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Climate Innovation Program Forests and Agriculture Workshop Agenda

December 12, 2023, 9:00am-4:00pm

9:00-9:30: Introduction and Climate Innovation Program Overview

9:30-11:20: Session One: Circular Bioeconomy

Moderator: Zack Bradford, Climate Innovation Program, CEC

Speakers:

- Julia Levin, Executive Director, Bioenergy Association of California
- Karen Warner, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, BEAM Circular
- John McCarthy, Deputy Chief, Program Manager for Wood Products and Bioenergy, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- Forest Crandall, Director of Investments, Blue Forest Conservation

11:20-11:30: Morning Break

11:30-12:30: Session Two: Fire Tech

Moderator: Erik Jensen, Climate Innovation Program, CEC

Speakers:

- Paula Uniacke, Director of Impact, DBL Partners
- Phillip SeLegue, Staff Chief Intel, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

12:30-1:30: Lunch Break

1:30-2:45: Session Three: Climate Smart Agricultural Technology

Moderator: Lindsey Fransen, Climate Innovation Program, CEC

Speakers:

- Kara Heckert, Resilient Agricultural West Advisor, American Farmland Trust
- Leonard Diggs, Director of Operations and Farming Education, Pie Ranch
- Jessica Chiartas, Postdoc, UC Davis; President, Regen Score

2:45-4:00: Open Q&A with CEC Staff and Public Comment

The workshop will end early if participants finish their questions and comments before 4:00.