

## CA Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 4/7/2018

**2019 Wood Innovations Program Request for Proposals.** The US Forest Service's Region 5 will be hosting a [webinar on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10am PST](#), to discuss the 2019 Wood Innovations Program [Request for Proposal](#) for applicants in California, Hawaii, the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island Territories, and any other interested parties. The Wood Innovations Grant is a national competition through the USDA Forest Service's [Wood Education & Resource Center](#). There was a national webinar on October 30<sup>th</sup> that discussed the overall format of the grant, highlighted two previous grantees, and answered questions. The archived national webcast is available [here](#).

### **BioMAT Program Review and Staff Proposal.**

Pursuant to Decision (D).14-12-081 and the Energy Division Director's November 28, 2017 to the Investor Owned Utilities, a review of the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) program was initiated. [Energy Division staff is requesting informal comments and reply comments on Staff's BioMAT Program Review and Staff Proposal](#). This document describes Energy Division staff's key observations about program performance to-date, sets a timeline for the program review, lays out Energy Division's straw proposal for program changes, and poses questions to stakeholders. Energy Division staff will use stakeholder comments to inform the scope and content of future workshops and revisions to the straw proposal that the Commission can consider in the RPS proceeding.

Please note that Energy Division staff is opening the opportunity to comment to any interested stakeholders, and not just parties to this proceeding. Any stakeholder that wishes to file informal comments or reply comments may do so and does not have to be a party to this proceeding.

Please send *Comments* to the R.18-07-003 service list no later than *November 29, 2018* by close of business. *Comments* shall not exceed 35 pages in length.

Please send *Reply Comments* to the R.18-07-003 service list no later than *December 14, 2018* by close of business. *Reply Comments* shall not exceed 20 pages in length.

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**Results of the 2018 Wood Stove Design Challenge are in.** The 2018 Wood Stove Design Challenge took place from Nov. 9 - 13, on the National Mall in Washington, DC, featuring [10 stoves in competition](#) and 3 showcase stoves. Conducting rigorous and transparent field testing of thirteen stoves in five days is a feat that is unheard of in the wood stove community. The goals were also unique: fairly test stoves against one another with cordwood; help each team to improve their units and help educate a wider public about novel stove technologies that challenge how we think about the traditional, manually operated EPA certified wood stove. [And the awards go to ...](#)

**Save the Date: California Bioresources Economy Summit - Transforming Organic Wastes Streams into Valuable Bioproducts and Feedstocks.** California has great potential to leverage its proven leadership, innovations, institutional and technical expertise, and abundant and diverse biomass resources to address climate change and improve air quality while creating high-value bioproducts. The University of California, Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the California Air Resources Board are pleased to announce the [California Bioresources Economy Summit](#); January 29 - 30, 2019; David Brower Center, Berkeley, CA. [See here for more information and registration](#).

**DID YOU KNOW?** The [University of California Cooperative Extension Forestry](#) has published a comprehensive educational series on [Forest Stewardship](#) for forest landowners. This [25-part, free, online publication series](#) provides owners of California forestland with a comprehensive source of information pertinent to the management and enjoyment of their lands, [Forest Stewardship Series](#). Additionally, a series of videos has been produced to illustrate the importance of developing a Stewardship Plan for forest property. Landowners and practicing foresters discuss the types of plans and how these can help landowners accomplish their general goals for ownership. Watch the [Forest Stewardship Video Series for Landowners here](#).