

CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 24/2020

Webinar: Getting to Neutral - The Importance of Renewable Gas in Decarbonizing Society. Join a [1-hour webinar](#) to hear key findings from the recently published Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) report, "Getting to Neutral." Attendees will learn strategies that can enable states to accelerate their efforts to fight climate change. One of the report's lead authors will share an analysis on how California could achieve carbon-neutrality by complementing the state's ongoing mitigation efforts with negative emissions technologies that remove CO₂ from the atmosphere, making use of the state's natural biomass and geologic advantages. The first-of-its kind study—which documents how carbon neutrality can be achieved at a very modest cost, and using available technology—was the topic of extensive discussion within California state government and spawned the introduction of multiple bills in the legislature. Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:00 am PDT. [Register here](#).

Webinar: Forest Woody Biomass Operations and Biomass Production. This [webinar](#) is sponsored by the USDA Forest Service as part of their Monthly Biochar Webinar Series 2020. Join Dr. Nate Anderson in this webinar addressing woody biomass operations and production. Dr. Anderson's work is focused on three critical areas of bioenergy and bioproducts research and development: 1) sustainable and economically efficient forest biomass management and production systems, 2) competitive low-emissions biofuels and bioenergy conversion technologies deployed in the forest sector, and 3) information and tools for decision making and policy analysis related to forest biomass utilization. [The webinar is scheduled for June 25, 2020 8:00 am US/Pacific](#).

Pacific Southwest Fuels Management Strategic Investments Partnership 2020 Request for Proposals. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is partnering with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Pacific Southwest Region to complete fuels management projects within California. Fuels management activities can reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and create safer conditions for the return of a historic fire regime, protecting healthy forest conditions that support fish and wildlife, recreation, water quality and carbon sequestration. Details of the program, application information, and submittal deadlines are available through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's website at <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/pacific-southwest-fuels-management-partnership/pacific-southwest-fuels-management>. Proposal submissions are due Thursday, July 16, 2020. In addition, a webinar will be held for interested applicants on Wednesday, June 17 to walk through the RFP and submission requirements. Registration information can be found [here](#) and on the program's RFP page.

2020 North American Mass Timber State of the Industry report released. Mass timber use in North American building construction is growing exponentially. To help further that growth, a consortium of forestry, forest product, and business development experts has rolled out a newly revised, first-of-its-kind report offering a North American focus, with a global perspective, on the entire mass timber supply chain — from seedling to building. This mass timber business intelligence report serves as a reference tool that one can use to sell a project and to help manage project risk at all levels of the supply chain. [The digital version of the full report is available at no charge](#), as well as a 150-page [printed copy for purchase here](#).

Biochar Production from Woody Residue. The [Conservation Stewardship Program](#) (CSP) of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service helps agricultural producers (including non-industrial private forest landowners) maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resource concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for

conservation performance - the higher the performance, the higher the payment. [Conservation Enhancement Activity E384A](#) provides financial support for landowners who would like to include [biochar production from woody residue](#) in their conservation practices. The current payment rate in California per acre treated is \$6,183.44. Contact your [local NRCS Service Center](#) for more information.

DID YOU KNOW? In case you find the shelves in your favorite grocery store devoid of flour to bake your classic stay-at-home bread - think wood. At some point in the 1700s, along the banks of Europe's rivers, wood got into our food. Then, in the 19th and early 20th centuries, it came out of it. However, by the 1950s, the U.S. federal government had established regulations and specific definitions for all kinds of food, including what it considered bread. [And that is how wood got back into it again.](#)