

# California's Woody Renewables

*A Summit to Revitalize Rural Communities and Restore Forests*

February 15, 2012

LOCATION: Redding California (McConnell Foundation)  
Lema Ranch | 800 Shasta View Dr.



## OVERVIEW OF DAY (8:30 to 5:00)

### **Morning:**

Participant Introductions and Project Synopses (Plenary)

### **Mid Morning:**

Marketplace of Ideas (Plenary)

### **Late Morning:**

Concurrent Worksessions to Prioritize Barriers (Breakout)

### **Early Afternoon:**

Identify Projects to Inform Policy; Policy to Frame Projects (Plenary)

### **Mid Afternoon:**

Developing Workgroups for Collaborative Solutions (Breakout)

### **Late Afternoon:**

Next Steps and Upcoming Plans (Plenary)

## **Space Is Limited!**

Registration closes

**February 8**



California's forests are at risk of severe wildfire due to overly dense forest stands that desperately need restoration. This threat extends to rural communities, which simultaneously face severe economic challenges.

### **In response:**

*Community-based groups, government agencies and businesses in California are pursuing projects that promote forest restoration as a way to protect communities.*

*Statewide groups are working to adapt existing energy policies to include woody renewables.*

### **This Summit will:**

- Bring leaders together from California's rural, forested regions;
- Bridge the gap between project and policy efforts to identify opportunities for collaboration.



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## AGENDA

8:00	Registration	
8:30	Welcome and Summit Kick-Off	
	<i>Establishing Lay of the Land: Participant Introductions</i>	
9:15	Break	
9:30	Marketplace of Ideas: Panel Presentations <i>Panelists: Gareth Mayhead (UC Berkeley); Lynn Jungwirth and Nick Goulette (The Watershed Research and Training Center); Craig Thomas (Sierra Forest Legacy)</i>	
	<b>Topics:</b> Biomass Basics and California Trends Development, Finance and Ownership for Projects What is "Sustainable" Biomass? The "Ad-Hoc" Approach to Policy Barriers	
10:30	Break	
10:45	Concurrent Tracks: Common Opportunities in Policy and Project Implementation	
	<b>Track 1: Projects</b> Participants will discuss barriers to implementation of on-the-ground projects and identify common challenges to address.	<b>Track 2: Policy</b> Participants will review the status of statewide policies related to woody renewables and prioritize areas for further action.
	<i>Facilitator: Todd Sloat</i> <i>Fall River Resource Conservation District</i>	<i>Facilitator: Nick Goulette</i> <i>The Watershed Research and Training Center</i>
Noon	Lunch Break	
1:00	Plenary Presentation: Linking Policy Goals and Project Needs	
	<i>Reports from morning tracks; identify topics that bridge policy and project initiatives</i>	
1:45	Concurrent Tracks: Collaborative Strategy Development	
	<i>In concurrent workgroups, develop a plan of action for identified topics.</i>	
3:00	Break	
3:15	Keynote Speaker: Julia Levin <i>Deputy Secretary for Climate Change at the California Natural Resources Agency</i>	
	California's Bioenergy Action Plan: What Role Will Woody Renewables Play?	
4:00	Review & Wrap-Up	
	<i>Share plans of action and next steps for implementation.</i>	
4:45	Adjourn	

# California's Woody Renewables REGISTRATION FORM

All Registration Forms are due no later than February 8, 2012.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - CELL

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any ADA Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

## \*\* TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT\*\*

Limited reimbursement is available for participants from non-profit organizations through a generous grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Support will be based on need, with priority for early applications. Awards will be confirmed by February 3. To request support, provide the following:

Type of Support Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance to Summit (roundtrip miles): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief justification: \_\_\_\_\_

## *\$20 Registration Fee Includes Lunch*

**PAYMENT METHOD** Check or Money Order must be in U.S. funds payable to: **Sierra Institute**. There will be a \$25.00 fee charged on checks returned by the bank due to insufficient funds. Registration confirmation/receipt will be emailed and further information will be available at the conference. Please check appropriate box:

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