



BioEnergy Community Meeting on August 22

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Residents of Foresthill are invited to attend a meeting in Foresthill to facilitate a community conversation about the opportunity to have a biomass/bioenergy facility located in the Foresthill area. The meeting, to be held at the Veterans Memorial Hall on Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 pm. will include presentations and open discussions for interested residents.



Over the years several local organizations have expressed an interest in bringing a biomass facility to Foresthill. With the help of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), this Community meeting is an opportunity for a conversation about developing such a facility. Speakers from local agencies and organizations will explain how and why a biomass/bioenergy project could be located on the Divide. If Foresthill shows interest and support, residents can sign-up to participate in a steering committee to study the topic and help determine the project direction. Benefits to Foresthill residents could include job creation, economic improvement, fire safety and much more.

There has also been significant interest and conversations within our local fire-protection agencies, and the fire community in general, regarding efficient methods to reduce ladder fuels, especially in fire breaks. One cost-effective technique is to dispose of green waste and slash using bioenergy systems. Because Foresthill is adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest, a biomass plant located in Foresthill could be a primary resource to assist with that task.

A biomass plant on the Divide would convert green waste (called feedstock) into fuel for a bioenergy plant. In addition to removing excess slash from the forest, the system would reduce net carbon emissions into the atmosphere. Biomass conversion produces energy in the form of electricity and heat, as well as marketable byproducts, and has the potential to increase our Foresthill business base and total employment.

Please join your fellow residents on August 22 for this important community conversation about an intriguing new opportunity. In addition to SNC the panel should include representatives from Placer County Planning, the Placer County Air Pollution Control District and the Project Manager for the Cabin Creek Biomass Project are scheduled to be in attendance to share their ideas/experience with Bioenergy and answer questions. 5th District Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery is also scheduled to attend to cover County related concerns or questions.

Hosted by the Foresthill Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

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