

**TREE MORTALITY TASK FORCE  
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**UTILIZATION- BIOENERGY  
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**Group Objectives**

1. Ensure contracts for new forest bioenergy facilities that receive feedstock from high hazard zones can be executed within six months (CPUC).
2. Initiate targeted renewable auction mechanism and consideration of adjustments to the BioMat Program (CPUC).
3. No later than six months after the BioMat program begins, evaluate the need for revisions to the program to facilitate contracts for forest bioenergy facilities (CPUC).
4. Prioritize facilitation of interconnection agreements for forest bioenergy facilities in high hazard zones (CPUC).
5. Prioritize grant funding from the Electric Program Investment Charge for woody biomass-to-energy technology, consistent with direction from CPUC (CEC).
6. Work with bioenergy facilities that accept forest biomass from high hazard zones to identify potential funds to offset higher feedstock costs (CAL FIRE, CEC).
7. Identify and develop new energy technologies for biomass (e.g. biofuels, etc).
8. Create and expand markets for bioenergy by-products (e.g. biochar, heat, etc).
9. Provide regular updates at Task Force meetings to ensure effective communication and geographic coordination among all task force groups and stakeholders.

**Completed Objectives**

1. Extend contracts on existing forest bioenergy facilities receiving feedstock from high hazard zones (CPUC).
2. Work with land managers to estimate biomass feedstock availability, storage locations, and volumes that may be available for use as bioenergy feedstock at existing and new facilities.

**Special Instructions**

- Work assignments are consistent with Directives 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the State of Emergency Proclamation.
- Work with other federal, state, local, tribal, private and non-governmental entities as needed.

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