest Service announces \\$8 million to expand wood products and wood energy markets in the US](#)**. The USDA Forest Service invites grant applications for projects that expand wood product and wood energy markets, reduce wildfire risk, and improve forest health (Wood Innovations Grant Program). Applications will be accepted through Jan. 23, 2019. The Forest Service will hold an informational Pre-Application Webinar on October 30, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (10 a.m. Pacific) to present this funding opportunity and answer questions. The link is <https://usfs.adobeconnect.com/werc-1000/>. For audio, dial in by phone: 888-844-9904; use access code 7578516.

**CAL FIRE California Climate Investments Grant Solicitation is open**. On October 1, 2018, CAL FIRE released a fall solicitation for their [California Climate Investments Forest Health program](#). This is another great opportunity to work with partners and secure funding to increase pace and scale of our forest restoration efforts. If you plan to submit a proposal, please become familiar with the documents on the [CCI website](#).

**CA Forest Biomass Working Group website**. We have been updating the [CA Forest Biomass Working Group website](#) and added a [Meeting Documents & Materials](#) page with recent agendas, presentations, and other pertinent files.

**[California Forest Products and Biomass Power Plant Map](#)**. The [UC Berkeley Woody Biomass Utilization Group](#) under an agreement worked out between the [CAL FIRE Fire and Resource Assessment Program \(FRAP\)](#) and the USDA Forest Service is maintaining an interactive [California Forest Products and Biomass Power Plant Map](#).

**[Demonstrating Innovative Solutions to convert California's Residual Forest Biomass Resources into Renewable Gas](#)**. California Energy Commission, Pre-Application Workshop - GFO-18-501 - Demonstrating Innovative Solutions to Convert California's Residual Forest Biomass Resources into Renewable Gas. The purpose of this solicitation is to fund renewable energy and advanced generation

research projects aimed at developing and demonstrating innovative technologies for the conversion of forest waste biomass to renewable gas.

**[Notice of Joint Electric Program Investment Charge \(EPIC\) Fall Workshop](#)**. California Energy Commission (CEC) staff, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) will conduct a [workshop to provide an update on planned EPIC 3 investments](#) and solicit input on the scoping of these investments. Meeting Information: Friday, November 9, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.