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Biomass energy is unique in that it can address multiple state priorities--clean energy, clean air, climate change, dispatchability and resource adequacy--through a single approach. It also presents the possibility of connecting excess forest biomass to our agricultural industry, through the use of appropriately created biochar.

However, much work is needed to move biomass energy up the development ladder to reach the place where solar is now. In the scope of addressing the tree mortality crisis, the SB1122 program is tiny. But it provides a vehicle for supporting the R&D and product deployments that are a critical precursor to a wider adoption and impact.

We urge the CEC to put continued, and expanded, support for biomass energy research and projects into the Triennial Investment Plan.