Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Governing Board Tour
Sustaining a Forest Restoration-Based Economy in the Sierra
September 4, 2019

Registration
10:00 East side of the State Capitol Building - 15th Street (between L Street and N Street). Pick up tour itinerary and name tags.

10:15 LOAD BUS

Travel to the Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS) Facility (1 hour, 40 minutes)

10:30 Welcome and overview of the day
   Terry O'Brien, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Governing Board Chair
   Angie Avery, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Executive Officer

10:45 Introduction to forest health and workforce challenges in Calaveras County
   Steve Wilensky, Founder and President of CHIPS

11:00 Utilizing CA’s Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Funds to build capacity in the Sierra Nevada
   Jonathan Kusel, The Sierra Institute - A Mill Site Revitalization Initiative
   Jenny Hatch, Sierra Nevada Alliance - The Sierra Corps
   Steve Frisch, Sierra Business Council - Workforce Development Assessment

11:45 The Mokelumne Avoided Cost Analysis – An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure
   Nic Enstice, Regional Science Coordinator, SNC

CHIPS Facility 13 Blizzard Mine Road, Wilseyville, CA 95257
Learn how one organization has leveraged a small investment from SNC to create a model for addressing forest health issues and providing employment opportunities for local tribal members and other area residents. Hear a tribal perspective on forest health and workforce issues in the south-central Sierra Nevada. NOTE: This location is equipped with restrooms and some chairs. We will use this time to eat lunch during the presentations.

12:00 Beginning of CHIPS and Local Workforce Development
   Steve Wilensky, Founder and President of CHIPS

12:30 Tribal Conditions in South Central Sierra Nevada
   Irvin Jim, CHIPS Supervisor, Hung A Lei Ti Community Chairman

12:50 LOAD BUS
Travel to South Fork Moke Project (15 minutes)
Explore workforce challenges that must be solved in developing a restoration-based economy: from operators and foresters working in the woods to staffing a bioenergy plant and other wood products businesses.

1:15 South Fork Mokelumne Project and the Community Forest
Monte Kawahara, Forester, Bureau of Land Management

1:40 Building Capacity in the Mokelumne Watershed
Richard Sykes, Executive Officer, Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority
Karen Quidachay, Forest Health Program Manager, Upper Mokelumne River Water Authority

2:00 LOAD BUS Back to Sacramento (2 hours)
An opportunity for Q&A with speakers.

Check List
Public participants are responsible for their own transportation. All participants are responsible for bringing their own lunch. Ice chests will be available to store them. In preparation for this tour, please be advised of the following:

✓ Lunch – there is no plan to stop for food along the tour route
✓ Expect uneven terrain: wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes.
✓ Sun exposure and high altitude: might want to bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm, bug spray etc.
✓ Reusable water bottle/hydration system
✓ Layers for changing weather conditions
✓ Camp style chair
✓ Cell phone service may be unreliable and unavailable during some parts of the day.