

CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 16/2021

Camptonville Community Partnership’s Earth Day Video. Camptonville Community Partnership’s [Earth Day video](#) shows how the CCP is developing a community-scale forest-based bioenergy facility in Yuba County, CA. As we celebrate [Earth Day 2021](#), learn about the importance of forest restoration and the benefits of bioenergy to California's forests and our communities. Learn more at www.camptonvillefbbc.org and Happy Earth Day!

Notice of Request for Public Comment on the Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. On January 27, 2021, President Biden issued an [Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#). This Executive Order laid out a series of actions for Federal Agencies to take regarding climate change mitigation and resilience, including directing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect stakeholder input on a climate-smart agriculture and forestry strategy. As part of this process, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is [seeking input from the public](#) to ensure that relevant information is considered. USDA currently requests public comment on: 1. Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Questions; 2. Biofuels, Wood and Other Bioproducts, and Renewable Energy Questions; 3. Addressing Catastrophic Wildfire Questions; 4. Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities Questions. [Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time April 29, 2021.](#)

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force. California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot and U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester Randy Moore invite to the first meeting of the next iteration of the Governor’s Forest Management Taskforce, the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, on May 20, 2021 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. They will be joined by CalEPA Secretary Jared Blumenfeld, OPR Director Kate Gordon, CAL FIRE Director Thom Porter, CSAC President James Gore, RCRC Chair Stacy Corless, and Don Hankins of the Intertribal Indigenous Stewardship Project in serving as the new Executive Committee of the Task Force. [Register in advance for the webinar](#). An agenda will be posted prior to the meeting. Join in this collaborative effort to implement the comprehensive [Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan](#).

Training Webinar for How to Use the CalVTP. California’s wildfire crisis is worsening. The State of California is marshalling unprecedented efforts to respond. Streamlining CEQA to expedite delivery of fire fuel management projects is a critical need and a clear priority of Governor Newsom’s administration. California’s [Forest Carbon Plan](#) and [Shared Stewardship Agreement](#) call for federal and state agencies to each meet a goal of treating 500,000 acres annually by 2025. One of the flagship strategies in the State’s response is the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP). Join the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for a free training webinar – [CalVTP Implementation Training: How to Use the CalVTP Program EIR to Streamline CEQA Compliance for Vegetation Treatment Projects](#). Dates: Thursday, May 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT and Thursday, May 20, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) is a national campaign that encourages people and organizations everywhere to come together on a single day to take action to raise awareness and reduce wildfire risks. It is held in the United States and Canada on the [first Saturday in May \(May 1, 2021\)](#). Given that in-person gatherings are limited or on-hold in many places, this year's Prep Day is focused on what residents can do on and around their home to help protect against the threat of wildfires.