

## CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 35/2019

**Our Forest Futures - Field Trip, Sept 17 & 18, Truckee + Sierraville.** The Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation and the Sierra Business Council will co-host a gathering of policy makers, philanthropists, investors and biomass market experts in Truckee and Sierraville. The objective is to immerse a diverse set of minds on a very focused question: How do we get a regional biomass economy going in rural California? Dive into the history of the forest and timber economy; walk in the forest, seeing large slash piles and Forest Service ecological thinning projects with technical and economic experts; and tour the Loyaltan Biomass Facility and Resource:Regen campus. Please contact Katie Harrell ([katie.harrell@bof.ca.gov](mailto:katie.harrell@bof.ca.gov)) to **RSVP no later than August 30, 2019.**

**PG&E grant supports Woody Biomass Open Innovation Challenge.** Entrepreneurial and out of the box thinking that delivers immediate market solutions at a meaningful scale is especially encouraged. Concept summaries are due September 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. They plan on selecting winners by the first week of November. [Proposals are accepted for three categories: Next-generation woody biomass collection and harvesting technology; Next-generation woody biomass densification and transportation technology; Expanding markets for woody biomass products.](#)

**Joint Agency Workshop on the Senate Bill 100 Report.** On Thursday, September 5, the California Energy Commission (CEC) will jointly conduct a workshop with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to kick off the process for developing the joint-agency report required by Senate Bill (SB) 100, the “100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018” (de León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018). The CEC Chair David Hochschild will jointly conduct this workshop with CARB Chair Mary Nichols and CPUC Commissioner Liane Randolph. Parties and the public may attend the Public Workshop in person on location or by telephone and/or by computer via their "WebEx" web conferencing system. For additional details, please see the notice at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2019-09/joint-agency-workshop-senate-bill-100-report>.

**Identifying Market Interests and Opportunities for Sierra Nevada Sustainable Forestry Materials.** [Living Forests](#) and the [Center for the Study of the Force Majeure](#) at UCSC announce their current report: [Identifying Market Interests and Opportunities for Sierra Nevada Sustainable Forestry Materials](#). The survey was developed identifying broad-based market interest as a part of their efforts to promote a regenerative wood products industry using renewably harvested California wood and biomass. This project is supported in part by a USDA USFS Wood Innovations Grant, the Annenberg Foundation, and the Jewish Communal Fund.

**UC ANR is hiring a Forest Stewardship Education Academic Coordinator.** The University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) is seeking a [Forest Stewardship Education Academic Coordinator](#) to develop and oversee a forest stewardship education program for private forest landowners to help them manage their forests for resilience from wildfire, insect outbreaks and other disturbances. The academic coordinator will serve as a liaison between UC ANR academics, other forest professional and the general public to provide education on forest restoration, fuels reduction projects, permitting, and grant or cost-share opportunities. The incumbent will support the distribution of research-based information through the development of forest stewardship curriculum and the dissemination of information via electronic and in-person formats.

**DID YOU KNOW?** [Biochar has an immense surface area and complex pore structure](#), which lends itself to the adsorption of all sorts of elements, water, nutrients, or contaminants. One gram of biochar, about the size of the tip of your pinky finger, can have 2,000 sqft to 3,000 sqft of surface area. For reference, the endzone of a football field has 4,800 sqft.