

“Working and Natural Lands Alternative Scenarios

Good morning, -

I was shocked to learn that conifer forests and shrublands are being lumped together in the same category when considering how best to manage our lands against climate change and wildfire.

This is absolutely wrong scientifically, and will lead to erroneous management practices over large parts of the state for carbon sequestration, climate resilience, and wildfire management. Removal of coastal sage scrub will only lead to the growth of flammable weeds that will provide no public benefit and the rich natural habitat will have been destroyed. Please rethink your approach!

CARB should withdraw these fatally flawed scenarios, provide a separate category for shrublands, and consult with recognized outside experts on appropriate management strategies.

After scientifically, sound scenarios are recirculated, a focus on conservation and restoration, carbon sequestration, and climate resilience will be appropriate.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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