

# Institutional Reform for Forest Management

## California Forest Science Symposium Workshop

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

### 8:30 am Introduction to the Workshop

**Scott Stephens**  
Professor, UC Berkeley

### 8:35 am Keynote Address

**Presenter:**  
**Brian Levine**  
Fire Planning Officer, NSW National Parks and  
Wildlife Service

**Q&A Moderator:**  
**Scott Stephens**  
Professor, UC Berkeley

### 9:15 am Policy Perspective: Top-Down Approaches

**Presenters:**  
**Matthew Hurteau**  
Professor, University of New Mexico  
  
**Eric Horne**  
California Director, Megafire Action

**Discussion Lead:**  
**Christina Restaino**  
Associate Professor, UN Reno

### 10:25 am BREAK

### 10:40 am Place-Based Solutions: Bottom-Up Approaches

**Presenters:**  
**Jonathan Kusel**  
Executive Director, Sierra Institute  
  
**Don Hankins**  
Professor, Chico State University

**Discussion Lead:**  
**Kristen Shive**  
Specialist, UC Cooperative  
Extension

### 11:50 am Closing Remarks

**Scott Stephens**  
Professor, UC Berkeley

