

# California Statewide Wood Energy Team (SWET)

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### What is the California Statewide Wood Energy Team?

The Statewide Wood Energy Team was formed in the Fall of 2013 as a subgroup of the Biomass Working Group. The group is tasked with implementing a cooperative agreement between the Forest Service and The Watershed Research and Training Center. More information about statewide wood energy teams is available at [na.fs.fed.us/werc/wood-energy/](http://na.fs.fed.us/werc/wood-energy/)

### What is the Biomass Working Group (BWG)?

The BWG is a multi-interest group that began meeting monthly four years ago. The group brings together policy-makers, non-profit agencies, industry representatives and consultants in the interest of advancing wood energy projects. SWET is the first funded entity of the BWG.

### Who is on the SWET team?

SWET members include employees of the US Forest Service, The Watershed Research and Training Center, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, The Sierra Institute for Environment and Community, CAL FIRE, University of California, California Energy Commission, TSS Consultants and Breeze-Martin Consulting. The team is also guided by the BWG, which has members from too many entities to list.

### What can SWET do for me?

SWET can assist with your wood energy project during any phase of development. We are available for consultation and networking, and can provide limited financial assistance. See the offerings sheet or [www.cawoodenergy.org](http://www.cawoodenergy.org) for more details.

### How do we get started?

The first step is to contact the team. SWET will ask you to fill out a brief application. Requests for assistance will be considered during a monthly meeting. It should not take longer than two months for requests for long term assistance to be processed. Basic questions and networking requests will be considered immediately.

### What is SWET's budget?

Personnel	\$123,204	Technical Assistance	\$25,524
Project Development Assistance	\$198,100	Develop support tools	\$67,500
Feasibility Assessment	\$37,500	Travel	\$10,640
		Supplies & Materials	\$1,920