

Region Nine Development Commission

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3-Minute Video Pitch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvDTwUGvVJw>

The goal of this project is to develop a Bio Economy Zone Rating for our rural region. This will allow our communities to leverage their excess biomass resources as a powerful engine for renewable bio-based energy development.

This will be achieved through a partnership between the Region Nine Development Commission (RNDC), Ecostrat, and local, regional, and state stakeholders. Through qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, this project will help us understand what biomass resources exist and how they can be leveraged for the beneficial development of our regional community and economy.