

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM
Interagency Forest Working Group (IFWG)
Near-Term Implementation Plan
Task 2: Review of Forest Sector Regulations and Programs

Working Group Overview: IFWG is responsible for 1) Advising the Board of Forestry on how the Forest Sector can achieve its Scoping Plan GHG target; 2) Coordinating related forest sector climate and energy activities, such as stakeholder input for biomass and biofuels programs; and 3) Developing and implementing adaptation actions to protect the state’s forests.

Working Group Agencies: CAL FIRE, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Natural Resources Agency, US Forest Service, DFG, CEC, CalEPA, DWR, and ARB

Measure / Strategy Implementation Plan: Review of Forest Sector Regulations and Programs

- A) Description: Determine the effect of the State’s existing forest and rangeland regulations (e.g., Sustained Yield Plans, Non Timber Management Plans, wildlife, water quality, erosion protection, etc.) and related forestry assistance programs (e.g. CA Forest Improvement Act, forestland conservation, Vegetation Management Program, etc.) on meeting the state’s GHG goals; and whether simple adjustments are needed, or whether more significant action is needed. Consider risks to carbon, opportunities to reduce those risks, and barriers to long term GHG reduction.
- B) Agencies Involved: CAL FIRE in collaboration with the US Forest Service and with participation from ARB, CEC, DFG and potentially SWRCB and DPH.
- C) Scoping Plan/Adaptation Plan Reference: This measure will help the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection implement the Scoping Plan’s Sustainable Forests Measure (F-1) which calls for increasing sequestration and avoiding emissions through forest practices and timberland conversion regulations, fire protection and voluntary programs. It also supports CAS Strategy 3 a) ii (Review Regulatory Framework).
- D) Metrics: Adoption of forestry program standards for biomass and biofuels programs; development and adoption of inventory methods for accurately measuring GHG effects of policies, programs and practices.
- E) Crosscutting Issues: Improving Forest sector GHG inventory; sustainability definitions being developed for CEC and ARB biofuels programs; benefits of managing for forest health and long-term forest protection versus near term carbon stock maximization for habitats, watersheds and community safety and public health
- F) Tasks and Deliverables: IFWG will develop preliminary findings on the capacity of existing regulations and programs to achieve 2020 GHG target by December 2010.

Agencies	<u>Deliverable</u>	Deadline
CAL FIRE, USFS, ARB and CEC	Workshop to review programs and regs	June 2010
CAL FIRE, USFS, ARB and CEC	Workshop to examine data on GHG emissions related to forestry actions	September 2010
IFWG agencies by Task 2 leads (CAL FIRE and USFS)	Preliminary findings of capacity for achieving 2020 target	December 2010

