

Placer County seeks permits for biomass facility

The Cabin Creek biomass facility between Tahoe City and Truckee is moving forward.

Placer County Board of Supervisors at the last meeting unanimously denied the third-party appeal of the Dec. 6, 2012, Planning Commission certifications of the project's final environmental impact report and approval of the project's conditional use permit. The county and the appellant formulated several new conditions of approval for the project which were approved.

The next step is for permits to be obtained from the Placer County Air Pollution Control District to operate the proposed facility.

One of the goals of the project is as the county strives to reduce the threat of wildfire by thinning forests, the biomass facility would generate economically-sustainable forms of energy or other beneficial products.

Placer would be the first county to implement elements of the state's Bio-energy Action Plan.

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