

Forum Announcement



California Biomass Collaborative Seventh Annual Forum May 10th & 11th, 2010

In Conjunction with
UC Energy Week 2010
May 10-13, 2010

University of California Davis Conference Center
UC Davis Campus
Davis, California

This year, the California Biomass Collaborative will hold its seventh annual forum on biomass in conjunction with the University of California- Davis Energy Institute and its **UC Energy Week 2010**. The event will take place on the Davis campus at the new university conference center. The California Renewable Energy Collaborative will also be holding meetings of the wind, solar, and geothermal collaboratives.

This is an exciting opportunity to learn what is happening locally and internationally in renewable energy. The four-day conference will begin with the California Biomass Collaborative's annual forum, held in parallel with sessions presented by the wind, solar, and geothermal collaboratives. Wednesday will contain a clean tech summit, covering issues of resource accessibility, science challenges, energy efficiency, and integration of alternative energy sources. The California Integrated Renewable Energy Systems group will wrap up the proceedings on the fourth day.

The seventh annual California Biomass Collaborative Forum will ask for interactive participation by the biomass community in California: first by providing attendees with an opportunity to review California's current Bioenergy Action Plan; secondly, by offering an opportunity to listen and respond to plans from the diverse state agencies contributing to a updated Bioenergy Action Plan; and, lastly, by reviewing policies governing the use of waste materials for energy.

Participation in this event will provide attendees with an opportunity to catch up to changes in regulations and markets. As sustainability requirements are essential components of many new regulations, we will also review new and evolving sustainability standards for biomass production and use for forestry and agricultural biomass. California policies emphasize the use of waste materials for energy where possible so we will emphasize developing policies and technology for the transformation of materials like urban-derived biomass and food processing wastes into energy, soil amendments or other products.

There will be three sessions held over two days covering the following topics:

- Introduction - overview of new directives and State mandates;
- The new Bioenergy Interagency Working Group's Bioenergy Action Plan;
- Sustainability standards for agricultural and forest biomass use;
- Urban-derived biomass and food processing wastes, best uses and appropriate policies and definitions.

Each session will allow for public comment, discussion and the suggestion of proposals for increasing and achieving social and environmental benefits from biomass energy.

Program details will be announced later. Check the CBC website for updates:
<http://biomass.ucdavis.edu/>

