

## Who Are We?

The Mendocino County Woody Biomass Working Group consists of community leaders from a variety of different backgrounds including members from local government, the forest service, the USDA, non-profit organizations, environmental advocates, small business owners, members of the timber industry and community members concerned with the economic and environmental future of Mendocino County.

Members of the group are motivated by a variety of reasons. Some members have a long history of trying to promote biomass in the region for economic reasons. Job creation is a major motivator for group members. Many of the foresters believe that a woody biomass facility will promote forest health and reduce the risk of catastrophic forest fires. Promoting the use of renewable resources motivates many members. There is a general belief in the group that economic development should start with adding value to local resources and doing so in an environmentally enlightened way. All members of the group think that woody biomass facilities are a key component to long-term economic and environmental sustainability promoting dual goals of strengthening the local economy and creating healthier forests.

There is a wide range of expertise in this diverse group, from grant specialists to local government officials who are able to connect the group to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the Ukiah City Council. Economic development specialists in the group are focused on creating sustainable economies and communities in the County. Local foresters are intimately knowledgeable about the amount of woody biomass currently in the regions forests, and USDA employees bring technical knowledge about biomass technologies to the group. Representatives from the timber industry bring their understanding of the economic benefits of biomass, while environmental advocates ensure that ecological goals are a prominent piece of the groups work. It is this plethora of diverse knowledge and expertise that gives the Mendocino County Woody Biomass Group its strength. Listed below are the names and affiliations of members who regularly attend meetings:

Mary Anne Landis- Ukiah City Council

Art Harwood- RFFI

Steve Zuieback- MendoFutures

Doug Crane- Ukiah City Council

Sheila Rogers- Economic Development Specialist

Carre Brown- Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Steve Smith- USDA Forester

Steve Dunicliff- County of Mendocino

Antonio Andrade- Environmental Activist

Cliff Paulin- Environmental Lawyer

Lee Johnson- Forester for the Mendocino National Forest

Phil Giles- NCRC

Calthleen Moller- City of Ukiah

Guinness McFadden- Farmer

Richard Shoemaker- Russian River Flood Control District

Heidi Dickerson- Congressman Mike Thompson's Office

Judith Harwood- Project Coordinator