

## CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 13/2025

**Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force releases 2025 Key Deliverables to outline California's top Priorities underway to increase Wildfire Resilience.** The Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force released its [2025 Key Deliverables](#), which include California's top priorities and initiatives now underway to continue promoting wildfire and community resilience across the state. The deliverables outline the highest priority actions underway this year to achieve the commitments in the 2021 [Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan](#) and to advance key new initiatives that will be highlighted in the forthcoming update of the Action Plan to be released later this year. The deliverables focus on actions that will improve home and community wildfire resilience, expand landscape-scale resilience programs, streamline regulatory processes, expand timber production and more.

**Sonoma County Woody Feedstock Pilot Report, "Assessing the Viability of Wood Recovery and Utilization in Sonoma County".** [Regenerative Forest Solutions](#) (RFS) is pleased to share their latest co-authored report, "Assessing the Viability of Wood Recovery and Utilization in Sonoma County." The timely [9-page summary](#) and 178-page [full report](#), provide recommendations for increasing positive social, ecological, and economic outcomes that are otherwise referred to as the forest stewardship economy. The report reflects the 13-month research and analysis phase that engaged local organizations, agencies, and forestland practitioners and managers to design recommendations set forth in the study. RFS thanks [Working Group Members, consultants, technical advisors and stakeholders](#) for making this project a success.

**Effects of Forest Management & Wood Utilization on Carbon Sequestration & Storage in California.** American Forests, USFS, CAL FIRE, The Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, and Michigan State University recently released a collaborative report on [the effects of forest management and wood utilization on carbon sequestration and storage in California](#). The report provides comprehensive forest sector carbon modeling results, estimated treatment costs, wood product revenue, and wood processing capacity constraints for a broad range of forest management scenarios to help identify climate-smart forestry (CSF) practices. The modeling results provide information about forest climate mitigation and adaption opportunities that will be utilized to help inform the 2025 California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force [Action Plan](#). Notably, the report: Identifies 11 million acres in California as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential; Emphasizes the importance of wood utilization to improve carbon benefits; Predicts that under a business-as-usual scenario, California could lose up to up to 48% of forest area & 50% of forest carbon by 2071; and Models scenarios that include a portfolio of actions that drastically reduce predicted losses to forest areas and forest carbon.

**CAL FIRE Business and Workforce Development Grants – Virtual Workshop.** CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy Team recently opened the [2025 Q1 Business and Workforce Development Grants solicitation](#). Up to \$5 million, in part through California Climate Investments (CCI) funding, is available for eligible business development and workforce development projects. A virtual workshop on March 18<sup>th</sup> included information on the following: Project Eligibility; Match Requirements; Application Evaluation; Reporting Requirements; Application tips; Participant Q & A. The [virtual workshop was recorded](#) and is posted to the [CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy webpage](#).

**Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Firewood Yard Tour for Native American Tribes.** The visit will include: An Introduction to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California's Elders & Share Firewood

Program; A Tour of the firewood yard and equipment; Information on using wood from restoration and burned areas, equipment, training, safety, and funding. Mileage and hotel reimbursements are available for Tribal representatives traveling from California; hotel reimbursement is eligible only for hotels in California. Please contact [tribalresources@forestbusinessalliance.org](mailto:tribalresources@forestbusinessalliance.org) for additional information. April 15, 2025. Gardnerville, Nevada. Tribal Representatives only, please. [Register here](#).