



March 3, 2016, 9:00AM – 12:30PM
California Natural Resources Agency Auditorium
1416 9th 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
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
Tina Bartlett, 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