



**March 3, 2016, 9:00AM – 12:30PM**  
**California Natural Resources Agency Auditorium**  
**1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento CA 95814**

## **Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Summit:** ***The Forest Carbon Story***

*Sierra Nevada forests play an important role in California's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt for climate change. However, the health of Sierra Nevada forests is declining, and this once reliable greenhouse gas solution may be at risk of becoming an emissions challenge. This summit will explore the impacts that treatments to reduce high-severity wildfire risk have on long-term carbon storage in Sierra forests, and will highlight efforts by state and federal agencies to incorporate forest restoration into their greenhouse gas reduction efforts.*

### **9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency Secretary  
The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. (invited)

Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
*The Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program*

Randy Moore, U.S. Forest Service  
*The California Headwaters Partnership*

### **9:30 a.m. Stabilizing Carbon in a Flammable Forest**

Matthew Hurteau, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology  
University of New Mexico

### **10:15 a.m. Break**

### **10:30 a.m. California's efforts to ensure forests play a positive role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing long-term carbon storage**

Ashley Conrad-Saydah, California Environmental Protection Agency  
Edie Chang, California Air Resources Board  
Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE  
Chuck Bonham, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

### **11:30 a.m. Public Comment/Questions**

### **12:15 p.m. Next Steps and Closing Remarks**

Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
Randy Moore, U.S. Forest Service