



NORTH COAST FOREST BIOMASS STRATEGY

*Enhancing Community, Watershed, Wildfire, and Economic Resilience
through Improved Woody Biomass Utilization*

The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) and Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC) are partnering on a multi-faceted initiative to increase the collection, aggregation and utilization of woody biomass across the North Coast Region to help drive community and landscape-scale fire hazard reduction, watershed health, and economic resilience. This planning initiative is funded and guided by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

- This strategy is an essential element of the broader Regional Forest and Fire Capacity plan that NCRP has developed with funding from the California Department of Conservation in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders and experts. [The North Coast Resilience Plan](#) lays out comprehensive and holistic priorities for enhancing watershed, fireshed, forest, and community resilience.
- As a core goal of the North Coast Resilience Plan, increasing the pace and scale of community-scale vegetation management will result in substantial increases in woody biomass disposal needs. The strategy is focused on reducing the open burning of woody debris, and instead enhancing the efficient, productive and sustainable collection and utilization of those materials, thereby optimizing social, economic and ecological outcomes for the North Coast region.

- Partners envision the Strategy spanning multiple projects over the coming months and years, pooling funding resources, regional expertise, and collaboration to achieve meaningful improvements in forest biomass removal and utilization across our region's diverse communities and landscapes.
- The Strategy will incorporate the following tactics: a cross-sector regional advisory committee, formation and support of community-led solutions, regional visioning and coordination, regional-level and project-focused assessment, direct funding to sub-regional partnerships and projects, local coordination, resource-sharing, and leveraged public and private investments.
- Ultimately, the Strategy will enable more timely, cumulative and effective treatments to restore fire resilient forests and lead to lower wildfire risk around our communities and across our forest landscapes, all while protecting biodiversity, clean air, clean water and mitigating carbon emissions.
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