

Biomass Utilization in the Central Sierra Public Workshop Agenda

March 24th 11:00pm - 3:00pm

Motherlode Job Training Center 197 Mono Way #B, Sonora, CA 95370

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11:00am Welcome and Introductions

- Opening remarks by Supervisor Jaron Brandon, Tuolumne County
- Introduction to the Central Sierra Biomass Aggregation Pilot Project: *Melinda Barrett, Mariposa County Resource Conservation District*
- Overview of California's Biomass Pilot Projects: *Michael Maguire, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, Overview of State Program*

Panel 1: Central Sierra Pilot Project Context and Biomass Supply

- Biomass Feasibility and Workforce: *Tad Mason, TSS Consultants*
- Supply and Siting Optimization: *David Featherman, Wildephor*
- California Forest Residual Aggregation and Market Enhancement (CAL FRAME) Model: *Christiana Darlington, CLERE*
- Q&A

Presentation: Biomass Utilization and Regional Economic and Workforce Development

Alex Bloom, Central Sierra Economic Development District and James Hanson, Motherlode Job Training Center

12:30pm Break for Lunch

Panel 2: Governance and Financing Options for Biomass Aggregation

- Governance model options through a Joint Powers Authority: *Christiana Darlington CLERE*
- Financing options and recommendations for a new or expanded Central Sierra JPA: *Diana Pietri, ERG*
- Regional JPA Case Study: *Richard Sykes, Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority*
- Q&A

Roundtable and Discussion with Panelists

CAL FRAME in the Central Sierra – How might this work? How can it benefit the region?

2:45 - 3:00pm Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Review of project timeline, next steps and closing remarks by Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mariposa County