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- Scott Stephens; Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management, University of California at Berkeley
- Carl Skinner; Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service, Redding

### *Climate and Landscape Change over Time Session*

- Connie Millar; Sierra Nevada Research Center, Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service
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### *Forest Ecosystem Session*

- Bob Heald; University of California at Berkeley, Center for Forestry
- John Battles; University of California at Berkeley, Center for Forestry

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- Fraser Shilling; University of California at Davis
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