



Director's Report to the Board of Forestry

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Natural Resource Management

Forest Practice Program

- The public meeting for the subsequent Hearst Program Timberland Environmental Impact Reports (PTEIR) occurred in the week of April 28, 2025. There were no public attendees, and one state agency was in attendance. Wide public notice was provided prior to the meeting around the community of McCloud.
- The Conservation Fund has started discussions with CAL FIRE on a revised Option document that will demonstrate Maximum Sustained Production of high-quality timber products.

Watershed Protection Program

- Staff finalizing California Forestry Report No.8 for Monitoring Results of Non-Federal Post Fire Salvage Logging in California Forests.
- Staff officially started monitoring on FORPRIEM 2 – Forest Practice Rules Implementation and Effectiveness Monitoring. Crews have initiated the three-year plan on data collection on approximately 90 green tree Timber Harvest Plans.

Casper Creek

- The Caspar Creek Experimental Watersheds' 44th annual meeting will be held May 20-22, 2025. The meeting will include two half-day technical webinars on recent Caspar Creek results, with a field tour on May 22, 2025.
- A manuscript titled "Fog Presence and Ecosystem Responses in a Managed Coast Redwood Forest" was published in Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, with results indicating that topography was a stronger influence on fog presence than forest harvest. This can be found at <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0168192325001455?via%3Dihub>.
- University of Minnesota PhD student Elise McKeever defended her Doctoral dissertation, with a presentation titled "The Effects of Forest Harvesting on Subsurface Storage Dynamics in a Coast Redwood Forest" on May 1, 2025.
- University of Minnesota MS student Erika Winner defended her Master's thesis, with a presentation titled "Past Precipitation, Watershed Characteristics, and Drought: Interactive Effects on Watersheds of Northern California" on April 8, 2025.

Forest Practice Administration

- Work is continuing to bring CalTREES to an online cloud platform. The transition to the cloud has now been pushed back to fall from the earlier summer projection.

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	172,550	485,760
Default	72	395,549	1,184,080
Paid per CPO	24	242,000	242,000
Settled	119	916,855	974,505
Totals	244	1,726,954	2,886,345

Table 2: LTO License Status

Table 3: Active Civil Penalties Case Status

Status	#	Status	# of Cases
New Applications Rec'd	32	Under Review	4
Renewal Applications Rec'd	16	Developed for Signature	7
New Licenses Issued	41	CPO Signed, Mailed, Served	12
Licenses Renewed	18	Hearing(s) to be Scheduled	3
Incomplete Applications Rec'd	6	Settlement Mitigation	1
Applications Returned	3	Payments	20
Refunds Issued	0	Probation	2
Insurance Certificates Rec'd	121	Judgment needed/In Judgment	39
		Default/Final Order	15
Total	237	Total	103
Total Active Licenses	1487		

Resource Protection and Improvement ProgramsUrban and Community Forestry

- Eaton and Palisades post fire tree removal analysis was conducted at the request of city and county officials. Field inspections randomly sampled data supplied by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Findings largely corroborated contract arborist assessments. Recommendations are drafted for incident recovery purposes and to better prepare for future wildfires that impact urban areas.
- The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the US Forest Service (USFS) are proud to announce a new interactive mapping tool to visualize urban tree canopy across California. This tool displays 2022 high-resolution (60cm) urban tree canopy for all 2020 Census designated urban areas in the state of California, as well as canopy-related change between 2018 and 2022. A webinar is scheduled for May 22, 2025, from 3:00-4:00 and will introduce the new [California Urban Tree Canopy Viewer](#) and Change Analysis, which will include a brief demonstration and overview of potential uses for the tool.

Forest Entomology and Pathology Program

- Funding (a portion of the annual federal allocation) is being distributed to the Towala Tribe in Del Norte County to help control the European strain of Sudden Oak Death disease and do other work on their traditional lands.
- A group is forming to work on the Greater Shot Hole Borer in Santa Cruz County.
- The summer field trip on the California Forest Pest Council Insect and Disease Committees will be examining giant sequoia pest issues and the overall decline of red firs. The meeting will be on June 17, 2025. The tour will begin in Calaveras Big Trees State Park.
- Half of the staff of the United States Forest Service Region 5 Forest Health Protection Program in California has left under the deferred resignation program. This leaves a major void for forest entomology and pathology work in California.

Forest Biometrics Program

- The field season for the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) California Intensification Program began on May 1, 2025.
- Staff are providing analytical support for the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management Plan update.
- The Department's Mensuration/Growth and Yield class is underway May 12-16, 2025, with the capacity of 32 students.

Demonstration State Forests

Jackson

- The next Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2025. The current plan is to hold the meeting in the field, starting at Camp One and then reviewing completed research and planned management projects.
- State Forest Biologist Robert Douglas hosted the "Amphibian Amble" outing on April 26, 2025, at Camp One.
- Mike Jones and Sara Ahlich (University of California Cooperative Extension) along with Research Program Manager Julie Rhoads hosted a group of Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians students on April 17, 2025, as a part of the students' Spring Break education program. The field trip included a hike and picnic at the Waterfall Grove and a quick trip to see fire effects at the Dunlap unit of the Fire Fuels Mitigation Study.
- Campgrounds are being prepared for the summer camping season. Activities include turning hazard trees into firewood and replacing old picnic tables.
- The Adaptive Management Experiment (AMEX) Timber Harvesting Plan was returned and is being prepared for re-submission. Pre-treatment plots have all been measured and JDSF staff are working with the research team on the marking prescriptions to meet the experimental design.
- Staff have been meeting regularly with the Clifton Environmental consulting team to prepare the Draft Forest Management Plan. We are tentatively planning for a public release of a draft plan in early July 2025.

Mountain Home

- 25,400 seedlings from the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center were delivered to the Sequoia National Forest tree cooler on April 22, 2025. They were subsequently planted by Red Mountain Resources.
- The April Snow Survey at the Old Enterprise Mill Snow Course on April 1, 2025, found measurable snow present at 6 of the 8 stations with an average snow depth of 12 inches and a water content of 5 inches.
- Mountain Home, with the support of Curtis Ewing from the Forest Entomology and Pathology Program, will be hosting giant sequoia bark beetle monitoring traps this season to help learn more about their population dynamics. Additional monitoring sites will be in Calaveras Big Trees State Park and Sequoia National Park.

Soquel

- Bill Morrison, chair of the Redwood Tree Improvement Program, toured the Sulphur Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) area to identify Redwoods in the

recent harvest to collect tissue samples from. They intend to do collections sometime in June.

- State Parks utilized the Lower Landing Zone (LLZ) as the destination for sling loads of trash and debris from old grow sites located on the nearby Forest of Nisene Marks State Park.
- Colin Noyes gave a presentation to the Parks Management Class at West Valley Community College in Saratoga about the Demonstration State Forest Program and job opportunities within CAL FIRE.
- Local consulting forester Zach Jackson gave a tour of Soquel Demonstration State Forest (SDSF) to two forestry mentees with the Forestry and Natural Resources Mentorship Program.
- Surveys for Foothill Yellow-legged frog egg masses in Soquel Creek were conducted by Retired CAL FIRE Captain Lawrence Erickson and volunteers as part of the ongoing herpetology research project at SDSF. Early results indicate that egg mass counts are 3-4 times more robust than last year. This is possibly due to the riparian canopy reduction that naturally occurred during large winter rain events three years ago.
- The Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Stewardship (SCMTS) has conducted volunteer trail work on Corral Road and Corral Trail that have remained closed since Sulphur THP and forest health treatment operations from 2024. This is one of the final steps to restore public access.

Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection Programs

Prescribed Fire Program

- The [Prescribed Fire Claims Fund](#) has 119 projects with 14,826 acres enrolled in the pilot program. New liability insurance opportunities are available for prescribed fire practitioners in California. Staff continue to look for ways to expand and improve the program to increase the pace and scale of prescribed fire.

Vegetation Management Program (VMP)

- Work continues on the development of Good Neighbor Authority agreements with Federal partners despite uncertainty with agreement signatories and changes in staff at federal agencies.
- The new Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) from The California Natural Resources Agency and California Environmental Protection Agency are now available for submissions. Please see the [Forest and Wildfire Resilience Taskforce](#) website for more information at <https://wildfiretaskforce.org/requests-to-suspend-state-statutes-and-regulations/>.

Environmental Protection

- Staff will be assisting the Board with updating and improving the California Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report (Cal VTP EIR) via the Governor's recent order. Staff Chief Len Nielson is the program contact for collecting information to provide to the Board.

Cultural Resources

- The next five-day Archaeology Certificate class is May 5-9, 2025. The class is full. The Next refresher Archaeology Certificate class is in November 2025. Please contact the [California Licensed Foresters Association](#) (CLFA) for registration.

Wildfire Resilience Programs

Reforestation Services

- Excess seedlings from the 2024 production year are now available for free on a first come, first served basis. Requests for these select seed lots can be made using the [2025 Overrun Seedling Request Form](#). Seedling requests for 2026 production year can be made through August 2025 using the [2026 Seedling Request Form](#).
- All production year 2025 seedlings grown at the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center were sown as of the end of April 2025, amounting to over 250,000 seedlings.
- The Reforestation Services Program is continuing support of Cone Camps (as administered by [American Forests](#)) and a Cone Collection Climber Training Program (as administered by SEGI Reforestation). The four Cone Camps will occur as 2-day events throughout the state in May and June 2025 while the climber training will occur over four days at Sawmill Demonstration State Forest in San Bernardino County in early June 2025.

California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

- The April 2025 funding batch for CFIP had 14 grant applications, however, the program was only able to fund 10 new agreements due to having limited funding available. The 10 selected applications will result in 758 acres under management plan and 740 acres of forest treatments for a total award amount of \$2,097,954.06.
- The program has evaluated a cap rate increase for the CFIP reimbursement rates. This was presented to the Management Committee at the May 13, 2025, meeting.

Forest Stewardship

- The State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee/Joint Forestry Committee meeting will be held on May 20, 2025. CAL FIRE works with this committee to enact and resolve Forest Stewardship projects and opportunities across the State.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

- The FLP is working with the Wildlife Conservation Board to acquire a working forest conservation easement on the 12,029-acre Travis Ranch in Trinity County. A formal resolution is being developed to formalize this cooperative project. Due diligence is ongoing, and the program expects completion of this project within one year.
- The Forest Legacy Program and the Joint Forestry Committee are evaluating the FLP *Assessment of Need* for the 5-year review of the information in the State Forest Action Plan (SFAP) to assess whether amendments or updates are necessary for this federally required plan.

Climate and Energy Programs

Wood Products & Bioenergy

- More than 30 one-on-one consultations with Business and Workforce Development grant applicants were offered throughout the month of April 2025.
- The grant application deadline was April 25, 2025. We received 102 applications for a combined request of \$86 million, which is the largest response to any of the seven applications held for this area of programming. There is \$5 million available to the award.

Forest Health

- The Forest Health Program is in the final stages of grant application review for FY 24-25. Award announcements are expected as soon as mid-May 2025.
- More than 70 Forest Health grant projects, dating back to 2018, concluded at the end of March 2025.

Climate Change

- Staff published a Project Specific Analysis under the California Vegetation Treatment Program for the American River Conservancy's South Fork American River Restoration Project:
<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019012052/136>

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

- In response to Governor Newsom's Emergency Proclamation that authorizes the Secretaries of the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency to determine which projects are eligible for suspension of certain statutory and regulatory requirements to expedite critical fuels reduction projects, the Task Force has established a website that includes eligibility criteria, FAQs, and a link to the application to request a determination of eligibility for suspension of relevant State of California statutory and regulatory requirements. The Secretaries also hosted a virtual briefing on the Proclamation and the process. <https://wildfiretaskforce.org/>
- Task Force 2025 Meeting Dates:
 - June 6: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - September 4-5: Regional Meeting – Inland Empire
 - December 12: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)

Forest & Monitoring

- All three FIA field data collection contracts have been extended through 2027. These contracts support the remeasurement of FIA plots.
- The American Forests/CAL FIRE report on the "Effects of Forest Management and Wood Utilization on Carbon Sequestration in California" is available on American Forests website. FRAP Staff (Nadia Tase and Sam Evans) have provided briefings on the findings of the report to BOF, CAL FIRE, and USFS executives.
- 101 proposals were received in the FY 24-25 Forest Health Research Grants solicitation. 30 applicants have been invited back to submit full proposals by March 14, 2025. FRAP science staff are completing a review of full proposals and anticipate making award decisions by the middle of May.

Wildfire Hazard & Risk

- Early planning has begun for the development of Potential Operational Delineations (PODS) maps for large-scale prescribed fire planning, as required under SB1101. Initial development will likely focus on two pilot CAL FIRE Units, and be done in coordination with Unit staff, federal partners, and others.

Forest and Rangeland Assessment

- The FRAP Assessment continues to move towards a final product. All but one of thirteen chapters have now been drafted and in different stages of review. We anticipate completing and releasing by September 2025.
- Project work towards meeting the new requirement under SB1101 to provide fire severity maps across the state is underway. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consisting of fire severity experts from the US Forest Service, US Geological Survey (USGS), National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and UC Berkeley held their first meeting. We are in the process of developing a prototype user interface available for internal review in May 2025. We are processing an initial dataset for 2023 fires but will be adding additional years to establish a timeline for burning severity. Currently, we are on track to launch a live user interface with the initial dataset in June 2025.

GIS – Data Analytics

- FRAP staff have been providing technical assistance to Cal VTP.
- The CalMAPPER team continues to work with the new vendor to develop the new version of CalMAPPER, which will include a new Field Data collection component, among other changes. The goal is for the release of the new version on July 1, 2025, with testing and training planned in the months leading up to release. The new release will also allow for the inclusion of the new Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants to be entered into CalMAPPER. CalMAPPER teams are also working on how to fulfill new SB4137 reporting requirements.

Fire Protection

Fire Protection Program

- The Hired Equipment Participation Manual has been updated and published with new rates for 2025.
- A new qualification management system has been designed to automate the Department's personnel qualifications and improve efficiencies for both the Emergency Command Center's filling resource orders and Training Officer verification processes. This system is currently being tested with statewide production expected in June 2025.
- Staff have started installing soil moisture sensors at the Julian and Valley Center Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS). Soil sensors will be installed at all CAL FIRE RAWS sites.

Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery

- Through April 2025, Law Enforcement officers have made 35 Arson arrests.

- In FY 24-25, approximately \$23 million in fire suppression costs have been collected by the Civil Cost Recovery program.

Fire Protection Operations

- CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams are expanding personnel to include a Tribal Liaison Officer and an additional Public Information Officer.

Aviation Management Unit (AMU)/Tactical Air Operations (TAO)

- The second of seven C-130 (T-121) Retardant Delivery System installation and operational checks are completed, making the air tanker operational. The third C-130 is undergoing modifications and is expected to be operational later in the summer.
- Staff have met with multiple vendors capable of providing autonomous aircraft capabilities.
- Aircraft maintenance and deployment to the field is on schedule.

Mobile Equipment Program

- Telematics equipment required for fleet and asset tracking is 90% completed with the remaining 7% to be completed over the next several months.

Cooperative Fire Protection

Local Government Program

- The FY 25-26 Budget Plans process is in the development process. The exercise aims to prepare FY 25-26 Local Government Agreement budgets for Fi\$Cal identifying associated personnel needs and operating expense costs from executed or upcoming renewal LG agreements.
- The CAL FIRE Office of Program Accountability conducted an audit on Local Government Agreements - Dispatch Services Contracts from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The audit aimed to provide assurance that the Department is complying with applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures related to these agreements. The review included compliance with contractual requirements, internal controls over agreement administration, and billing accuracy. As a result, there were 8 recommendations made to improve processes and resources throughout the Program, Regions, and Units related to Dispatch Agreements.

State/Federal/Int Programs

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CAL FIRE and the California Department of Water Resource (DWR) has been updated. The MOU outlines the partnership between the two agencies and enhances emergency response and resource management between the agencies. The agreement provides a framework for cooperation and exchange of expertise in areas like operational response, disaster risk management, training, and technology. Ultimately, this collaboration aims to improve wildfire and flood management, promote awareness, and ensure a coordinated approach.
- CAL FIRE, CAL OES, and FEMA met to discuss the recovery scoping meeting for DR-4856. FEMA-4856-DR included Federal assistance for Los Angeles County, debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) in Los Angeles County, and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. CAL FIRE has until June 2, 2025, to complete the damage inventory for all on the incidents associated with supporting the incidents in Southern California.

Hand Crew Program

- Hand Crew Strength: As of April 9, 2025, CAL FIRE can staff 138 of the 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. Hand crew numbers may fluctuate due to staffing periods and crew typing certifications. The current staffing includes the following four models under the Hand Crew program:
 - 71 of 152 authorized California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Incarcerated Persons crews
 - 26 of 32 California Conservation Corps crews
 - 13 of 14 California Military Department Joint Taskforce Rattlesnake crews
 - 28 of 38 CAL FIRE Firefighter I (FFI) crews
- As we continue to move into drier periods of the fire year, fire preparedness exercises have begun across the State for all hand crews. The largest exercise will be held in the Tehama Glenn Unit near Paynes Creek, CA. Ishi Conservation Camp hosted the event from May 9-12. It is commonly known as the Ishi Fire Preparedness Exercise.
- The California Conservation Corps is continuing to work with Germany to embed with CAL FIRE on hand crews from Magalia. They will attend a fire preparedness exercise and participate in crew activities. The dates are from May 11, 2025, through May 24, 2025.

Safety Program

- The Annual Focus on Safety documents is under development. Topics will include fire line safety, weather, Valley Fever, heat illness, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protection, and ATV/UTV driving among others.
- The implementation plan for PPE Software continues to be on track for July 1, 2025, with the three introduction classes completed. The vendor continues to perform work in the background.
- Proposed bills related to Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in structural PPE and replacement of PPE at 15 years have been introduced and are being monitored.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program

- On May 20, 2025, the San Luis Obispo Unit will be the first to transition to the Advanced Life Support version of the Department's electronic patient care reporting system (CALePCR). Several more Units will be transitioning in the next few months.
- Program is engaging the Incident Management Team Medical Unit Leaders to increase collaboration and share of information among the group in preparation for the summer.

Statewide Training Program (Statewide Training)

- During the April meeting, the Statewide Training Committee was presented with thirty-nine 4021 Employee Development Guides, which will be voted on during the June 22, 2025, meeting and submitted to the Department Leadership Team for approval.

Academy Training Program (Training Centers)

- The Regular Basic Course is in week 18 of 22 weeks, with 16 students, and graduation on Friday, June 16, 2025.
- In 2025, 194 company officers graduated from Fire Control Training classes (24-17, 24-18, 25-01, 25-02, 25-03).
- The next graduation (25-04) is scheduled for May 16, 2025, for the lone Training Center with 40 students.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Wildfire Risk Reduction

- Defensible Space

- Units are in the process of hiring back their returning seasonal and or new inspectors
- New inspectors will receive a week-long program introduction training at the Natomas Training Center in the following subject matter:
 - Public Resource Code 4291 - Defensible Space, Zones 0, 1, and 2
 - Home Hardening - Recognition of ember intrusion vulnerabilities and mitigation
 - Public Resource Code 4292 and 4293 - Vegetation clearance around powerlines, poles, and hardware recognition
 - Damage Inspection Specialist - Conducting All-Risk damage inspection
- Inspection Totals
 - FY 24-25
 - 201,537
 - Year-to-Date
 - 50,767
- Qualified Entities
 - In April 2025, three classes were taught in the following CAL FIRE Units: Butte, Amador-El Dorado, and Sonoma-Lake-Napa. Due to demand, this was Butte's second class.
 - 78 Assessors received certificates in April 2025.
 - Two classes are being coordinated in Tehama-Glenn and Siskiyou Units.
- Home Hardening
 - Collaborating with Office of the State Fire Marshals Fire Engineering and Investigations on the 2019 SB190 Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Safety Building Standards Compliance training, specifically for the unit related to WUI product testing standards.
 - The California Wildfire Mitigation Program participated in site tours to observe defensible space and home hardening retrofits conducted in Shasta County.
 - During the week of May 5, 2025, the California Wildfire Mitigation Program conducted Home Ignition Zone/Defensible Space Assessor training for local community assessors working within the program.
 - In collaboration with CAL FIRE Communications to create education materials focusing on Home Hardening.

Wildfire Preparedness

- Burn Permits processing is running smoothly with the 2024 permits expiring
- Updates to the application process for approving LE-5/7 burn projects will allow more control at the unit level to approve or deny the request
 - Total Permits Requested – 95,330
 - Total Permits Issues – 89,246
 - Cultural Burning Permits Issued – 2,521
- New Home Hardening Assistant Chief – Randy Northup
- Damage Inspection will have several small updates to the application to have more accurate data collection

Wildfire Planning and Statistics

- CalMAPPER V4 testing and formal training classes have been scheduled this month and in June with a statewide implantation of CalMAPPER V4 on July 1, 2025.
- CAL FIRE hosts a series of Webinars for Fire Departments across California about the transition to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS). Two webinars have been completed with success.
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- Unit Fire Plans are due to CWPM Fire Plan Program on June 13, 2025.

Utility Wildfire Mitigation (UWM)

- Currently reviewing Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and Bear Valley Electric Services (BVES) 2026-2028 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) submission.
- UWM participated in PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) exercise last week in Vacaville. Great exercise to witness and watch them train new positions and simulate a PSPS.
- Training is coming up this month with CAL FIRE Defensible Space Inspectors and Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS) employees covering PRC 4292 and 4293.

Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

- Land Use Planning
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA
 - Celebrated 1000th NFPA Firewise Community in good standing in California on May 6, 2025, Table Mountain Rancheria in Fresno County
 - Currently 1199 communities in California
 - Several new applications in review

- Fire Safe Regulations Workgroup
 - Nearing completion of curriculum build for an Introductory Course
- Land Use Planning for Wildfire in California Class
 - Work continues scheduling additional classes this fall and into 2026
 - More information is available 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
 - City of Escondido, City of Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Luis Obispo County were on the agenda at this month's Regulatory Program Committee (RPC) meeting
- Subdivision Review
 - Fire Safety Surveys for Sacramento County were on the RPC agenda. Recently conducted surveys for all of San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit (CZU) and will be on the June RPC agenda.
- Wildfire Prevention Grants
 - Preparing for the next open solicitation later this month.

Communications

- Wildfire Preparedness Week May 4 – 10, 2025
 - The CAL FIRE Communications Program hosted five events over four days during Wildfire Preparedness Week. With the theme *Building a Fire-Ready Future. Strengthening Our Defenses, Together*, this year's Wildfire Preparedness Week focused on what the individuals and communities can do and what CAL FIRE and our partners are doing to become more wildfire resilient.
 - Monday, May 5, 2025's event featured a press conference at the McClellan Airtanker Base as well as one-on-one media opportunities with various Aviation program staff and pilots.
 - Wednesday, May 7, 2025, featured two events in San Diego County. In the morning, CAL FIRE and the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety hosted a demonstration burn that

- highlighted the importance and effectiveness of Zone 0 defensible space and home hardening in protecting a structure from ignition.
- Also on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, CAL FIRE hosted a fuel break and community resiliency tour in the community of Crest. The event showcased fuels reduction work in the community as well as steps the community has taken to prepare for wildfire and create defensible space.
- Finally on Friday, May 9, 2025, CAL FIRE and partners from the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, Marin County Fire and San Rafael Fire Department hosted a community tour event that showcased steps that the San Rafael Highlands Firewise Community has taken to become more wildfire prepared.
- A Partner Toolkit was also made available with a variety of content for sharing related to Wildfire Preparedness Week topics. Additionally, social media videos were published for each event shortly after the events' conclusion.
- On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Office of the State Fire Marshal and Communications staff traveled to the Table Mountain Rancheria in Fresno County to celebrate the community becoming the 1,000th Firewise Community in the state. California boasts the most Firewise Communities in the nation and this event highlighted the efforts Table Mountain has taken to become more wildfire resilient. A news release was distributed after the event.
- Throughout April and May 2025, CAL FIRE's statewide Combination Campaign is running. The campaign features messaging focused on preparedness and especially defensible space and home hardening messaging.

Statistics

Year to Date Wildfire Statistics (State and Federal)

Updated May 5, 2025

Interval	Fires	Acres
2025 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal) *	1,083	61,205
2024 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal)	766	1,132
5-Year Average (same interval)	1,215	4,978

California has experienced 134 new wildfires since the last report on April 28, 2025. 116 were within CAL FIRE's jurisdiction.

Year	State/Local/Contract County Acres	Federal/Military Acres	Total Acres Burned
2025	38,710	22,495	61,205

*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 on NIFC Incident Management Situation Report and Department of Defense).

CAL FIRE All Incident Activity

*2025 All Incidents (YTD) – 208,397

Tribal Affairs Program

Tribal Wildfire Resilience

- The Tribal Wildfire Resilience review panel has started to evaluate grant proposals. This solicitation received 44 applications requesting a total of approximately \$50 million in funding. There is approximately \$5M available for award.

California Forest Practice Rules - Exemptions and Emergency Notices
Accepted by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection through April 30, 2025

Rule	Type of Exemption		2024		2025	
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038(b) (03/2019)	10 Percent Dead, Dying Diseased, Fuelwood, or Woody Debris v2019	Cascade (Redding)	59	437,039	35	249,369
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	20	8,485	16	6,434
		Riverside (South)	1	250	1	240
		Sierra (Fresno)	9	1,599	9	7,096
		Totals	89	447,373	61	263,139
1038(a)&(b)	10% Dead, Dying or Diseased Fuelwood or Split Products	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038.6 (03/2019)	Butte Post Fire Recovery	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(a) (03/2019)	Christmas Trees	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	14	1	14
		Totals	1	14	1	14
1038(k)	Drought Mortality	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	Drought Mortality and Unmerchantable Sawlog v2019	Cascade (Redding)	16	2,030	21	1,502
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	33	1	20
		Totals	18	2,063	22	1,522
1038(j)	Forest Fire Prevention PILOT Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(i)	Forest Fire Prevention Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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Rule	Type of Exemption		2024		2025	
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038.3 (03/2019)	Forest Fire Prevention v2019	Cascade (Redding)	8	630	1	116
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	9	598		
		Riverside (South)	1	191		
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	18	1,419	1	116
	Forest Resilience Exemption	Cascade (Redding)			7	473
		Coast (Santa Rosa)			10	1,231
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	17	1,704
1104.1(a)	Less than 3 Acre Conversion	Cascade (Redding)	17	23	17	26
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	8	21	7	19
		Riverside (South)			1	0
		Sierra (Fresno)	6	9	6	13
		Totals	31	53	31	58
1038(l)	Oak Woodland Management (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(e) (03/2019)	Oak Woodland Management v2019	Cascade (Redding)			1	8
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	6	314	5	349
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	6	314	6	357
1038(m)	Post Fire Recovery (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038.5 (03/2019)	Post Fire Recovery v2019	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	Post Fire Recovery v2020	Cascade (Redding)			4	22
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	4	22

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1104.1(b)&(c)	Public / Private Utility Right-of-Way	Cascade (Redding)	5	6,050	10	437,273
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	10	180	3	42
		Riverside (South)			71	38,768
		Sierra (Fresno)	3	159	35	42,393
		Totals	18	6,389	119	518,476
1038(f) (03/2019)	Small Timberland Owner	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	40	106	51	105
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	41	86	25	175
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	5	5	17
		Totals	83	197	81	297
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)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c)(6) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (150 to 300 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	4	28	3	5
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	5	28	2	10
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	5	1	2
		Totals	10	61	6	17
1038(d)	Substantially Damaged Unmerchantable Sawlog	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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1038(g)	Woody Debris and Slash Removal	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	All Exemptions	Grand Total	274	457,883	349	785,722

Type of 1052 Emergency Notice			2024		2025	
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
Notice of Emergency Timber Operations		Cascade (Redding)	16	1,274	33	8,694
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	8	521	10	607
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	85	1	38
		Totals	26	1,880	44	9,339
<u>Emergency Conditions</u> More than one condition can be selected per Notice of Emergency Timber Operations - acreage may be reflected multiple times	Drought	Cascade (Redding)	5	1,052	5	870
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	272	2	26
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	6	1,324	7	896
	Fire	Cascade (Redding)	10	213	28	7,824
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	7	249	6	594
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	85	1	38
		Totals	19	547	35	8,456
	Insects	Cascade (Redding)	7	714	9	2,404
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	272		
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	55		
		Totals	9	1,041	9	2,404
	*Others	Cascade (Redding)	30	2,406	58	13,554
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	18	2,413	15	677
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	4	195	1	38
		Totals	52	5,015	74	14,269
Fuel Hazard Reduction (RM65)		Cascade (Redding)	3	69	3	80
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	33	2	80
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	56		
		Totals	5	158	5	160
Fuel Hazard Reduction		Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
Sudden Oak Death Disease		Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
THPs Received	47	44	19	16	0	1	0	6	66	67
THPs Returned	21	15	9	3	0	1	0	1	30	20
THPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	45	40	9	4	0	1	2	3	56	48
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	41	32	16	7	0	0	7	5	64	44
THP Approved Acres	10,398	7,312	11,585	2,561	0	0	3,326	3,213	25,310	13,086

	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
NTMPs Received	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
NTMPs Returned	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
NTMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
NTMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Approved	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
NTMP Approved Acres	833	1,140	0	0	0	0	0	0	833	1,140
NTMPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTOs Received	13	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	18	6

	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	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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