

CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 2/2022

CAL FIRE Business and Workforce Development Grants Solicitation. CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy team has opened their Business and Workforce Development Grants solicitation. The Wood Products team seeks to maintain and enhance the forest-sector workforce and businesses of California to promote healthy resilient forests throughout the state by supporting a diverse set of business development and workforce development projects. - *Eligible business development projects* include facilities, operations, and professional services that support the restoration of healthy, resilient forests. - *Eligible workforce development projects* include universities, colleges, government and community organizations, and businesses that aim to increase workforce capacity in the fields of logging, fuels treatment, transportation, manufacturing, or other support services that bolster the development of a resilient forest sector workforce. - *Research and development projects* related to both business and workforce development will also be considered.

For more information about this solicitation, including Grant Guidelines and how to apply, please visit the [Wood Products webpage](#).

CAL FIRE Forest Health Grants. CAL FIRE's Forest Health Program will award up to \$120 million in this solicitation. Funding is available for projects that include a combination of forest fuels reduction, prescribed fire, pest management, biomass utilization, and reforestation. [Virtual Workshop:](#) Wednesday, January 12, 2022, from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM PST. Visit the [Forest Health Grants webpage](#) for additional details and a link to the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and posted to the webpage. Grant Guidelines: Please review applicant eligibility and scoring criteria in the Forest Health Grant Guidelines which can be found on the [Forest Health Grantee Resources webpage](#), under the [FY 2021/2022 Grant Applicants section](#). Applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 PM PST on March 4, 2022.

Biochar in the Woods Workshop. Learn how to use biochar for forest resilience and carbon sequestration. [See here](#) for more details about this online Seminar (January 27, 2022) and Field Day Events February 1-3 in Butte County, CA. Who should attend: Forestry contractors, arborists, workforce supervisors, forest land owners, homeowners in the WUI, and staff from environmental NGOs and natural resource agencies who may be supervising forestry workers, or developing biochar forestry projects and programs.

NCRP Solicitation for Project Development Technical Assistance. The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) is pleased to offer project development technical assistance through the NCRP Regional Forest & Fire Capacity program and other funding programs for projects that improve forest health, increase wildfire resiliency, address drinking water, watershed health and wastewater needs, and help communities and ecosystems address and adapt to climate change. The purpose of this technical assistance support opportunity is to help build projects that are competitive for upcoming funding and implementation opportunities. Direct technical assistance will be provided by a team of regional experts and may include site assessment, mapping and GIS analysis, greenhouse gas calculations, cost estimates, permitting support, project benefits quantification and preliminary project design. [Concept proposal solicitations for project development technical assistance will be accepted on a rolling basis through April 2022, and reviewed periodically.](#)

Synthesis Report on the links between Wildfire, Forest Policy, and Public Health. The [California Council on Science and Technology](#) (CCST) and [Blue Forest Conservation](#) (Blue Forest) have received funding

from the National Forest Foundation, US Endowment for Forestry and Communities, and USFS's Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) grant program to produce a peer-reviewed report on the connections between forest health and public health. Expertise sought: Forest Health, Wildfire Smoke, and Public Health. Link to nominate someone: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4954432>.