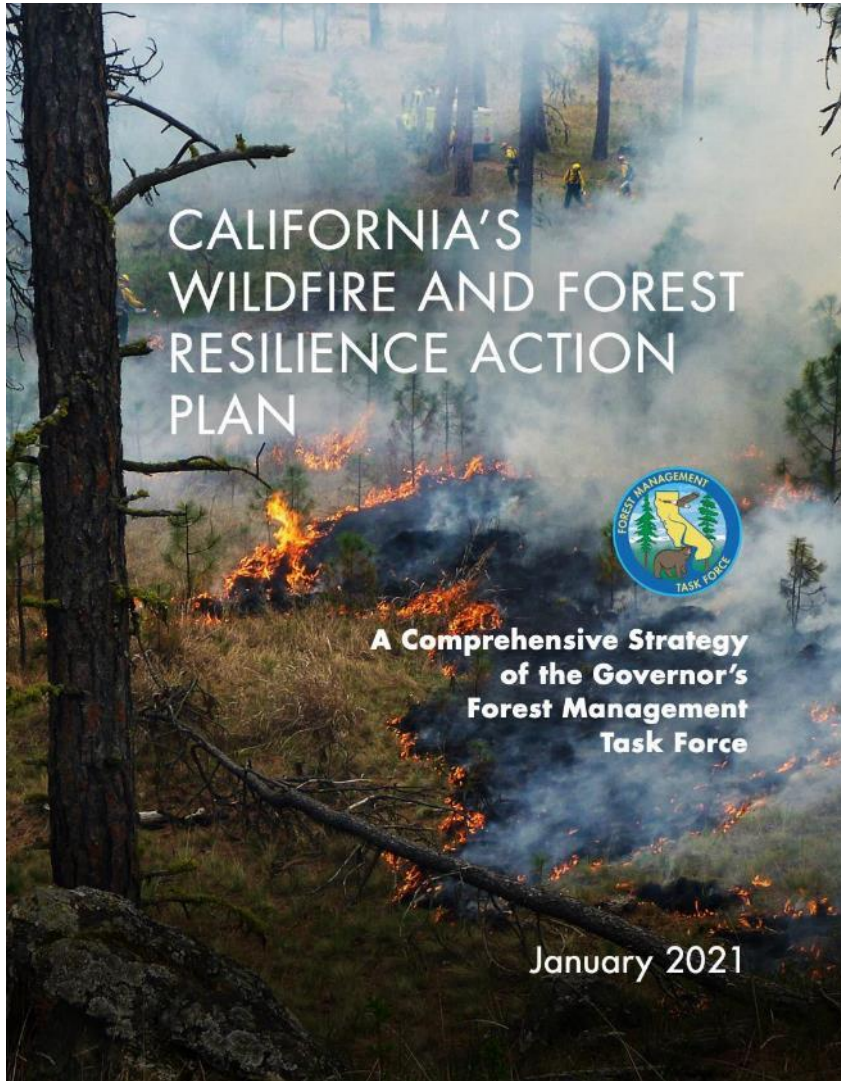




Woody Feedstock Aggregation
Pilot Program
California Forest Pest Council
2021

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OPR's Key Actions:

GOAL 3: MANAGE FORESTS TO ACHIEVE THE STATE'S ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS

Task: Create a Sustainable Wood Products Market in California

- 3.5, 3.7, 3.9, 3.10

3.10 ADDRESS FEEDSTOCK BARRIERS THROUGH PILOT PROJECTS

"OPR will develop five pilot projects to test new mechanisms for developing long-term feedstock contracts. Information and templates from the pilot projects will be shared broadly to provide a menu of options for broader adoption."

BUDGET DETAILS

- ❖ **\$2.5 million** has been allocated through [SB 85](#) (Section 2) to address feedstock barriers through pilot projects
- ❖ **\$500,000** per project

Problem Statement Overview

- Sustainably managing California forests and promoting community fire resilience, requires large investments beyond the capacity of public funding.
 - New and existing wood product businesses across California are struggling to secure long-term feedstock contracts necessary to access financing and to assure business stability.
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Goals and Outcomes

Goals

- **Establish reliable access to woody feedstock** through a variety of feedstock aggregation mechanisms and organizational innovations.
- **Improve feedstock supply chain logistics** within each target region through an institutional arrangement with the structure, authority and resources to aggregate and initiate long-term feedstock contracts.
- **Explore and assess market opportunities** of potential woody biomass businesses in each target region.
- **Increase feedstock aggregation** on all relevant land types, including private and non-commercial land, especially where opportunity exists to produce community fire resilience benefits.

Outcomes

- A **body of information and guidance** will be curated and provided publicly to support local actors interested in tackling feedstock aggregation.
- **Roadmaps for grantees** to create the organizational, policy, and financing structures necessary to aggregate feedstock in their region.
- A **learning cohort** sharing information and continuing to expand opportunities to create long-term feedstock contracts.

Project Deliverables

- Near-Term
 - **Organizational Studies:** Financial and Economic Analysis, Carbon Analysis, Feedstock Analysis, Legal Analysis, Community Analysis, Wood Product Market Analysis, Infrastructure Assessment, etc.
 - **Plans:** Legal Structure Implementation Plan, Entity Action Plan, Long-Term Action Plan
 - **Infrastructure Development:** Sort Yard and/or Log Deck
 - **Feedstock Mapping and Aggregation Tool** (Satellite and LiDAR data)
 - **Community Engagement Workshops**
 - **Progress Reports**

- Final Report
 - Lessons Learned Report
 - Overview of Study Findings

Pilot Project Timeline

Key Action	Target Dates	Status
Level-setting meetings with potential proponents	June – July 2021	COMPLETED
Develop and finalize project criteria	July – August 2021	COMPLETED
Issue criteria to project proponents	September 1, 2021	COMPLETED
Proposal support for programs	September – October	COMPLETED
Deadline for submission	November 1, 2021	COMPLETED
Review and Contracting	October 2021 – January 2022	IN PROGRESS
Project support and cohort collaboration	October 2021 – June 2022	IN PROGRESS
Funds encumbered	June 30, 2022	INCOMPLETE



Pilot Regions

- **Central Sierra Project**
 - Counties: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa and Tuolumne
- **Marin Biomass Project**
 - County: Marin
- **North Coast Resource Partnership**
 - Counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Modoc, Siskiyou, Sonoma, and Trinity
- **Northeast California Project**
 - Counties: Shasta and Lassen
- **Tahoe Central Sierra Initiative**
 - Counties: Amador, El Dorado and Placer

Resources Under Development

- Continued Funding FAQ
 - <http://grants.ca.gov/> (State of California Grants)
 - <https://www.grants.gov/> (Federal Grants)
 - Quick-Start Permitting Guide for Biomass Facilities and Operations
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- Communication and Resource-Sharing Platform

Learning Cohort Meetings

Frequency:

- Bimonthly
- Next meeting: December 7th

Topics:

Shared Platform Ideas

- Google Drive
 - SharePoint
 - Box
 - OneDrive
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Thank you!
