

# Interagency Forestry Working Group

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## Presentation Objectives

- Forestry, fuels management and biomass utilization in recent CA climate and energy policy
- Origin and objectives of IFWG
- IFWG Task 2 and its relationship to AB 118 and Low Carbon Fuel Standard

## Forestry, Fuels and Biomass in Energy Policy

Bioenergy Interagency Work Group (2006)

Biomass Roadmap (2006) – Estimates of potential biomass sources

- About 14 million technically available BDT forest biomass

Bioenergy Action Plan (2006) – Strategies for developing biomass use

- Biomass management zones
- Fuel reduction effects on wildfire emissions
- Long term harvest contracts for federal lands
- Urban fuel reduction priorities
- Combined Heat and Power demos

Bioenergy Action Plan will be updated this year

## Forestry, Fuels and Biomass in Climate Policy

Climate Action Team Report (2006) – Mitigate GHGs

- Fuels management and biomass utilization
- Reforestation, Forest land conservation, Forest management to increase health and growth, Urban forestry

AB 32 Scoping Plan Sustainable Forestry Measure –  
Maintain 5 MMT CO<sub>2</sub> sink

- Wildfire risk reduction (fuels management and biomass utilization)
- Sustainable management (post-harvest), avoided land use change (conservation), voluntary actions (reforestation)

California Adaptation Strategy: - Reduce climate impacts  
and enhance resilience

- Fire hazard reduction (fuels management, bioenergy market development)
- Also fire suppression, reforestation, urban forestry, conservation

## Board of Forestry Response to AB 32

### Strategic Plan and Report to ARB on AB 32

- Goals: Maintain CO2 sink and reduce uncertainty
- Strategies from CAT report
- Board authorities, policy tools and programs
- Principles: protection/conservation, mitigation, adaptation, resilience, restoration, utilization

### Interagency Forestry Working Group (IFWG) chartered:

- Recommendation to BOF for achieving target
- Coordinate related forestry activities with other agencies
- Subgroup investigations including science, sustainability and markets for biomass

## IFWG Priority Actions

- Task 1: Reduce uncertainty in state GHG inventory for forests, rangelands and urban forests
- Task 2: Determine effect of forest and rangeland regulations and programs for meeting GHG goals
- Task 3: Develop sustainability provisions for forest woody biomass projects for AB 118 and LCFS
- Task 4: Develop incentives for landowners to maintain and increase carbon stocks
- Task 5: Identify forest landowner education opportunities

## IFWG Task 2

### Objective

- Determine effect of forest and rangeland regulations and programs on meeting forestry target and determine need for additional action

### Steps and Deliverables:

- Workshop to review current state and federal forestry laws and programs
- Workshop to review carbon stocks, trends and risks
- Information and research needs
- Evaluation of ability to meet 2020 target
- Recommendations for regulatory, policy or program changes

### Approach

- Short (this year) and longer term analysis, as needed
- Inform sustainability questions for Task 3 and LCFS
  - Identify programs to ensure sustainable timber supplies and evaluate carbon sequestration sustainability resulting from those programs
  - Identify and review regulations related to sustainability of other values (e.g. wildlife, water, archaeology)