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California Air Resources Board
IFWG Task 1 Workplan

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Task 1 Objective

Develop and fund activities to improve the technical foundation of the State greenhouse gas inventory for the forest sector.

Key Deliverable

The key deliverable is a technical proposal for developing and periodically updating estimates of carbon emissions and sequestration associated with California's forests, urban forests, and rangelands using accepted methods and available input data to support the State's overall greenhouse gas inventory objectives.

ARB Forest Inventory Improvement Process

- 1) Convene a symposium of forest sector experts to present the latest research, data, and methods on forest sector carbon accounting **(Fall 2009)**.
- 2) Evaluate available data and methods for use in developing a statewide forest sector inventory and in forecasting future emissions and stocks **(Winter 2010)**.
- 3) Develop a technical scope of work that identifies the necessary tasks, data sources, and methods required to update statewide forest sector inventory for emissions and sequestration **(Winter 2010)**.
- 4) Conduct a workshop on the draft methodology for improving the forest sector inventory **(Winter 2010)**.
- 5) Fund a contract to complete the design of the improved methodology for the statewide forest sector inventory **(Winter 2010)**.
- 6) Engage stakeholders through ARB's public process to present the contract results and the draft ARB forest sector inventory **(Spring/Summer 2011)**.
- 7) Periodically evaluate new and emerging methods and data as needed and as they become available, in collaboration with forest experts from State agencies, Federal agencies, and other stakeholder groups.