

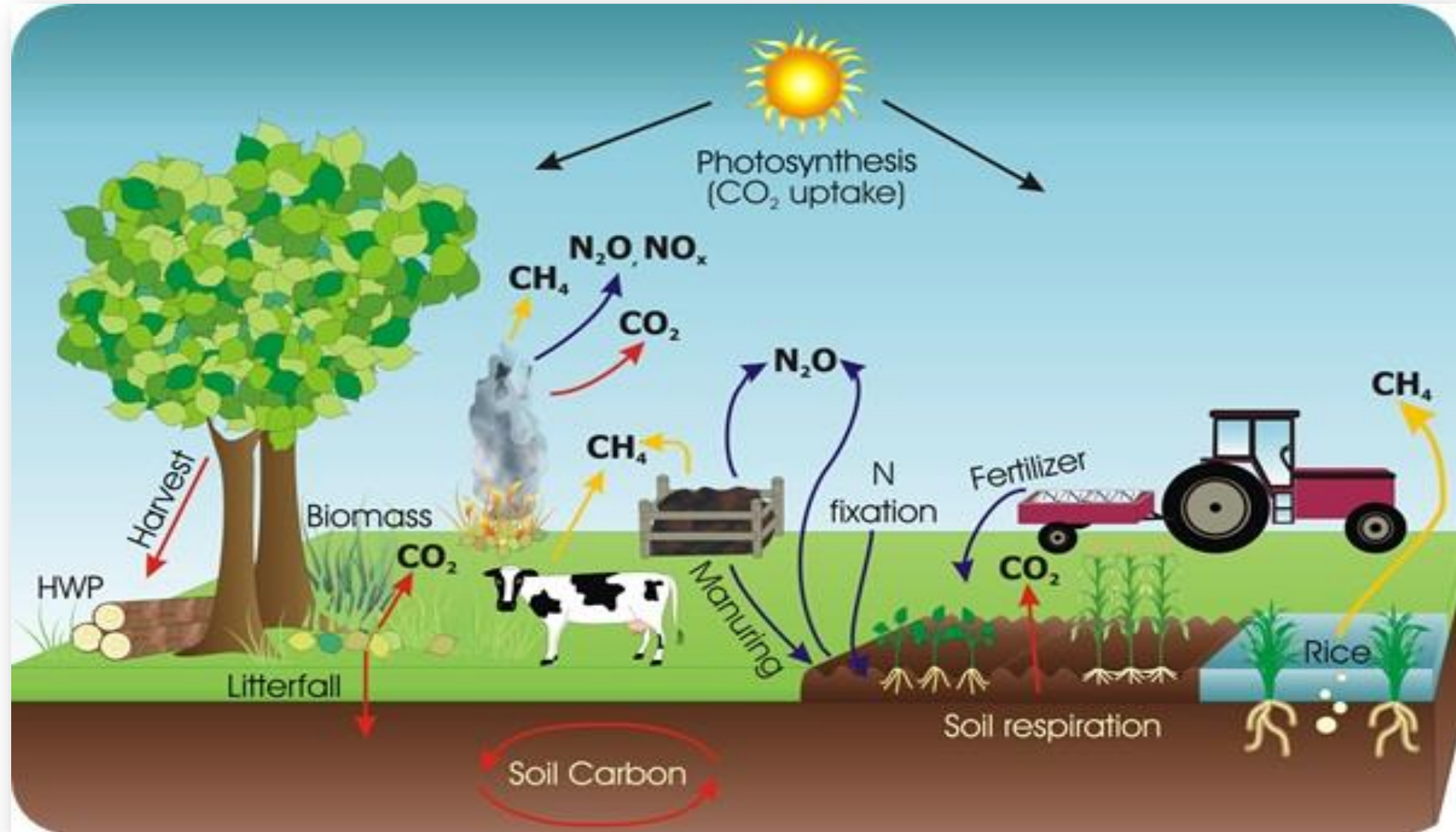


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Biomass Jobs Creation & Training

October 2023

Improving Grassroots Carbon Cycle & Soil



NorTEC & Ag Biomass Council Support

In 2004 Thor Bailey, ABT President was a founder for non-profit Ag Biomass Council (ABC) and headquartered at Colusa Industrial Properties (CIP). Ed Hulbert was ABC founding member donating office & meetings space. In 2009 ABC donated \$7,500 in time and miscellaneous services supporting the NorTEC - RBEG grant. Ron Tackett the Director / USDA Oroville office was the grant writer and applicant.

In 2008, ABC had several meetings in Chico with Stewart Knox, NCCC Executive Director <https://cwdb.ca.gov/membership/stewart-knox>

Fast forward to today; the non-profit Biochar Coalition (BC) has replaced ABC with basically same Vision and Mission!



- Apply 25 years diversified biomass processing knowledge
- California legislature & bureaucracy liaison & website
- Support Wilson Biochar / CCC training objectives
- Support Biochar Coalition (BC) training support program

Preston's Paradise Defensive Space (PDSM) Is The Model

BMF Funding Proposal draft

To Stakeholder:

2 -12-21

This last November marks the two-year anniversary of the Camp Fire, the deadliest wildfire in California history. Our hometown of Paradise was razed and many of the neighboring communities suffered extensive damage. The recovery process from this disaster inspired the formation of our company, which began to gain speed and traction as we addressed the pressing local need.

The Paradise Defensible Space Management (PDSM) Team is dedicated to developing fire preparedness and safety in our community and those around us.

Email Copy: Catherine Madsack - Feb 25, 2022

To Kristine, Preston, Ken, me, Dahlgren, Calli-Jane, Jim, Jim, Gould, Doug, Robin, Josie, Steve, Don

Hello Preston,

Thank you for your email. I am wrapping our Assistant Director, Kristine Farrell, into the conversation as well and she will be the one to set up the Zoom meeting. As we discussed, our funding is to support individuals seeking training whether it be on the job or via a certificate program that is approved on the California Employment Training Provider List (CA ETPL). We are interested in learning more about what you are trying to do and hear everyone's input.

Sincerely, Catherine Madsack Project Manager Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. 1600 Mangrove Avenue #115, Chico, CA 95926
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BIOCHAR COALITION

<https://biocharcoalition.org>

Biochar Coalition Objectives

- Improve Soil Health & Crops Production
- Improved Water Quality & Conservation
- Improved Air Quality & Carbon Sequestration
- Entry level grassroots jobs creation
- On the job training & workforce development
- Education advocating the benefits of biochar
- Biomass reduction & WUI defensive space support



How Is BIOCHAR COALITION Unique

- Our core group believes physical labor is productive exercise and healthy while improving the environment through biochar production & carbon sequestration
- We recognize the portability of the “Ring of Fire” give us the flexibility to match the labor force with diverse scenarios for Agriculture and Forest biomass reduction logistics and varied number of biochar kilns required to meet service contract.
- Our nonprofit model will grow into a grant management & administration Cooperative with regional chapters.



Ken Scherer & Edward Perez

Ken is Biochar Coalition Director training CSUC student Edward the kiln operations process at Paradise property brush removal workshop sponsored by BCFSC.

Edward is a Climate Action Fellow

Biochar Coalition is Expanding Kelpie's Vision



<https://wilsonbiochar.com/>

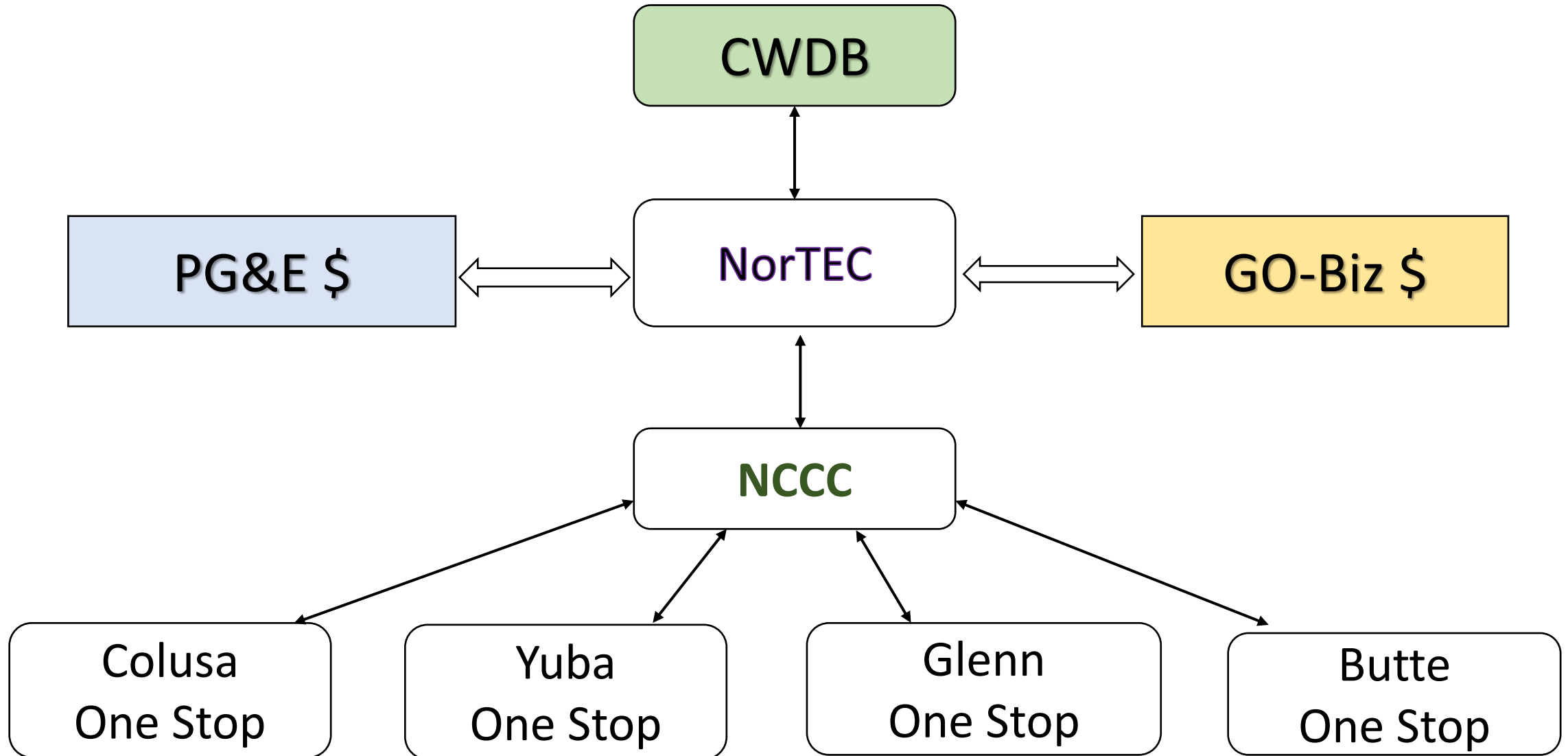
Our Primary Tool



ABT Alliances & Will Need Trained Employees

- Hago Energetics hagoenergetics.com
- Carbon Worx biocharnow.com
- Clean Freeways [Clean Freeways LLC](http://CleanFreewaysLLC.com)
- Professional Traffic Solutions crashworthy.net
- Slag Factory slagfactory.com

Proposed Cal Biomass Workforce Training BMF Funding





Stewart Knox, CWDB

- <https://cwdb.ca.gov/membership/stewart-knox>

Accelerator Fund Grant

- <https://cwdb.ca.gov/initiatives/workforce-accelerator-fund/workforce-accelerator-fund-11-request-for-applications/>

Breaking Barriers Grant

- <https://cwdb.ca.gov/initiatives/breakingbarriers/>

Key NorTEC Workforce Development Websites

Michael Cross, NorTEC Executive Director

- <http://www.ncen.org>

Cyndy Newton, NCCC Executive Director Yuba City

- [AJCC One Stop Centers - North Central Counties Consortium](#)

Angie Hernandez, Colusa One-Stop

- www.colusa1stop.org

Alliance for Workforce Development

- [Alliance for Workforce Development – Connecting Job Seekers and Employers \(afwd.org\)](#)



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