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Thank You for Making the Calforests Annual Meeting a Great Success

Last week, the association held our Annual Meeting in Napa, which resulted in an all-time high attendance, insight full discussions and fantastic reception and awards dinner.

Joining us were most of the leadership and key staff of the agencies, departments and partnerships esstential to improving our forestlands. During the two-day event, we heard from State Water Board Chair Felicia Marcus, Board of Forestry Chair Dr. Keith Gillless, California Department Directors Chuck Bonham (Fish & Wildlife), Mark Nechodom Conservation) and Ken Pimlott (CAL FIRE) and many others.

Thank our many meeting sponsors, without whom it would not be the special event that it was:

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Thank you to all the attendees for your participation, and if you missed it be sure to get it on your calendar early for next year.

Watershed Summit The urgency to Restore our primary watershed

This week, Calforests President David Bischel participated in a panel at the Watershed Summit hosted by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the USFS Region 5. The summit took place in Sacramento and was design to help jump start a coordinated, collaborative program to restore the health of California's primary watershed. Leaders of more than 100 state, federal and nonprofit agencies were in attendance during the day long



event.

The summit sought to build on broad consensus within the scientific community with key presentations to address the state of the Sierra Nevada's forests, the benefits the region provides to all of California, and the short and long-term impacts from its forests' wildfires. Currently, a plan for the program is being develop at a regional level with a vast number of stakeholders.

Learn more about the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Program [here.](#)

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New Paper on Biochar Industry in the Northwest

Biochar is a growing industry in the Pacific Northwest. Near-term potential market value is estimated to reach \$5 billion dollars on a national basis. The biochar industry faces several barriers including the absence of policy incentives, lack of product standardization, demonstration projects, and marketing collateral for end-users.



The report reviews the status of the industry and the resources needed to overcome the foreseeable barriers. View the strategy paper [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

Porterville Recorder: A growing concern: Dying trees

The number of trees dying in the local foothills and forests has escalated as the region goes into a fourth severe dry year and some residents are getting nervous. ([Read more](#))

Grass Valley Union: 'Urgency' key to saving Sierra Nevada forests

Leaders of more than 100 state, federal and nonprofit agencies that touch on the Sierra Nevada watershed gathered Wednesday for what all described as an urgent call for collaboration borne of catastrophes like the Rim and King fires, climate change and the drought. ([Read more](#))

LA Times: El Nino finally here; but this 1 is weak, weird and late

A long anticipated El Nino has finally arrived. But for drought-struck California, it's too little, too late, meteorologists say. ([Read more](#))

UPCOMING EVENTS

TuCARE's Annual Dinner and Auction

March 14, 2015 at Sonora Elks Lodge

The Tuolumne Alliance for Resources and Environment will be holding their annual dinner and auction. Flyer for the event, along with some special savings if you return your registration and payment by February 14th. ([More details](#))

Redwood Region Logging Conference

MARCH 19 - 21 at 5601 So. Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503

We are gearing up for the 2015 Forest Products & Construction Equipment Expo. The conference is one of the largest logging conferences in California and as always there be lots to see and social events to enjoy. Registration for Booth Space and Events is now open. Learn more and register for the conference [here](#).

2015 Small Log Conference

March 24-26, 2015 at Coeur d'Alene Resort, Idaho

The event hosted by Forest Business Network brings together the forest product industry's top decision makers for world-class education and networking focusing on small log processing, wood to energy, wood exports, and more. ([Learn more](#))

FLOC 2015 Annual Meeting

May 1-2, 2015 at Holiday Inn Auburn

the Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 1 with the Field Day portion of the program on Saturday, May 2 at the Blodgett Forest Research Station. The Annual Meeting Committee is fine-tuning the draft program and it should be published in early January. [Learn More](#)



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