



# Director's Report to the Board of Forestry

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## Natural Resource Management

### Forest Practice Program

#### **Watershed Protection Program**

- Staff are assigned to Watershed Emergency Response Teams (WERT) on the southern California fires, assessing post-fire hazards to life and property related to debris flows, flooding, and rockfall.

#### **Forest Practice Administration**

- The 2025 Forest Practice Rulebook has been posted on the Board's website and is available to download.
- Hard copy Forest Practice Rulebooks are expected to be printed and available by the first quarter of 2025.
  - 14 Civil Cost Recovery (CCR) 1038.3 and 1038.4 have been removed from the printed rulebook. The regulations for the "Forest Resilience Exemption" were not finalized prior to printing.

#### **Forest Practice Enforcement and Timber Operator Licensing (LTO)**

The following tables summarize Timber Operator Licensing and Enforcement Activities since the last report.

Table 1: Forest Practice Civil Penalty Collection

Case Status	# of Cases	Amount Collected	Total Amount Due
Adjudicated	29	165,006	493,760
Default	73	366,949	1,184,080
Paid per CPO	24	242,000	242,000
Settled	116	910,980	969,505
Totals	235	1,699,104	2,793,545

Table 2: LTO License Status    Table 3: Active Civil Penalties Case Status

Status	#	Status	# of Cases
New Applications Rec'd	15	Under Review	4
Renewal Applications Rec'd	176	Developed for Signature	9
New Licenses Issued	16	CPO Signed, Mailed, Served	6



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Licenses Renewed	144	Hearing(s) to be Scheduled	7
Incomplete Applications Rec'd	32	Settlement Mitigation	1
Applications Returned	33	Payments	18
Refunds Issued	0	Probation	5
Insurance Certificates Rec'd	262	Judgment needed/In Judgment	41
		Default/Final Order	15
Total Active Licenses	1,308	Total	106

### **Review Teams [Santa Rosa, Redding, Fresno]**

- Overall, Timber Harvest Plan activity has dropped as normal for the winter
- There is a small but steady flow of Emergency Notices being submitted, and exemption harvest notice activity is average for this time of year.

### **Resource Protection and Improvement Programs**

#### **Resource Improvement Programs**

##### **Urban and Community Forestry**

- A contract is proceeding with Cal Poly to draft the statewide strategic plan to increase urban tree canopy cover, as directed by AB 2251 that added to the Urban Forestry Act, [Public Resources Code 4799.10.2](#).
- Edits are being completed by applicants who received intent to award letters for CAL FIRE administered Urban and Community Forestry grants funded by the federal Inflation Reduction Act. Expedited processing is intended to result in executed grant agreements prior to January 20, 2025.
- Final products have been delivered for the statewide urban tree canopy cover analysis, including 2018 and 2022 sub-meter resolution analyzed imagery and a change analysis comparing the two. Quality control verification has been initiated.
- An interpretation of policy was received from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the US Environmental Protection Agency that determines that containerized pyrolysis units are not required to be permitted as a solid waste facility or air curtain burner. This policy determination sets the precedent for much more efficient utilization of urban wood waste, particularly palm waste, which is currently being added to landfills as solid waste.



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### Forest Entomology and Pathology Program

- A new form of invasive shot hole borer has been found in Santa Cruz County. *Euwallacea interjectus* and its associated fungus *Fusarium floridum* are both new to California and their potential threat is yet unknown. They do appear to attack some of the same species as the other invasive shot hole borers. They had invaded the southeastern United States. Their method of travel to California is yet unknown.
- CAL FIRE staff assisted, with many others, in setting up a series of monitoring traps for emerald ash borer throughout California (the pest has been found in Oregon). None of the traps came back with positive finds for the pest.
- Research is moving forward on acute oak decline in southern California with researchers trying to determine the pathogenicity and host ranges of the bacteria.

### Forest Biometrics Program

- Planning for the 2025 field season timber inventory data collection on CAL FIRE's Demonstration State Forests is currently in process.
- Staff is working with the Forest Practice Program to review Maximum Sustained Productivity (MSP) rules and continue to assist in reviewing MSP documents submitted by private landowners.

### Demonstration State Forests

#### Jackson

- A total of eight (8) public and three (3) Tribal meetings to support the Management Plan review were conducted in late 2024. Staff is now working with the contractor to incorporate the comments into a draft Forest Management Plan anticipated to be publicly released in May/June of 2025.
- State Forest Biologist Robert Douglas and Environmental Scientist Caitlin Grace led 3 Fungi Forays on the forest in December of 2024 with participants from all around California and the Country.
- Jackson staff partnered with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide a tour for students from the Northern Pomo Language class at Ukiah High and students from South Valley High School of salmon spawning in the South Fork Noyo River and discuss the monitoring and fish habitat restoration to support recovery efforts.



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- Jackson staff along with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Trout Unlimited, held a Salmon Spawning Open House on December 21, 2024, at Camp One with around 50 attendees to discuss restoration and salmon spawning work.
- Environmental Scientist Caitlin Grace found an unusual species of mushroom - an undescribed species of Waxy Cap (*Hygrocybe* sp.)—fruiting en masse in the Bob Woods burn plots. This species was previously observed in areas of the CZU fire by Christian Schwartz, co-author of the book *Mushrooms of the Redwood Coast*. Representative specimens have been collected and sent into the Mycota Lab for DNA sequencing. The hypothesis for why this waxy cap is an undescribed species is due to the lack of fire in redwoods over the past century.
- Jackson staff continue to develop the Camp One, Adaptive Management Experiment (AMEX), and Pyro silviculture Timber Harvest Plans for submittal this spring to support a return to sustainable timber harvesting operations in 2026.

### **Mountain Home**

- The Giant Sequoia Lands Coalition annual meeting will be co-hosted by the Tule River Indian Tribe on March 5 and 6, 2025 at the Eagle Mountain Casino in Porterville.
- Mountain Home staff creatively mitigated a hazard tree adjacent to the Balch Park Road and an entrance to our Hedrick Pond Campground, and area of high public use. Dubbed operation “Chimney Fire,” they intentionally set fire to a hollow old-growth giant sequoia tree that finally died as a result injury from the 2020 Castle Fire by filling the hollow cavity with three pickup loads of firewood and attempt to burn it down. This attempt was relatively successful, but two spires remain that are still a public safety concern. Crews from the Mountain Home Conservation Camp are replenishing the “firewood” within the burnt-out base for another attempt to complete the mitigation burn.

### **Soquel**

- Unit resources conducted a prescribed burn around the Upper Helipad within the Santa Rosalia Vegetation Treatment Plan (CalVTP) on December 10, 2024. Approximately 5 acres was burned at low intensity to support fuel management goals around this critical forest infrastructure.



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- One mushroom educational workshop was held in December under a Special Use Permit by Forage SF Wild Foraging Classes in California. Three more event days are planned from January-March 2025.
- A total of 194 mushroom gathering permits for personal use have been issued through the end of 2024.

### **Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection Programs**

#### **Prescribed Fire Program**

- The Prescribed Fire Claims Fund pilot program currently has 89 reservations covering 11,862 acres.

#### **Environmental Protection Program**

- Annual Public Resources Code 4137(h) and (j) reporting is complete and posted to the [CAL FIRE CEQA webpage](#).

#### **Cultural Resources Program**

- California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) Archaeology refreshers for 2025 will be on April 16 and 17, 2025 and again on November 5 and 6, 2025. The 5-day class for 2025 is already full. The 2026 initial Archaeology Surveyor Certification class is still open for enrollment. Contact CLFA for details.
- The CAL FIRE Native American contact list will be updated in January 2025 for environmental review document notification requirements.

### **Wildfire Resilience Programs**

#### **Reforestation Services Program**

- The seed and seedling order windows for private and public landowners have closed and the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center is at full capacity for current seedling growing capacity.
- Efforts are ongoing to secure several MOUs with cooperating partners such as Sierra Pacific Industries, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Parks and Recreation to secure information sharing and land access for cone survey and collection.

#### **California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)**

- CALFIRE has received a \$5,000,000 grant award from the United States Forest Service (USFS), funded by the Inflation Reduction Act. This project



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will deliver technical assistance and direct cost share payments through CFIP to support the implementation of forest resilience and climate mitigation practices. Approximately 40 small-acreage private landowners will increase wildfire resilience and climate mitigation across 2,458 acres of forest land.

- CFIP has an open application period beginning January 1st, 2025. To date we have received 10 applications with a total ask of over \$1,500,000. Demand for CFIP remains strong and we expect to fund almost \$2,000,000 in cost share agreements with private forestland owners.

### **Forest Legacy Program (FLP)**

- CALFIRE has applied for and received an additional \$780,000 in Forest Legacy grant funds through the United States Forest Service. These are administrative funds and are used to complete due diligence work in support of Forest Legacy conservation easement acquisition and will also be used to offer project development grants to help conservation organizations to bring forest conservation projects forward to grant solicitations.
- FLP accepted applications for the federal fiscal year 2025 Inflation Reduction Act Round 2 solicitation. Applications were due to CAL FIRE in December 2024. FLP has received interest from two applicants who are working on large landscape projects which are approximately 40,000 acres each.
- The fiscal year 2025 Community Forest Program (federal) Request for Applications has now closed. It was open through January 13, 2025.

### **Climate and Energy Programs**

#### **Wood Products & Bioenergy**

- Staff attended a Forestry & Fire Recruitment Program Cohort 6B graduation for 18 students in Oakland on December 11, 2024. Forestry & Fire Recruitment Program is a CAL FIRE Workforce Development grantee that provide firefighting training.

#### **Forest Health**

- Forest Health Program opened their FY 24-25 Forest Health grant solicitation on November 13, 2024, with up to \$70 million available for grant projects. All applications will be due on January 15, 2025. Awards are scheduled to be announced in Spring 2025. For more information,



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please visit the Forest Health grant website at [www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health](http://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health).

### **Climate Change**

- Completed semi-annual California Climate Investments (CCI) reporting to the California Air Resources Board for CAL FIRE programs receiving CCI funding, including Forest Health, Business & Workforce Development, Fuels Reduction Crews, Wildfire Resilience, Demonstration State Forests, and Vegetation Management Program.
- Received Department of Fish and Wildlife Director's concurrence on a Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects covering a Forest Health grant. This is the first time CAL FIRE has successfully used this California Environmental Quality Act exemption to streamline environmental compliance. <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences/skey-wok-kee-we-mech-it-needs-fire-phase-1-project>

### **Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force**

- The Task Force released a 2024 Year in Review: <https://wildfiretaskforce.org/2024-year-in-review/>
- Task Force 2025 Meeting Dates:
  - March 27-28: Regional Meeting – San Rafael
  - June 6: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - September 4-5: Regional Meeting – TBD
  - December 12: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)**

#### **Research & Monitoring**

- 2024 Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA) season summary:
  - 596 (80%) plots sampled,
  - 36 (4%) plots non-sampled due to access denied or hazardous,
  - 117 (16%) plots unsampled due to nonresponsive landowners or other factors preventing measurement in 2024, will be reattempted in 2025
- FIA data collection agreement amendments are underway to extend all 3 contracts through 2027.
- Unspent CAL FIRE funds within existing collection agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station (USFS-PNW) will support



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1039 temporary seasonal FIA crews in 2025 to ensure data collection in California can still occur despite the federal ban on seasonal hiring this year.

- A sub-panel system for FIA data collection will be implemented in 2025 to better match staffing capacity within federal and CAL FIRE contract data collection crews. This will maintain the statistical integrity of the FIA dataset as data collection is still catching up from 2020 and 2021 Covid-19 and wildfire delays and impacts from federally understaffed field crews.
- CAL FIRE contract data collection crews will be leveraged to assist in this catch up. CAL FIRE is pursuing a means for USFS-PNW to reimburse CAL FIRE data collection crews for any plots they complete that were initially assigned to federal crews.
- The release of the American Forests/CAL FIRE report on the "Effects of forest management and wood utilization on carbon sequestration in California" is anticipated to be released this month.
- 101 proposals have been received in the 24/25 Forest Health Research Grants solicitation. Initial scoring of proposals is complete and programmatic review is underway. Invitations for approximately 40 projects covering a range of different research topics to provide a full proposal are anticipated to be sent out by January 21, 2025. Full proposals will be due back by March 14, 2025.

### **Assessment & Planning**

- The FRAP Assessment currently has 4 chapters that have completed review by both external partners and CNRA, 2 chapters that are undergoing external review, 2 chapters undergoing internal review, and 5 chapters nearing the final stages of draft development. We are working on an online dashboard that will display indicators and supporting data for the Assessment, which may be available before the full report.
- Project planning for meeting the new requirement under SB1101 to provide fire severity maps across the state is underway. We are aiming to have a prototype user interface with sample data available for internal review in April 2025, and to launch a live user interface with the initial





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dataset in June 2025. Longer term planning will consider how to improve representation of fire severity impacts to non-conifer vegetation.

### **Wildfire Hazard and Risk**

- A Landscape-Scale Prescribed Fire Research Workshop is scheduled adjacent to the upcoming California Section of the Society of American Foresters meeting in March 2025. This will be a 4-hour workshop sponsored by CAL FIRE FRAP and Berkeley Forests, with a focus on research needs for landscape project selection, overcoming obstacles to large projects, developing robust means of evaluating project success, integrating science and practice into policy, and the role of Culturing Burning in advancing fire benefits across Californias Forests. The workshop will be held the morning of March 24, 2025, in Sacramento.
- Early planning has begun for development of Potential Operational Delineations (PODS) maps for large-scale prescribed fire planning, as required under SB 1101. Initial development will likely focus on two pilot CAL FIRE units, and be done in coordination with Unit staff, federal partners, and others.

### **GIS – Data Analytics**

- CAL FIRE signed a geospatial data sharing agreement with the Department of Conservation Division of Mine Reclamation to acquire confidential locations of abandoned mine and cultural and biological resources. This information will be shared with IMTs to be included on incident planning and operation maps with the purpose of enhancing firefighter safety and awareness of potentially hazardous mine sites.
- The NWCG will be conducting two sessions of the S-341 GISS course in 2025. The first session is virtual, and the second will be in person located at the NAFRI center in Tucson, AZ. The cadre includes CAL FIRE staff. Out of 23 CAL FIRE applicants, 11 were accepted.

## **Fire Protection**

### **Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery**

- In 2024, CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers made 281 arrests and issued 692 citations.



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- 151 of those arrests were for Arson.
- In fiscal year 24/25, approximately \$2 million in fire suppression costs has been collected by the Civil Cost Recovery program.

### **Fire Protection Operations (Intel, Command & Control, Operations)**

- Representatives from CAL FIRE's Hired Equipment Program have been invited to speak at the Associated California Loggers Annual Meeting in Reno, NV on January 21, 2025. They will be speaking on CAL FIRE's Hired Equipment Program and encouraging logging companies to sign up as vendors that CAL FIRE can hire during times of emergencies.
- For 2024, the CAL FIRE Intel Remote Sensing Program supported more than 100 incidents and provided over 600 products in 2024, and CAL FIRE Intel-641 logged over 300 flight hours on more than 50 incidents.
- As part of a partnership between CAL FIRE and Muon Space Inc., which received a grant from NASA's Cyclone Global Navigation Satellite System (CYGNSS) program, CAL FIRE is scheduled to receive soil moisture sensors this month. These soil moisture sensors will be installed at CAL FIRE's Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) across the state. The goal of this is to evaluate soil moisture data collected remotely, using the new sensors at the RAWS stations, to support the CYGNSS program.

### **Cooperative Fire Protection**

#### **Local Government Program**

- The Local Government Program held the first of four Local Government workshops in the San Luis Obispo unit on January 9, 2025. These workshops focus on a program overview, LG-1 agreement drafting and renewals, The agreement review process, and AO 17 reviews and audits. The intent of these workshops is to provide information to the chief officer level line personnel regarding Cooperative Fire Protection agreements. These workshops are also intended to help support needs that were identified in the recent office of program accountability audit.

#### **State/Federal/International Programs**

- State, Federal, and international program continues to work with the country of Costa Rica under the signed memorandum of understanding. An upcoming exchange will occur where CAL FIRE will send a few select individuals to review Costa Rica wildland fire protection, providing recommendations and identifying training opportunities.



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### Hand Crew Program

- **Hand Crew Strength:** CAL FIRE continues to experience a fluctuating number of available CAL FIRE Type I Hand Crews statewide. As of **January 8, 2025**, CAL FIRE can staff 116 of 236 Hand Crews available for statewide response. The number of Hand Crews available significantly impacts wildland fire suppression, conservation work, prescribed fire activities, and fuels reduction work. Within the four models under the Hand Crew program, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation model, there are 65 of 152 authorized Incarcerated Persons Hand Crews, 29 of 32 California Conservation Corps model, 14 of 14 crews from the California Military Department model, and 8 of 38 CAL FIRE Firefighter I model are staffed. Hand crew numbers may fluctuate due to staffing period and crew typing certifications. The FFI Hand Crew model is seasonally funded for 9 months during the Peak Staffing Period. During the Base Staffing Period, all FFI Hand Crews are down staffed.
- The Hand Crew program emergency hours for 2024 are 4,375,801 hrs. This total is for the 4 hand crew models. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation contributed 1,808,027 hrs. The California Conservation Corps contributed 767,368 hours. The California Military Department contributed 315,718 hrs. CAL FIRE FFI hand crews contributed 1,484,688 hours.
- The Hand Crew program continue to make final arrangements for the Hand Crew Training Workshop February 24-27, 2025, at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside. This workshop will bring representatives from each partnering agency as well as representatives from each fire center together to evaluate the success and challenges of the past year. We will also look to collaborate on how to improve operations within the four crew models for maximum efficiency.

### Safety Program

- The Cal/OSHA Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Technical Advisory Committee will meet in San Diego January 22-23 to finalize second revisions to comply with California Labor Code 147.4c on the selection, inspection, care, and maintenance of structural and wildland PPE.
- Annual updates for the Injury and Illness Prevention Program worksite binders are being completed across the Department.



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- Data collection on 2024 vehicle accident and incidents has begun to prepare the annual report.

### **EMS Program**

- A new CAL FIRE Hands Only CPR class will be released later this month to increase CPR training with employees that don't require the traditional CPR training.
- Advanced Life Support (ALS) development for the electronic patient care report program (CALePCR) is nearing completion. This program is valuable in not only documenting patient information but transferring it to ambulance and hospital facilities in real time.

### **Training Program**

- Over seventy-one Training Policy documents were drafted, edited, and completed by the Statewide Policy Division for the Statewide Training Committee (STC) review and approval. All items are close to final approval and addition to the 4000 Training handbook.

### **CAL FIRE Training Centers**

- The Atwater Training Center continues to hire, onboard, and train personnel, as well as work through the lease process, to begin hosting classes no later than July 1, 2025.
- Regular Basic Course started on January 13 with 19 recruits and will graduate on June 13, 2025.

## **Office of the State Fire Marshal**

### **Wildfire Risk Reduction**

- The importance of adequate defensible space and home hardening measures remains a top priority for the division.
  - Citizens are encouraged to manage vegetation consistent with the Board's regulations CCR 1299
  - Low-cost home hardening retrofits are listed on the [fire.ca.gov](http://fire.ca.gov) and [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org) websites
- Utility Wildfire Mitigation efforts continue to make an impact on utility safety through a statistical sampling exercise that determines estimated counts and rates of code violations or other safety concerns occurring on utility infrastructure.

### **Wildfire Preparedness**



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- SRA Defensible Space Inspection Totals:
  - FY: 153,817     YTD: 3,050
- Burn Permit Totals:
  - YTD Requested: 2,825     YTD Issued: 2,504
  - Since 05/01/2023 Requested: 157,814     Issued: 146,026
- Defensible Space Assessment training has been scheduled in several local jurisdictions in the coming months
- Damage Inspection training is scheduled for state and local jurisdictions

### **Home Hardening**

- Home Hardening Assessor training (HIZ/DSI) in Lake, Shasta and San Diego through California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) is scheduled this month. Due to Fire activity this online training may be postponed to mid-February
- Creating a WUI Building Standards Safety Compliance training for Chapter 7A contractors. The "Blackboard" platform has been suggested to execute the training and testing online.

### **Utility Wildfire Mitigation**

- Currently have 3 active Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) with SCE, PG&E, and SDG&E. Potential for 500,000 customers being impacted. SCE currently has 32,000 customers de-energized.
- Working with the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS)NF to review Independent Evaluator applications to establish a list for Utility's for CWMP review.

### **Wildland Fuels**

- Staff completing the quarterly CalMapper quality assurance reports that are due February 10, 2025.
- CalMAPPER Version 4 initial product will be available to start testing with personnel in mid-March with anticipation of release in July 2025.

### **Statistics**

- Collaborating with ImageTrend to ensure continuity in incident reporting following the successful integration between CAL FIRE's Patient Care Reporting system (ePCR) and Incident Reporting System (CALFIRS) in October 2024.
- Chief Sakamoto and members of the CalStats team will report to the National Fire Academy next week to participate in the first State Fire Marshal (SFM) NERIS training. This training will provide valuable insights into the new National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) and the State Fire Marshal's evolving roles.



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- CAL FIRE has been approved as one of 165 departments nationwide to serve as Early Adopters for NERIS. Currently, we are working closely with our RMS vendor, ImageTrend, to review data and implement system changes.

### **Fire Plan**

- The 5-year SRA Review (Level 5) to be presented to the Board of Forestry, January 2025.
- California Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Toolkit public webinar to take place in February 2025.

### **Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance**

- Land Use Planning
  - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA
    - Still amid renewals with NFPA, the Land Use Planning Program (LUPP) team processed nearly 800 renewal applications with only a handful of non-submits or corrections remaining.
    - Announcement and more information on the 1000th community will be coming in next few weeks
  - Fire Safe Regulations Workgroup
    - Work continues curriculum build for an Introductory Course
  - Land Use Planning for Wildfire in California Class
    - Scheduled four class dates in February of 2025
      - 2/11/2025 – Chino
      - 2/13/2025 – Newbury Park (Ventura Co.)
      - 2/25/2025 – Santa Rosa
      - 2/27/2025 – Chico
    - Fires may affect delivery of some course dates
    - More information is available now on CWPM website and at: <https://www.communitywildfire.org/trainings/>
  - CWMA Statewide Clearinghouse Data Center
    - Hosts a wide array of documents, research articles, best practices, and other critical resources.
    - Each submission has undergone thorough review to ensure its relevance and value to wildfire preparedness, mitigation, and risk reduction.
    - <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/Community-Wildfire-Preparedness-and-Mitigation/Clearinghouse-Data-Center>
  - Safety Element Assessments



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- Cities of Glendora and Red Bluff have been formally submitted for Final Review to the Board and our staff and are on the January RPC Meeting agenda.
- Subdivision Review
  - 4 Subdivision Fire Safety Surveys are on the January RPC Meeting Agenda – all 4 are from Palm Springs.
  - There are 61 jurisdictions remaining (out of 247 total) that need Fire Safety Surveys completed. (4 Counties and 57 Cities).
- Wildfire Prevention Grants
  - FY 2023-24 Wildfire Prevention Grants Award Notification on August 20, 2024
    - 94 Awards totaling just over \$90 million
    - Info is posted on the Wildfire Prevention Grants Website, and the CA State Library Grants Portal.
    - All grant agreements have been sent and should be finalized by end of January
  - Beta testing for the new solicitation software from EUNA has begun and will go through 2025.

## Communications

### Statistics

- **Year to Date Wildfire Statistics (State and Federal)**  
**Updated January 17, 2025**

<b>Interval</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Acres</b>
2025 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal) *	177	40,696
2024 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal)	71	3
5-Year Average (same interval)	79	31

*California has experienced 14 new wildfires since the last report on January 16, 2025, 13 were within CAL FIRE's jurisdiction.*



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Year	State/Local/Contract County Acres	Federal/Military Acres	Total Acres Burned
2025	26,282	14,414	40,696

**\*These numbers are subject to change until the final fire season reports are completed and tabulated.**

(2025 stats include all wildfires dispatched to by CAL FIRE in SRA & LRA as reported in CAD, SRA wildfires within Contract Counties and federal data based off NIFC Incident Management Situation Report and Department of Defense).

### **CAL FIRE All Incident Activity**

2025 All Incidents (YTD) – **20,967** Total Incidents

#### **Education and Safety Messaging**

- In the new year, messaging shifts to focusing on fuels reduction efforts. As weather conditions permit, messaging will also feature winter driving messaging as well as red flag warning-focused messaging as high winds impact Southern California.
- Messaging is focused on the Southern California Fire response as well as topics related to the incidents.

#### **Program and Project Messaging**

- Throughout January several new Grants at Work videos will be released highlighting the valuable work that CAL FIRE's grantee partners are doing to build wildfire resilience, protect communities, and expand the pace and scale of business and workforce development in California.

#### **Traditional and non-Traditional Media**

- CAL FIRE Communications Program has received a very large number of enquiries related to the fires in Southern California and have worked with Incident Management Team Information Officers to ensure timely and accurate delivery of information.

### **Tribal Affairs Program**

#### **Tribal Affairs Program**

- 310 of CAL FIRE's leaders completed the **Tribal Consultation Training** required by CAL HR.
- In partnership with the Tribal Wildfire Resilience program, hosted the **Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grant Workshop** to over 50 Tribal leaders to inform





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them of the \$5.0 Million Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grant to plan or implement projects in Traditional Ecological Knowledge, land management, or wildfire resilience.

### **Tribal Wildfire Resilience**

- Tribal Wildfire Resilience is preparing to open a grant solicitation for up to \$5 million total. Draft grant guidelines were posted in December, and public comment is open through January 21, 2025. Applications are expected to be due in late March. This grant funds tribal projects in planning, implementation, and workforce development related to wildfire resilience and traditional ecological knowledge.

California Forest Practice Rules - Exemptions and Emergency Notices  
 Accepted by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection through January 13, 2025

Rule	Type of Exemption	Admin Area	2024		2025	
			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038(b) (03/2019)	10 Percent Dead, Dying Diseased, Fuelwood, or Woody Debris v2019	Cascade (Redding)	6	6,535	1	42
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	3	5,147		
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)			1	5
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11,682</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>
1038(a)&(b)	10% Dead, Dying or Diseased Fuelwood or Split Products	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038.6 (03/2019)	Butte Post Fire Recovery	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(a) (03/2019)	Christmas Trees	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(k)	Drought Mortality	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	Drought Mortality and Unmerchantable Sawlog v2019	Cascade (Redding)			1	32
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)			1	20
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>52</b>
1038(j)	Forest Fire Prevention PILOT Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(i)	Forest Fire Prevention Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038.3 (03/2019)	Forest Fire Prevention v2019	Cascade (Redding)			1	116
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>116</b>
1104.1(a)	Less than 3 Acre Conversion	Cascade (Redding)	1	1	3	8
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	2	4	1	3
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)			1	3
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
1038(l)	Oak Woodland Management (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(e) (03/2019)	Oak Woodland Management v2019	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(m)	Post Fire Recovery (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038.5 (03/2019)	Post Fire Recovery v2019	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	Post Fire Recovery v2020	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1104.1(b)&(c)	Public / Private Utility Right-of-Way	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)			1	1
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	1	1	1
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

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Rule	Type of Exemption	Admin Area	2024		2025	
			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038(f) (03/2019)	Small Timberland Owner	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(c)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(c) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	1	4	3	3
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	2	6	3	3
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)			1	3
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
1038(c)(6)	Structure Protection (150 to 300 feet) Includes exemptions previously submitted with both 0-150ft and 150-300ft options	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(c)(6) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (150 to 300 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	1	4		
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(d)	Substantially Damaged Unmerchantable Sawlog	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1038(g)	Woody Debris and Slash Removal	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>All Exemptions</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11,702</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>240</b>

Type of 1052 Emergency Notice		2024		2025				
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres		
Notice of Emergency Timber Operations		Cascade (Redding)			8	1,263		
		Coast (Santa Rosa)						
		Riverside (South)						
		Sierra (Fresno)						
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,263</b>		
<u>Emergency Conditions</u> More than one condition can be selected per Notice of Emergency Timber Operations - acreage may be reflected multiple times  *Others may include multiple emergency conditions		Drought		Cascade (Redding)				
		Drought		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Drought		Riverside (South)				
		Drought		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Drought		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
		Fire		Cascade (Redding)			8	1,263
		Fire		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Fire		Riverside (South)				
		Fire		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Fire		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,263</b>
		Insects		Cascade (Redding)			3	809
		Insects		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Insects		Riverside (South)				
		Insects		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Insects		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>809</b>
		*Others		Cascade (Redding)			12	2,546
*Others		Coast (Santa Rosa)						
*Others		Riverside (South)						
*Others		Sierra (Fresno)						
*Others		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2,546</b>		
Fuel Hazard Reduction (RM65)		Cascade (Redding)						
		Coast (Santa Rosa)			1	9		
		Riverside (South)						
		Sierra (Fresno)						
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>		
Fuel Hazard Reduction		Cascade (Redding)						
		Coast (Santa Rosa)						
		Riverside (South)						
		Sierra (Fresno)						
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
Sudden Oak Death Disease		Cascade (Redding)						
		Coast (Santa Rosa)						
		Riverside (South)						
		Sierra (Fresno)						
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

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Year Comparison	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
THPs Received	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	2	8	7
THPs Returned	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
THPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	4
THPs with NON-Concurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THPs Approved	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	6	1
THP Approved Acres	254	0	5,732	0	0	0	458	424	6,444	424

Year Comparison	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
NTMPs Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Returned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Approved	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
NTMP Approved Acres	755	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	755	0
NTMPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Year Comparison	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
WFMPs Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Returned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs with NON-Concurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Approved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Approved Acres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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