

Forest Climate Action Team Announces Public Workshops

March 23 & 24, 2016

The Forest Climate Action Team ([FCAT](#)) is holding hold public workshops March 23 and 24 to provide the public with information on the Team's work and to invite public input. FCAT has prepared a Forest Carbon Plan Concept Paper to provide information on how it is developing a detailed Forest Carbon Plan and to seek input in particular on goals and strategies that are under development for forest carbon sequestration and reduction of climate pollutant emissions. These goals and strategies will be used as input to the Air Resources Board's development of the 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update, which is currently under development.

Charged with developing the state's Forest Carbon Plan, the FCAT is composed of a broad range of state and federal agencies with responsibilities for forests and related natural resources. Local governments also are represented. The FCAT is led by Ken Pimlott, Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), with support from the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency.

The schedule for the public workshops is as follows:

- **Sacramento: March 23**, 9 AM to noon, Byron Sher Auditorium, California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 1001 I Street, Sacramento. This workshop also will be webcast. The webcast will be available from CalEPA's Live Webcasts page: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>
- **City of Shasta Lake: March 24**, 1 PM to 4 PM, City of Shasta Lake Board Chambers, 4488 Red Bluff Street, City of Shasta Lake; <https://www.google.com/maps/place/4488+Red+Bluff+St,+Shasta+Lake,+CA+96019/@40.6824281,-122.3624597,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x54d28c22e1454285:0x52f720f8fa11e6c2>

Workshop materials will be posted to the FCAT website: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/fcat/>

Please note that the Air Resources Board will be holding a related public workshop/webcast on the Natural and Working Lands Sector to inform development of the 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update on March 23 from 1-4 PM in the Byron Sher Auditorium. Information about this workshop will be available on Scoping Plan webpage at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm>

To be completed by the end of 2016, the Forest Carbon Plan will provide strategies and targets to ensure that California forests will be managed to maintain healthy forest conditions and continue to store carbon over time. The Forest Carbon Plan will summarize and address historical challenges associated with forest resource management, jurisdictional boundaries, carbon sequestration baseline establishment and monitoring, costs and benefits of management and restoration practices, and financing of activities, among other areas. Development of the plan will give careful consideration to the entire range of environmental, economic, and social benefits provided by forests in the state. Through the development and adoption of the plan, the aim of the FCAT is to engage resource managers, experts from multiple jurisdictions, and the public to collaborate on collective goals and reach forest targets for carbon sequestration and the reduction of climate pollutant emissions.

The Forest Climate Action Team looks forward to the opportunity to discuss our work to date with the public in order to inform our ongoing work.

More details on the workshops, including the draft Forest Carbon Plan Concept Paper are posted to the FCAT Website (<http://www.fire.ca.gov/fcat/>). Written comments on the draft Forest Carbon Plan Concept Paper may be submitted through April 8 to fcatalfire@fire.ca.gov.