

Statewide Wood Energy Team Offerings

This list serves as a description but not guarantee of services that may be offered. Contact Angie at 314-610-2237 or angie@thewatershedcenter.com to begin the support request process.

Workshops

Community Interest

SWET will develop and deliver at least 6 educational presentations, as well as materials for project developers and communities. Presentations will be educational and conduct outreach sessions with handouts prepared to raise awareness about biomass energy opportunities and challenges.

Best and Worst Practices

SWET will coordinate 6 regional or sub-regional meetings designed to help interested parties share best practices, successes, and barriers and opportunities to achieving woody biomass utilization goals.

Finance Options

SWET will compile research on financing options and strategies by September 2014. The team will also conduct at least one workshop specifically for the financial community.

SWET is a subgroup of the BWG. Both groups are composed of interagency professionals interested in furthering the status of wood energy projects in California.

Assessments

Pre-Feasibility

Projects that have promising location, resource supply, community partnerships, capacity or similar criteria can be selected for 1 of 10 pre-feasibility assessments by SWET team members, worth \$2,500 each. Three of these projects may be chosen for support while progressing into a feasibility assessment.

Feasibility

Three projects will be given support in securing financing or other necessities for completing feasibility analyses.

Professional Support

All wood energy projects are eligible for general consultation and networking efforts. We are here to help! For more advanced projects, assistance will be provided to identify appropriate grants or funding for engineering design and/or loan programs, to put together competitive application submission packages, and to explore financing options if project feasibility studies indicate high potential.