



California Licensed Foresters Association

Fall Workshop



Branching Out: Growing the Next Generation of California Foresters

November 16 & 17, 2023
Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson

With growing pressure to increase pace and scale of forest management and a shrinking pool of forestry professionals, forestry workforce development has become a critical issue in California. Join CLFA and various stakeholders for a workshop to discuss challenges and innovations in resource management workforce development, recruitment, and retention.

Thursday, November 16, 2023

All workshop attendees are welcome to join Thursday afternoon and evening activities. Student participations is especially encouraged.

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - SPI Mill Tour in Anderson, CA -- ***New Time***

- Cohosted by CLFA and the Forestry & Natural Resources Mentorship Program

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM – Student & Employer Mixer at the Gaia Hotel

- Cohosted by CLFA and the Forestry & Natural Resources Mentorship Program
 - Brita Goldstein, RPF #3061, CLFA VP & Education Committee Chair, Community Affairs Representative, Green Diamond Resource Company
 - Allison Erny, RPF #3081, Program Coordinator, Forestry & Natural Resources Career Mentorship Program

Friday, November 17, 2023

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM – Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM - 8:40 AM – Welcome & Introductions

- Brita Goldstein, RPF # 3061, CLFA VP & Education Committee Chair, Community Affairs Representative, Green Diamond Resource Company

Session One – State of the California Forestry Workforce

8:40 AM - 9:30 AM – Introduction to Workforce Development & Forestry Experience Activity

- Ricky Satomi, RPF #3121, Forest Advisor, Western Sierra Region, UC Cooperative Extension

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM – Past, Present, and Future of RPF Workforce

- Dan Stapleton, RPF #2707, Licensing Officer, California Board of Forestry

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM – Break

Session Two – State of Forestry Education

10:15 AM - 10:30 – Educating Future Foresters in California

- Dr. Erin Kelly, R
RPF #3001, Forestry Dept Chair & Professor of Forestry, Cal Poly Humboldt

10:30 - 11:45 AM – Forestry Education Panel

- Moderator: Dr. Erin Kelly
- Panelists:
 1. Valerie Elder, Associate Professor of Forestry, College of the Redwoods
 2. Renaldo Arroyo, Professor of Forestry, Bakersfield College
 3. Josh Soderlund, Reedley College
 4. Amber Lennon, Intern Forester & Master of Forestry Student, University of California, Berkeley
 5. Dr. Samantha Gill, Cal Poly SLO

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM – Student Presentation

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM – Lunch

Session Three – Workforce Development Innovations

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM – Addressing Workforce Development Issues with Creative Solutions

- Matt Dias, RPF #2773, Executive Director, California Forestry Association

1:45 - 3:00 PM – Workforce Development Innovations Panel

- Moderator: Matt Dias
- Panelists:
 1. Allison Erny, RPF #3081 Forestry & Natural Resources Career Mentorship Program
 2. Courtney Cagle, Manager of Resilient Careers in Forestry, Foundation for California Community Colleges
 3. Justin Britton, RPF #3054, Forester II, Wood Products & Bioenergy, CAL FIRE
 4. Tony Jaegel, Vice President of Human Resources, Sierra Pacific Industries

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Innovations in the RPF Pathway (Training and Curriculum)

- George Gentry, RPF# 2262, Senior Vice President, California Forestry Association

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM – Workshop Summary and Open Discussion (Q/A)

- Brita Goldstein, RPF #3061, CLFA VP & Education Committee Chair, Community Affairs Representative, Green Diamond Resource Company
- Ricky Satomi, RPF #3121, Forest Advisor, Western Sierra Region, UC Cooperative Extension

4:00 PM – Adjourn

Thank you for attending!
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Gaia Hotel & Spa ♦ 4125 Riverside Place, Anderson, CA ♦ 530.365.7077

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

_____ CLFA Member @ \$105.00 (\$115.00 late fee – after 11.6.2023) \$ _____

_____ Non-Member @ \$135.00 (150.00 late fee – after 11.6.2023) \$ _____

_____ Student @ \$50.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

_____ I will be attending the Thursday night social.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Gaia for this event. Rooms must be booked by
October 20, 2023 to qualify for the discounted rate.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check – Make payable to CLFA and mail to CLFA, 2149 Carson Mesa Road, Acton, CA 93510

Credit Card – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/branching-out-growing-the-next-generation-of-california-foresters-tickets-728521235627?aff=oddtcreator>

Cancellation request must be received by November 7, 2023.
Cancellations received after that date will be assessed a 25% cancellation fee.

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