THE FUTURE OF THE SIERRA NEVADA WATERSHED



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- Managing Wildland Fire
 - The challenges fiscal environmental
 - Meadow Restoration – Who benefits from the sequestered water ?
 - Biomass Projects
 - What will it take to make it economically feasible ?
 - What are other potential impacts ?

Climate Change

- Are we prepared, who will benefit, who will not ?

Logging Timber

- Will it reduce wildland fires and mitigate climate change?
- What are other potential impacts ?

Fiscal and Legal Challenges

- Who pays? Getting the State and Federal resource agencies to invest in the lifeblood of the State of California

