

Implementing AB 1492: Development of Ecological Performance Measures for California Timberlands

Launch of a New Regionalized Monitoring and Assessment Effort

INVITATION TO ATTEND PUBLIC WORKSHOP



Who: Agencies, organizations, and individuals with an interest in timberland ecosystem management and monitoring.



When: January 15, 2019, 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM



Where: California Natural Resources Agency — Main Auditorium
1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



How: Attend In-Person or by Webcast
Please RSVP* by January 9, 2019 using the link below:
In-Person: https://csus.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8f9w8KCJ0C2Ouqt
Webcast Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5582802571345789954>

*RSVP requested, but not required to attend.

Workshop Objectives

- ✓ Share information on concept development, including working vocabulary and definitions for Timberland Ecosystems, Monitoring, Assessment, and Ecological Performance Measures.
- ✓ Receive feedback on proposed scope and framework for Ecological Performance Measure objectives, methods, uses, and future products.

A [draft White Paper](#) has been prepared which outlines the full proposed EPM approach, providing concepts, definitions, and a proposed methodology to guide future discussions. We recommend reviewing the paper in preparation for discussion.

Read White Paper: <https://goo.gl/TZmz4o>

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More workshops are planned for 2019 to further refine methodology and receive additional comments and feedback.

[Questions?](#)

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AB 1492 Ecological Performance Measures

Assembly Bill 1492 directs the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program to develop a statewide ecological performance measures (EPM) approach as an accountability measure for the multiple State programs that regulate timber management on non-federal forestlands. Harnessing data from existing monitoring programs across State and Federal resource agencies, the intent is to establish a spatially explicit, consistent monitoring approach to track forest ecosystem condition over time at a regional scale. Results will be used to inform decision makers in their work to support adaptive management of timberlands and to help ensure the accountability of State-led forest management regulatory programs. Looking beyond the mandate of AB 1492, the EPM approach may also assist in the evaluation of State and Federal programs to invest in forest health and resilience.

California's timberland ecosystems are abundant (over 17 million acres), diverse, and productive. In the context of ever-increasing pressure and stress on these forested systems, including catastrophic wildfire and climate change, it is more important than ever to monitor changes in ecosystem conditions towards ensuring State regulations and programs are keeping pace with what is needed to sustain California timberlands into the future.

