

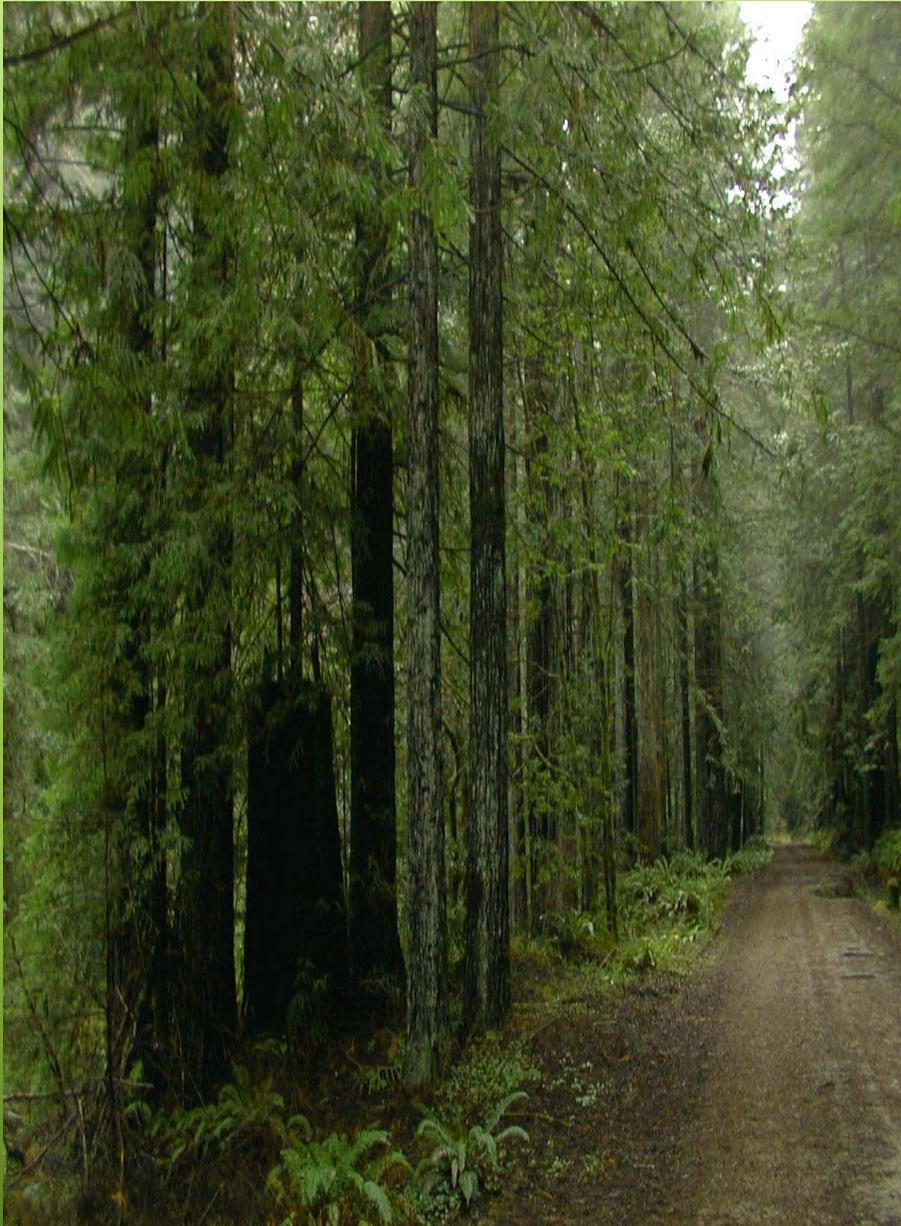


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**FOREST AND  
RANGELANDS  
ASSESSMENT STEERING  
COMMITTEE**

*Sustainable  
Forestry  
in California*

Meeting and Webinar  
June 28, 2012  
NRCS – Davis, CA





# *Agenda*

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# Who We Are...



Fire and Resource  
Assessment Program (CAL FIRE)



USFS Pacific Southwest Region  
State and Private Forestry



Natural Resources  
Conservation Service

## *The Role of FRASC*

- Stakeholder outreach
- Input for the 2015 “Forest Action Plan”
- Criteria and indicators to track California forest health
- Info: [www.frap.calfire.ca.gov/FRASC.html](http://www.frap.calfire.ca.gov/FRASC.html)

# *Who You Are...*



## Introductions



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# *Meeting Topic*

## Sustainable Forestry in California

- What does it mean?
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# *Meeting Goals*

- A better understanding of what forest sustainability means in California
  - Open dialog about sustainability in forest practices



- Input and review for the 2015 Forest and Rangeland Assessment



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# *Sustainability in the 2010 Assessment*

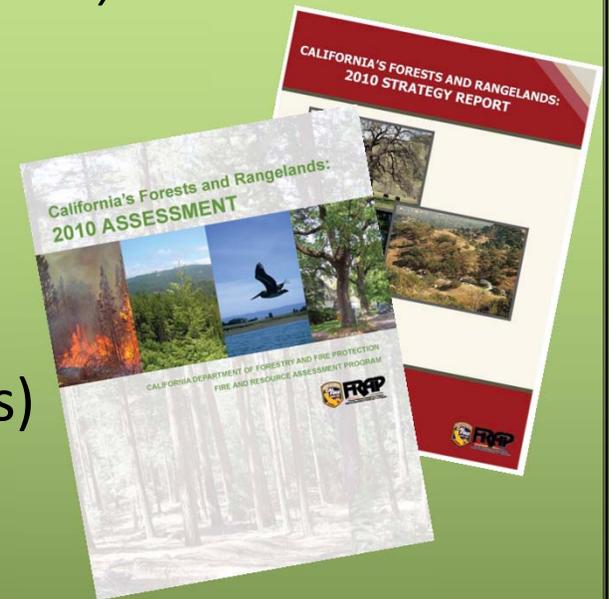
*( now known as the Forest Action Plan)*

*Sustainability* defined as “working landscapes” where:

→ *ecosystem services* (water, habitat, aesthetics)

Are in Balance with

→ *production* of wood products, food, energy and other commodities essential to communities.



# *Sustainable Forestry assessed in context of:*

- Impacts to forests of recent land use / cover changes
- Forests and Woodlands socio-economic pressures
- Trends in the forest products sector
- Program assistance to landowners and communities



# *Key Findings*

- **Land Use and Land Cover Impacts to Forests:**

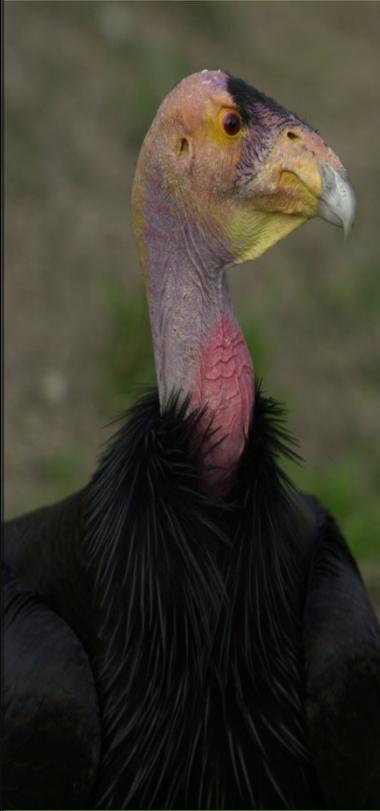
- Permanent land change in mostly grassland and shrub
- From assessment of pop. growth, we know that most forest change due to ↑WUI
- Disturbance patterns have changed



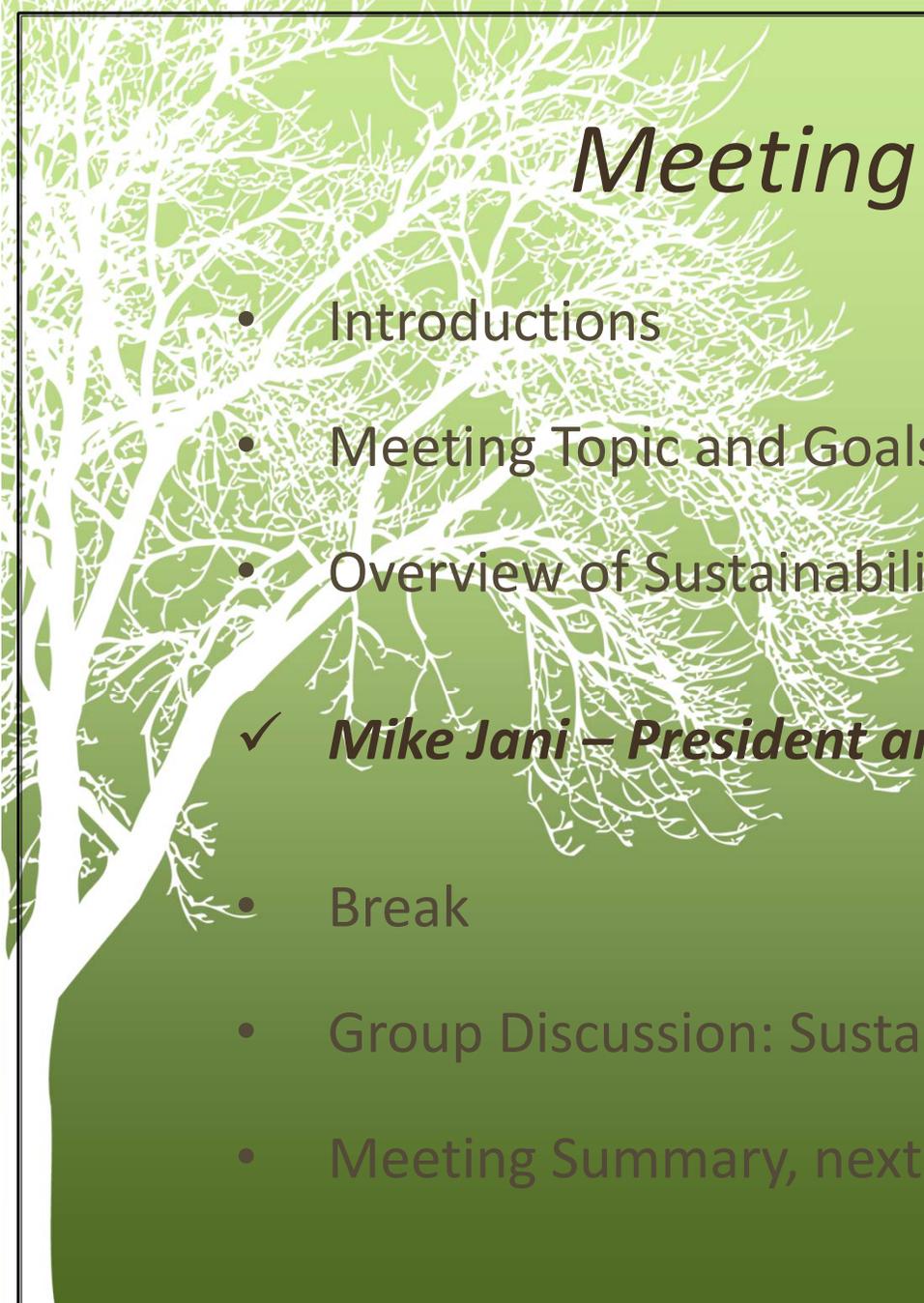
- **Forests and Woodlands:**

- Private and public forests have increased inventory volume
- Loss of working forests and woodlands
- Total carbon storage increasing (yeah!)

## *Key Findings* (continued)



- **Forest Products Sector / Range Industry:**
  - Major contraction of economic activity
  - Ownership pattern shift
  - Timber Harvest Plans (THPs) increasing in acreage
  - Non-commercial Timber Management Plans (NTMPs) increasing in numbers.
  
- **Landowner Assistance – collaborative funding to:**
  - Reduce risk of wildfire and pest damage
  - Restore of impacted areas
  - Improve forest stands
  - Provide technical assistance



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# *Springboard Presentation*

**Mike Jani**

President and Chief Forester,  
Humboldt Redwoods Company





**BREAK**

**Back in 15 minutes!**

*Please send us your comments....*





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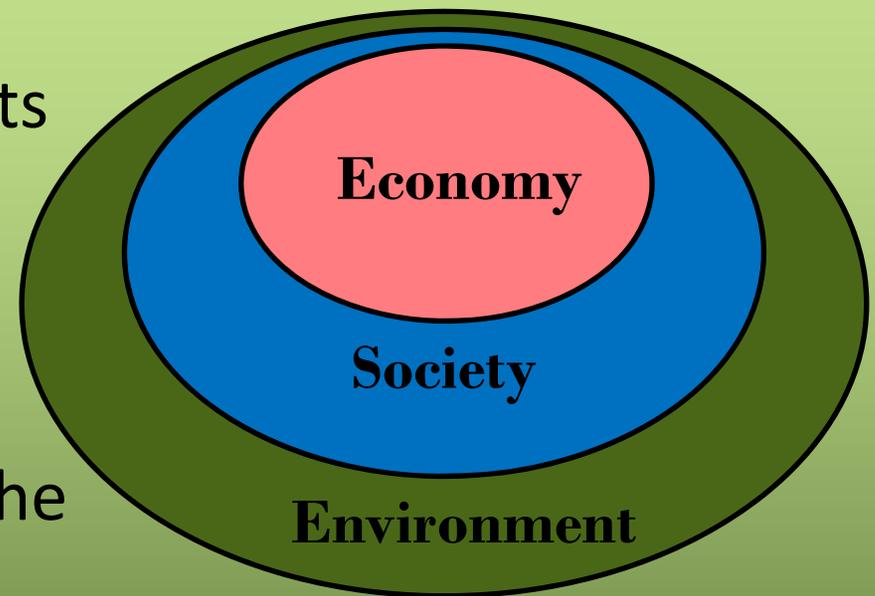
To begin the discussion,



Some of our thoughts...

# *Sustainability*

“The core concept of strong sustainability is that the benefits of nature are irreplaceable and that the entire economy is reliant on society, which in turn is entirely dependent on the environment.



This emphasizes the interdependencies between our society, our economy, and the natural environment.”

USFS National Report on Sustainable Forests – 2010

# *Sustainable Forestry*

“Through sustainable management, forests can contribute to the resilience of ecosystems, societies, and economies while also safeguarding biological diversity and providing a broad range of goods and services for present and future generations.”

*(USDA Forest Service, 2010)*



# *Forces Impacting Forest Sustainability*

- Climate change
- Altered disturbance regimes/patterns
- Loss of working forests
- Urbanization and other land use changes
- Forest fragmentation and parcelization
- Globalization (wood products)
- Biomass energy demand

# *California's Regulatory Setting*

- Forest Practice Rules (FPRs) govern timber harvesting practices on state and private lands
  - THPs are equivalent to CEQA (THP = EIR)
  - Some the most environmentally stringent rules in the country
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for forest projects on all federal lands
  - 18 National Forests, BLM, BIA, BoR, and DoD lands

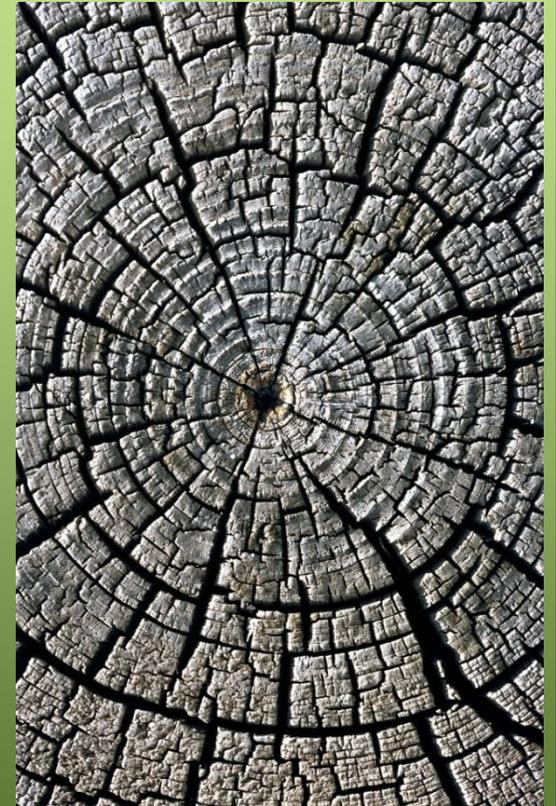
Is this creating sustainability?



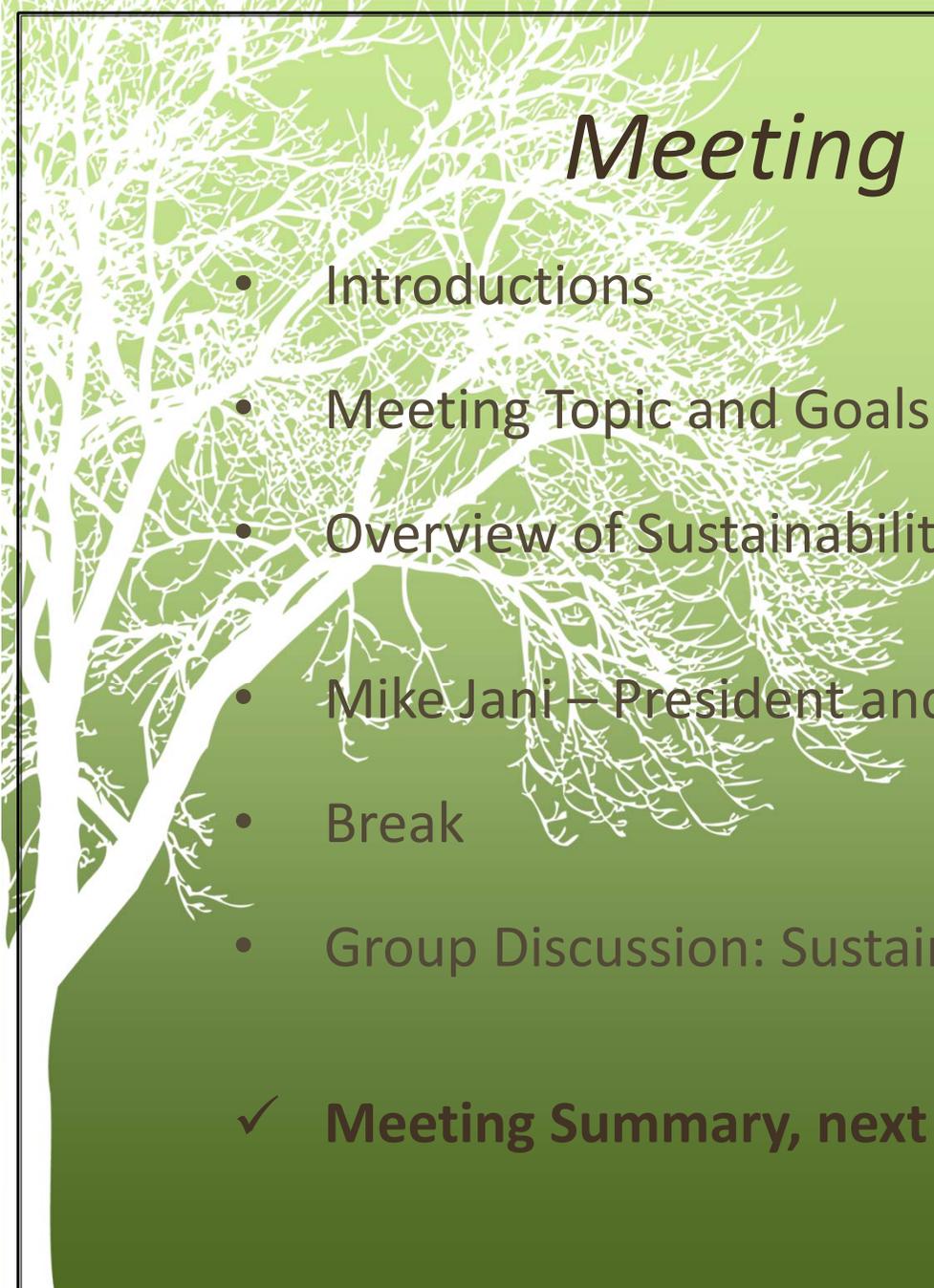
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**What do you think?**



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# *Wrap Up*

- Summary of discussion
- Summary of questions
- Next steps
- Next FRASC meeting will be in September
- *Thank You!*

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Sustainable Forestry



# FRAP

Fire and Resource Assessment Program  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection