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SOFAR COLLABORATIVE

South Fork of the American River (SOFAR) Cohesive Strategy
Collaborative

SOFAR RE/VISION: MISSION, VISION & GOALS

We foster an **inclusive participatory approach** **towards stewardship and conservation actions** to protect the forested watersheds and communities of the **SOFAR watershed and Cosumnes River headwaters.**

Through balanced collaboration, SOFAR **envisions alignment of multi-stakeholder values and priorities** through communication of the best available science and resources to restore fire-adapted ecosystems, safeguard critical infrastructure, protect natural resources, ~~SOFAR members actively go to~~ collaboratively implement the **four overarching goals:**

*safe, effective wildfire response,
fire-adapted communities,
fire-resilient landscapes,
community and workforce development.*

SOFAR STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2025/26



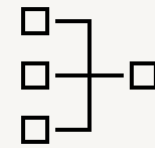
CLOSE THE GAPS ON COMMUNITY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Production of the **first-ever El Dorado County report on current workforce and community development** across the forestry, fuels, and water management workforce sectors.
- We plan to **host a community and workforce development workshop** in 2026



ADVANCE WOODY BIOMASS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- Working to **obtain grant funds and launch small-scale biomass utilization projects.**
- We anticipate the launch of one additional “iron in the fire” by end of 2026.



DEVELOP A UNIFIED LANDSCAPE VISION & PROJECT PIPELINE

- **Developing a unified, science-backed project prioritization** representing shared priorities across El Dorado County.
- The result will be a **consensus-based project portfolio and multi-phased, landscape-scale project pipeline**

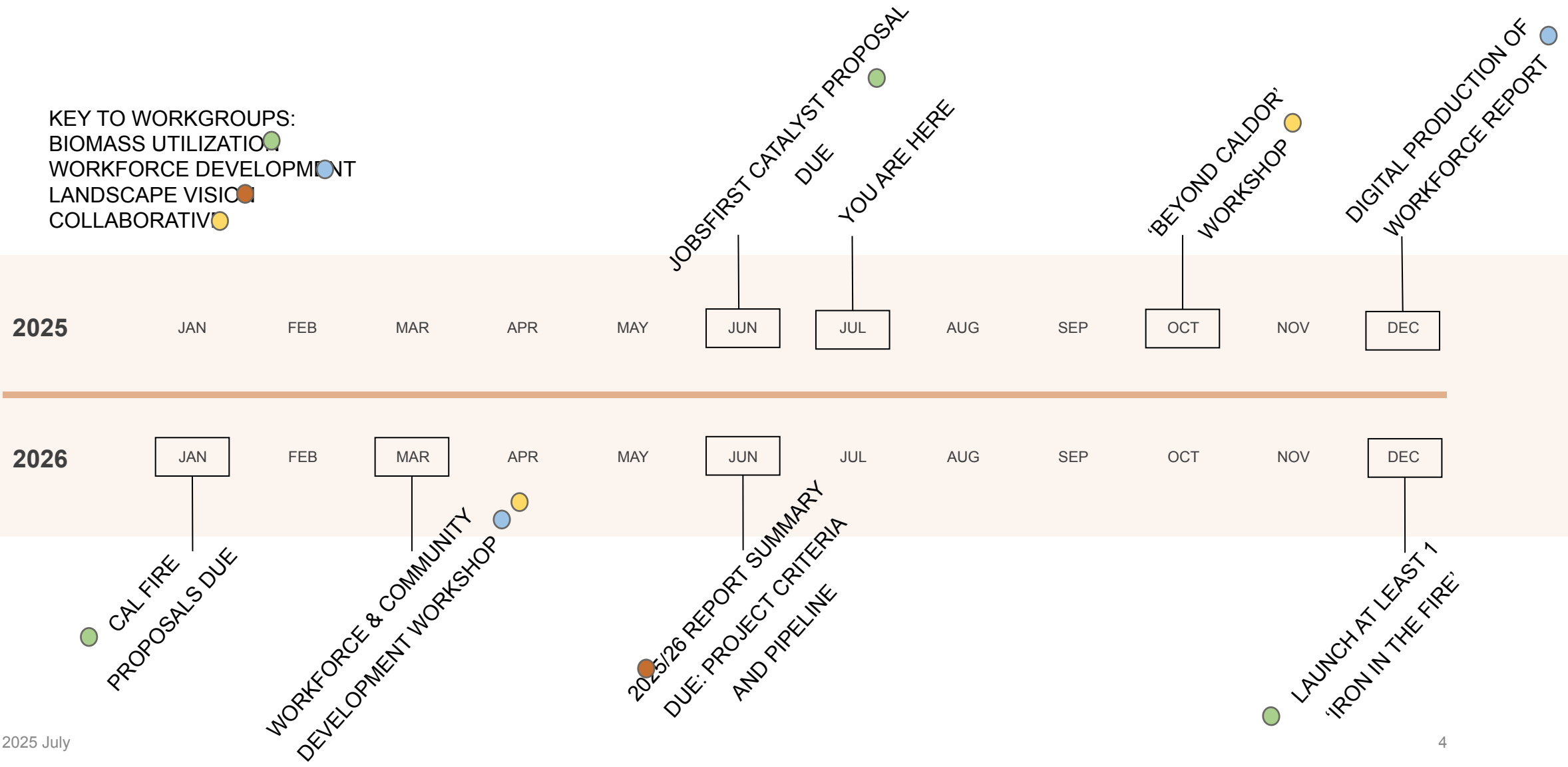


CREATE COLLABORATIVE & COMMUNITY COHESION

- Enhancing **cross-pollination and inter-collaboration** between partners across El Dorado County.
- **Improve community engagement** with local RCD, FSCs, county government offices, land trusts, and industry partners.

2025-26 ACTION PLAN

KEY TO WORKGROUPS:
BIOMASS UTILIZATION ●
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ●
LANDSCAPE VISION ●
COLLABORATIVE ●



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THANK YOU

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SOFAR COMMITTEES: A PRIMER

COMMUNITY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

2025/26 Goal: Complete production of report on current workforce and community development challenges and successes across the forestry, fuels, and water management workforce sectors in El Dorado Co. Plan and host a community and workforce development workshop in 2026.

BIOMASS UTILIZATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

2025/26 Goal: With several “irons in the fire,” this subcommittee is focused on coordination with other partners and communities to obtain grant funds and launch small-scale biomass utilization projects.

LANDSCAPE VISION

2025/26 Goal: Develop unified, science-backed project prioritization and evaluation criteria on resilience treatments that represent shared priorities

COLLABORATIVE

2025/26 Goal: Enhance cross-pollination, partner and community engagement with local RCD, FSCs, county government offices, land trusts, and industry partners.

THE MISSING LINKS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Studies report a **decline in employment in the forestry, fuels and water management sectors** as an aging workforce exits. There are **significant workforce gaps** throughout these sectors **to meet forest resiliency, watershed restoration, or fuels reduction goals**.

BIOMASS UTILIZATION MARKETABILITY

Presently, new biomass utilization technologies and infrastructure are **over reliant on state and federal grants**, which are notorious for unpredictable fluctuation. Yet, the **majority of biomass** coming off restoration projects is **small diameter trees**, so there is a **need to generate greater marketability** so that biomass utilization start ups can flourish.

UNIFIED LANDSCAPE VISION

The broader TCSI landscape includes several collaboratives and partnerships who rely on a **varied set of plans to prioritize and develop projects without much consistency**. There is a need to establish **unified, science-backed consistency of project pipelines** across the myriad of plans and policies currently being followed.

COLLABORATIVE COHESION

The broader TCSI landscape includes several collaboratives and partnerships **whose goals and focal areas overlap**. Moreover, cross-communication or cross-pollination is minimal to none. There is a need to **create cohesion among these partners** and **increase community engagement**.