



## **Rural Community Development Workshop**

May 29, 2019

Jackson Civic Center, 33 Broadway, Jackson, California

Meeting Objectives: (1) Review progress under RCDI program: What did we achieve, what didn't we achieve, and why? (2) Discuss the current context and opportunities for rural development.

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8:00 – 8:30	<i>Registration, Refreshments</i>
8:30 – 8:45	<b>Workshop Introduction</b> <i>Review objectives for the workshop.</i>
8:45 – 10:15	<b>Updates on Community Biomass Utilization Projects</b> <i>Group round-robin updates</i>
10:15 – 10:30	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Status of State Policy and Support for Biomass Utilization</b> <i>Panel and Discussion</i>
11:30 – 12:15	<b>Where We've Been and What is Ahead: RCDI Review and Future Barriers</b> <i>Small group discussions, followed by report outs to whole group</i>
12:15 – 1:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 1:30	<b>Product Development Opportunities</b> <i>Featuring an example presentation, followed by group discussion around approaches and opportunities</i>
1:30 – 2:15	<b>Addressing Workforce Barriers</b> <i>Short presentation on an example effort by Todd Sloat (Fall River RCD) followed by discussion of current efforts and remaining needs</i>
2:15 – 2:30	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30 – 3:15	<b>Opportunity Zones and Rural Communities</b> <i>Presentation on how opportunity zones may affect investment in rural communities, followed by a question and answer session.</i>
3:15 – 4:00	<b>Going Forward</b> <i>Facilitated group discussion of next steps and future Sierra Nevada Conservancy – supported work</i>
4:00 – 4:30	<b>Closing and Next Steps</b>