Biomass Carbon Removal and Storage



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BIOLOGICAL

ENGINEERED



Lignocellulosic biomass

Bioenergy conversion with Carbon or CO₂ storage

Energy and carbon **co-products**



Canadell and Schulze (2014)

Removing CO₂ emissions is critical alongside reductions

Global warming of 1.5°C and 2°C will be exceeded during the 21st century unless deep reductions in carbon dioxide occur in the coming decades. **All pathways project the use of carbon dioxide removal to compensate for residual emissions.**"



Potential Role in California – "Getting to Neutral"





Ethanol biorefineries



Bio-oil and slurry injection



Biochar



Lignocellulosic fuels



Renewable natural gas



Pulp and paper

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Wildfire hazard reduction

- 12.1 M acres hazard reduced
- 3.1 M acres of potential stand-replacing fire avoided

Carbon emissions reduction

- 6.5 MtCO₂/yr climate benefit relative to baseline
- 16.4 MtCO₂/yr climate benefit when new sawtimber is used for multi-unit buildings

Our results suggest that innovative wood use can support widespread fire hazard mitigation and reduce net-CO2 emissions in California.



The task at hand: developing a just implementation of biomass carbon removal in California

- How do we transition California's existing fleet from combustion-based biomass power to the next generation of technologies?
- How do we pursue environmental and social co-benefits while implementing carbon removal?
- How can we ensure that communities are engaged from the outset?
- How can we ensure that limited biomass resources are used for their highest and best use?