

Agricultural Biomass Conference

The Opportunities & Challenges of Agricultural Biomass Utilization

OCTOBER 5-6, 2023 - Winters, CA

AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

Orchard Ballroom, Hotel Winters

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- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 am – 8:45 am **Welcome**
Angel Barajas (Supervisor, Yolo County)
- 8:45 am – 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
Shannon Douglass (Vice President, California Farm Bureau Federation)
- 9:00 am – 10:15 am **Session 1: Why are we talking about agricultural biomass?**
Moderator: Dr. Alberto Ayala (Executive Director, Sac Metro Air District)
Alicia Adams (Supervisor, California Air Resources Board)
Cara Morgan (Deputy Director, CalRecycle)
David Shabazian (Director, California Department of Conservation)
Dr. Glenda Humiston (University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources)
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:30 am – 11:45 am **Session 2: Big Picture Challenges & Solutions for Biomass**
Moderator: Erik White (APCO, Placer County APCD)
Dr. George Peridas (Science & Policy Officer, ZuCO₂)
Karen Warner (Chief Executive Officer, BEAM Circular)
Virginia Jameson (Deputy Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture)
Dr. Ami Gunasekara (Director of Science & Research, California Farm Bureau Fed.)
David Shabazian (Director, California Department of Conservation)
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch (Orchard Ballroom)**
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Session 3: Legislation & Policy on Biomass**
Moderator: Gretchen Bennett (APCO, Yolo Solano AQMD)
Sheraz Gill (Deputy APCO, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District)
Julee Malinowski-Ball (Executive Director, California Biomass Energy Alliance)
Michael Boccadoro (President, West Coast Advisors)



2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Session 4: Logistical Challenges & Solutions for Biomass

Moderator: Paul Hensleigh (Deputy APCO, Yolo Solano AQMD)

Mitch Sears (Executive Director, Valley Clean Energy)

Matt Summers (Chief Operating Officer, West Biofuels)

Wayne McFarland (CEO & Chairman, SynTech Bioenergy)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Field Trip

Dixon Ridge Farms (SynTech Bioenergy)

Group Transportation provided to and from Dixon Ridge Farms

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Networking Reception (Hotel Winters Railroad Courtyard)

Friday, October 6, 2023

Orchard Ballroom, Hotel Winters

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Registration & Hot Breakfast

8:45 am – 9:00 am

Opening Remarks

Eric Guerra (Vice-Mayor, City of Sacramento)

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Session 5: Opportunities & Successes of Ag Biomass Use

Moderator: Anastacia Allen (APCO, Colusa County APCD)

Dr. Somayeh Nassiri (Associate Professor, UC Davis)

Evan Edgar (Principal Engineer and President, Edgar & Associates, Inc.)

Raymond Baltar (Director of the Sonoma Biochar Initiative, Sonoma Ecology Center)

Dan Pronsolino (General Manager, Dunnigan Hills Hulling and Shelling)

Greg Giguere (Director of Vineyard Operations, Matchbook Wines)

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Session 6: Breakout Session: Where do we go from here?

Moderator: Marcie Skelton (APCO, Glenn County APCD)

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm

Closing Remarks

Stuart Gilchrist (Marysville City Council Member)

12:15 pm

Lunch on own (not included in conference registration)

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Basinwide Control Council Meeting (Orchard Ballroom)

BCC Members / Open to the Public

THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE AGRICULTURAL BIOMASS CONFERENCE!