



## MENDOCINO COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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***BIOMASS ENERGY WORKSHOP AT FORT BRAGG TOWN HALL,  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009, 1:00 PM***

The public is invited to attend a community workshop to discuss the potential for establishing a biomass power plant to generate energy and stimulate economic development. The workshop will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at Fort Bragg Town Hall, 363 North Main Street (corner of Main and Laurel) in Fort Bragg.

The workshop is sponsored by: County of Mendocino, City of Fort Bragg, Congressman Mike Thompson, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Hawthorne Timber Company, Campbell Timberland Management, The Conservation Fund, Usal Redwood Forest, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Biomass is a "green" energy source that uses wood wastes to create electric power and diverts excess heat for other uses. A biomass energy facility has the potential to create good-paying jobs, improve the reliability of electric power on the coast, reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions associated with hauling wood waste to distant processing facilities, improve utilization of timber that is harvested, and reduce the amount of open burning of wood wastes.

The workshop will be an opportunity for the public to hear about the potential for a biomass power plant in the area that would provide a combination of heat and power as well as being a vehicle for economic development. The workshop will be a forum for the public to learn about biomass power, make comments, and ask questions. The public is encouraged to attend this free workshop!

NOTE: Questions with respect to this information should be directed to Administrative Secretary Nancy Philips, at (707) 961-2827 x110.

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Tom Mitchell  
Chief Executive Officer