



Director's Report to the Board of Forestry

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**Natural Resource Management**

Forest Practice Program

- Forest Practice Review Teams in Santa Rosa and Redding are working on several new Maximum Sustained Yield of High-Quality Timber Products “Option (a)” submittals (Forest Practice Rule Sections 913.11, 933.11, 953.11) and will soon be receiving a new “Option (b)” Sustained Yield Plan (SYP).

Forest Practice Enforcement and Timber Operator Licensing (LTO)

- After 25 years of service to the Department and being instrumental in running and improving the Forest Practice Enforcement and Timber Operator Licensing Programs, Cary Japp is retiring from the Department.

Table 1: Forest Practice Civil Penalty Collection

Case Status	# of Cases	Amount Collected	Total Amount Due
Adjudicated	29	172,550	477,760
Default	75	400,950	1,188,080
Paid per CPO	26	257,000	257,000
Settled	120	925,630	982,630
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1,756,130</b>	<b>2,905,470</b>

Table 2: LTO License Status

Table 3: Active Civil Penalties Case Status

Status	#	Status	# of Cases
New Applications Rec'd	22	Under Review	4
Renewal Applications Rec'd	12	Developed for Signature	6
New Licenses Issued	28	CPO Signed, Mailed, Served	10
Licenses Renewed	12	Hearing(s) to be Scheduled	1
Incomplete Applications Rec'd	6	Settlement Mitigation	2
Applications Returned	0	Payments	20
Refunds Issued	0	Probation	2
Insurance Certificates Rec'd	92	Judgment needed/In Judgment	38
		Default/Final Order	15
<b>Total Active Licenses</b>	<b>1478</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

### Watershed Protection Program

- Mathew Boone has accepted the position of Forester III, Program Manager for the Watershed Protection Program.
- Program is working with the Pacific Southwest Research Station of the United States Forest Service on possible alternate plans for Caspar Creek (Jackson Demonstration State Forest) research data retrieval in case federal research programs are wound down.

### *Resource Protection and Improvement Programs*

#### Urban and Community Forestry

- Meetings with stakeholder groups to collect input for the statewide strategic plan to increase urban tree canopy as required by AB 2251 (now Public Resources Code 4799.10.2) are progressing.
- Input is being conveyed from the Western States Urban Forestry Coordinators (WSUFC) to the Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF) and National Association of State Foresters (NASF) about potential implications of shifts or withdrawals of federal funding and partnership.

#### Forest Entomology and Pathology Program

- The Mediterranean oak borer has spread into Mendocino, El Dorado, Amador and Yolo Counties from its previous range in Napa, Sonoma, Lake, and Sacramento Counties.
- Work is beginning on determining the physical range, host range, control options and other management issues with the new Greater Shot Hole Borer in Santa Cruz County.
- Staff is assisting with a new online guide to pests impacting oaks in California.
- The summer field trip of the Insect and Disease Committees of the California Forest Pest Council will take place on June 17, 2025, in Calaveras County looking at pests of giant sequoia, red fir decline, and general pests of mixed conifer forests.

#### Forest Biometrics Program

- Inventory data collection is being initiated on Jackson and LaTour Demonstration State Forests (DSF).
- Forest Biometrics staff are working with Soquel DSF staff developing a Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) design.
- Post-fire timber typing updates are underway at Mountain Home DSF in preparation for upcoming forest resource inventory work.

- Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) California Intensification Project is proceeding as planned, despite federal contracting delays. The Collection Agreement modification with USFS is now nearly complete and only needs to be signed by USFS and submitted to the Department of General Services (DGS) for final approvals.

### *Demonstration State Forests*

#### Jackson (JDSF)

- The next Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Camp One. The meeting will start with general JAG business and a presentation of recent research by Dr. Stephen Sillett, Cal Poly Humboldt. The day will conclude with a field tour of a proposed late seral development timber harvesting plan that will apply the findings of this recent research to accelerate the development of old growth trees and habitat.
- The Caspar Creek Paired Watershed Experiment annual meeting was held May 22 – 24, 2025. It brought together a broad group of agencies, organizations, and researchers to share findings on climatic, stream, and forest conditions research within the third experimental harvest in this watershed.
- UC Cooperative Extension and JDSF staff led the Fire Fuels Mitigation Study Tour on May 14, 2025, for forest managers and landowners. The array of prescriptions was visited to provide comparisons of pre- and post-burn conditions and associated preliminary fire effects and studies associated with the project.
- A “JDSF Volunteer Day” was held on May 10, 2025. Twenty-one (21) people attended, with high representation from the Redwood Practical Shooters (RPS) and Mendocino Coast Cyclists trail crew. Volunteers picked up trash, painted gates, pulled invasive broom plants and carved wooden benches at a recreation trail head out of Douglas-fir logs.
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo began user surveys for the recreation plan. A total of 107 surveys were conducted over the Memorial Day weekend at the Camp 20 Day Use, campgrounds, Caspar Scales, “End of Pavement” along Road 409 and a few trailheads along Road 408.
- On May 16, 2025, California Conservation Corps began installing large wood within the Brandon Gulch watercourse, directly upstream of work completed by Trout Unlimited in 2024.
- North Coast Field Biologists has conducted 588 nocturnal station surveys across JDSF to support upcoming projects. The following species have been detected: Northern Saw-whet Owl (31), Barred Owl (BADO; 31), Western Screech-owl (16), Northern Spotted Owl (NSO; 5), and Northern

Pygmy-owl (4). At least two NSO sites that were occupied in 2024 are still occupied in 2025.

- North Coast Field Biologists are also conducting audio-visual (AV) surveys for Marbled Murrelet (MAMU) on four habitat areas covering projects on JDSF (AMEX, Road 310, Camp 1, and Road 640 sites). No MAMU have been detected thus far during surveys on JDSF.
- Thirty-three (33) stream temperature gauges were deployed across the forest during the last week of May. Temperature sensors will log stream temperature hourly starting on June 1, 2025, and continuing through September 30, 2025, which will provide seasonal temperature profiles during the summer stress period, a parameter important for cold-water dependent species.

#### Mountain Home (MHDSF)

- Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest and Balch Park opened for the season on Friday, May 23, 2025, just in time for Memorial Day weekend. The campgrounds had just less than 40% occupancy. The following weekend was even slower even though the temperatures on the valley floor exceeded 100 degrees.
- Van's Logging commenced operations on a 1038 exemption on May 27, 2025, to remove numerous hazard trees from within and adjacent to the Shake Camp Campground. They will next move to the Kemp property, acquired in 2020, to continue removal of dead and dying trees from beetle activity and send sawlogs to Sierra Forest Products.

#### Soquel (SDSF)

- Staff worked with a local invasive species removal consultant to remove an established patch of yellow star thistle at the upper helipad. This work will prevent invasive species from spreading into a prescribed burn unit which was burned in January 2024, with the overall goal of full eradication.
- Crews from the Santa Cruz Unit have prepared 9-acres for controlled burns within the Santa Rosalia Vegetation Treatment Project (VTP) footprint. An additional one-acre burn unit was prepared for ignition in June, weather permitting. No Spring burns have occurred on the State Forest to date. The burn unit was selected to test the efficacy of this strategy to increase the pace and scale of prescribed burning in the redwood system prior to fire season and while live fuel moistures are higher.
- Colorado State University and Principal Investigator Tony Vorster were awarded \$735,000 in CAL FIRE Forest Health Research funds to support

research on SDSF under the grant, "Carbon Retention and Resilience in Southern Coast Redwood Forests: The Role of Management, Wood Products, and Wildfire".

- Corral Trail and Road and the Sulphur THP area were officially re-opened to the public on May 8, 2025, after being closed since spring of 2024 to support timber operations and maintain roads through the winter period. A news release announcing the reopening was distributed.

#### LaTour, Ellen Picket, Big Bend, Miller, and Noble

- Two of the four campgrounds at LaTour are accessible and ready for use. Old Cow and South Cow Campgrounds remained inaccessible through the Memorial Day weekend, due to snow. Three recreation permits were collected documenting 135 camper days by 18 people.
- The Noble Forest Management Plan is completed in draft form and is in review at the unit level before transmission to the conservation easement holder for concurrence.
- Staff assisted with the second session of the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference "In Woods" day guiding students through stations demonstrating the use of various logging equipment and jobs related to the field of forestry.
- Forest Manager Jason Poburko presented at the Forest Landowners of California Annual Conference on the use of SURVEY 123 and Mobile data collection.

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

##### Prescribed Fire Program

- A new BEHAVE 7 fire model is available for use to assist in planning prescribed fires. This is one of many tools to predict fire behavior. [BehavePlus | US Forest Service Research and Development](#)
- The [Prescribed Fire Liability Claims Fund Pilot Project](#) currently has 136 projects with 15,447 acres in the reservation system. No claims have been filed to date.

##### Vegetation Management Program (VMP)

- CAL FIRE continues to increase our number of fuel reduction projects using all the existing programs.
- CAL FIRE staff are reviewing the recent court ruling for the California Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report (Cal VTP) and how that may affect CAL FIRE Cal VTP projects.

##### Environmental Protection

- The Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) can be used for CAL FIRE projects and grants. This adds to streamline the CEQA compliance documentation for fuel reduction projects. CAL FIRE staff are assisting the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) with reviewing projects for the EPP.

### *Wildfire Resilience Programs*

#### Reforestation Services

- The yearly Cone Crop Survey Memo was just released, which provides direction and resources to assist with cone surveys for the 2025 season. The individual resource documents, as well as the revised 2025 Assessment of Seed Needs, can be found at the [program website](https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/wildfire-resilience/reforestation-services-program): <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/wildfire-resilience/reforestation-services-program>.
- In collaboration with American Forests and US Forest Service, CAL FIRE is again supporting and instructing at a series of Cone Camp cone surveyor trainings being held in various locations around the state throughout the month of June. Registration and more information can be found at <https://www.americanforests.org/coalition/reforestation-pipeline-partnership/>.
- 4182.53 lbs. of seeds from cones collected in 2024 have been processed and stored of which 2469.14 lbs. is the publicly available portion. A very small amount is still to be processed.
- Nursery staff is growing 208,130 seedlings as net production in the nursery. This number could be slightly adjusted depending on the second sowing germination/culling and transplanting survival.

#### California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

- CAL FIRE has received the final award letter from the USFS for a \$5,000,000 grant titled "Advancing Restoration and Resilience of California's Private Nonindustrial Forestlands: California." The grant is funded under the Inflation Reduction Act and the funds will be allocated through CALFIRE's California Forest Improvement Program to private non-industrial forestland owners.
- CFIP solicitations are scheduled quarterly for calendar year 2025 (January, April, July, October). In our first two solicitations (January & April) CFIP awarded 25 grants. Total award amount was \$4.3 million. CFIP currently projects that a little over \$4 million will be awarded in total, split across the remaining two solicitations in calendar year 2025.

- CFIP completed a review of grant reimbursement rates and determined that a 3.9% increase for every practice is appropriate. The proposed rates increase was submitted to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and presented to the Management Committee on May 13, 2025. If approved, new rates will go into effect on July 1, 2025. The prior rate increase took effect more than a year ago, in January 2024.

#### Forest Stewardship

- CAL FIRE continues to work with the United States Forest Service (USFS) State and Private Forestry Program as they seek to stabilize the program relative to any further funding opportunities. CAL FIRE has met with new USFS staff who are filling in on recently vacated positions and is assessing opportunities and will be ready to act as appropriate.

#### Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

- CAL FIRE has received the final award letter from the USFS for a grant modification to an existing Forest Legacy administration grant. This \$780,000 grant modification was funded through the Inflation Reduction Act and will provide funding for critical Forest Legacy staff and due diligence work. A portion of the grant will be allocated through subaward to a Capacity Building grant that will likely be solicited for in the fall of 2025.
- CAL FIRE's Brushy Mountain Phase 4, Eel River Peninsula Forest Legacy Program conservation easement project was approved by the USFS to receive FY 24-25 Land and Water Conservation Funds. The USFS will grant CAL FIRE \$11,675,000 for CAL FIRE to purchase a conservation easement on 13,124 acres of working forestland in Mendocino County. CAL FIRE is also contributing \$2,077,000 in state funds towards the acquisition and project development costs.
- After a pause, the USFS resumed the process of accepting and evaluating Forest Legacy project proposals for the 5th round of Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding consideration. CAL FIRE submitted the North Fork Mad River Project for consideration. The project includes a 42,306-acre conservation easement and a 57-acre fee donation. The project will permanently conserve highly productive and important working forestland in Humboldt County. CAL FIRE is requesting \$19,455,000 in federal funds for the acquisition.

#### *Climate and Energy Programs*

#### Wood Products & Bioenergy

- Began reviewing the 102 applications that were submitted for Business and Workforce Development grants. The total request for funding was \$87 million. \$5 million is available for award.
- Attended a screening of *Firebreak*, a documentary about Workforce Development Grantee, Forestry and Fire Recruitment Program, in Sacramento on May 29, 2025.

### Forest Health

- FY 24-25 Forest Health awards were announced by the Governor's Office News Release on May 30, 2025. A total of 12 Forest Health projects were awarded, totaling \$71.9 million. Please see CAL FIRE's Forest Health Grants webpage for a list of awards. <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health>.

### Climate Change

- The California Air Resources Board released its California Climate Investments Annual Report on May 7, 2025. This can be found at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/news/california-dedicates-nearly-33-billion-climate-solutions-using-money-cap-and-trade-program>. The report highlights the \$544M that has been awarded through the Forest Health program cumulatively (plus \$19M awarded through the Business & Workforce Development program), achieving an estimated 18 million metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. The report includes a video about a Forest Health grant with the Hoopa Valley Tribe (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svvnSmH2-Go>), and a project profile for a Forest Health grant with American Forests (<https://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/2025-profiles/bringing-southern-sierra-forests-back-from-the-ashes>).

### Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

- The May Governor's Monthly Update is available online. <https://wildfiretaskforce.org/governors-monthly-update/>
- The Task Force has established a website dedicated to the Governor's Emergency Proclamation for fast-tracking fuels reduction projects. The site includes eligibility criteria, FAQs, a link to the application to request a determination of eligibility for suspension of relevant State of California statutory and regulatory requirements, and an ArcGIS map of approved projects. <https://wildfiretaskforce.org/>
- The Task Force held a quarterly meeting on June 6, 2025, in Sacramento. The first panel of regional leaders shared how they are organizing to align

with state goals and drive rapid wildfire resilience work on the ground. The second panel of agency leaders discussed how they're coordinating across programs and funding sources, including Prop 4, to support regional partners and accelerate on-the ground wildfire resilience.

- Future Task Force 2025 Meeting Dates:
  - September 4-5: Regional Meeting – Inland Empire
  - December 12: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

#### Research & Monitoring

- The FIA data collection season began on May 1, 2025, and will conclude October 31, 2025.
- Good initial progress to the field season with 78 plots loaded to date (11% of total).
- The 2025 California Prescribed Fire Monitoring Program field season is underway with post-fire data collection at the 1,140-acre Calaveras Big Trees State Park: South Grove prescribed fire (TCU).
- Field data collection, BurnPro3D workshops, and ignition pattern measurements for the UC San Diego project "Scaling Science-Driven Vegetation Treatments for a Wildfire Resilient California" remain ongoing for 2025.
- The California Prescribed Fire Monitoring Program (CPFMP) initiated the termination of a contract with UC Davis, effective June 30, 2025. Field crew staff to support the program in 2025 is now provided by UC Berkeley, with discussion underway for longer-term support.
- The Forest Health Research Grant program has awarded 15 grants for a total of \$5.9 million. A web map of all Forest Health Research Grants, including the 15 recently awarded projects, is available here: [Forest Health Research Grant Projects Experience](#).

#### Wildfire Hazard & Risk

- FRAP is working to extend an agreement with Pyrologix LLC for update and expansion of wildfire hazard and risk data that will support PODs development and other efforts. Data through 2023 is currently available in the California Wildfire Data Explorer. Extension of the agreement will provide annual updates through 2027, as well as several important ancillary datasets.

#### Forest and Rangeland Assessment

- The FRAP Assessment is progressing, with all but two chapters undergoing or past the external review phase. Anticipate completion and release of the report Aug/Sep (2025).
- FRAP has developed an internal draft web viewer for statewide fire severity maps as required under SB1101. We have produced maps for large fires that occurred from 2015-2023 showing the severity of wildfire effects on vegetation. This is currently on track to launch a live user interface with the initial dataset in late July 2025, pending approval from CAL FIRE's Exec Team. Future work will focus on fine-tuning methods, particularly for fires burning in diverse, non-conifer vegetation types where standardized methods are lacking.

### GIS – Data Analytics

- FRAP staff are assisting with revisions to the CAL VTP that involve updating the Treatable Landscape which defines the geographic extent to which the CAL VTP applies.
- A geospatial Request to Suspend State Statutes and Regulations application was developed in partnership with FRAP, RDI, and CNRA and provided to the public on April 15, 2025. Applicants supply their geospatial treatment boundaries, basic contact and project information and written Environmental Project Plan through the application. The geospatial data schema is being formatted to have the ability to be easily added to the CNRA Treatment Tracker.
- FRAP developed a CAL FIRE Awarded Grants app that combines information from eCIVIS across the ten grant programs to display and summarize information spatially. The first version of the application was released to the public on April 23, 2025, and summarizes grants by CAL FIRE unit. A future version is planned to refine spatial reporting to county and legislation districts as the grant geospatial data becomes available. The application provides users the ability to filter data and explore spatial patterns across the state where funds have been awarded and spent.
- 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. 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 in CalMAPPER. CalMAPPER team also working on how to fulfill new SB4137 reporting requirements.

### **Fire Protection**

### Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery

- Through May 2025, Law Enforcement officers have made 53 Arson arrests.
- In fiscal year 24/25, approximately \$24.3 million in fire suppression costs have been collected by the Civil Cost Recovery program.

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

- Conducting the CAL FIRE Night Aerial Firefighting Exercise (NAFE) June 4, 2025, through June 11, 2025, at McClellan for exclusive use contracted night aerial suppression resources. A delegation from Chile is in attendance for observation.

## **Cooperative Fire Protection**

### Hand Crew Program

- Hand Crew Strength: as of June 4, 2025, CAL FIRE can staff 150 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. Within the four models under the Hand Crew program, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation model, there are 71 of 152 authorized Incarcerated Persons model, 28 of 32 California Conservation Corps model, 13 of 14 crews from the California Military Department model and 38 of 38 CAL FIRE Firefighter I (FFI) model, are staffed. Hand crew numbers may fluctuate due to staffing periods and crew typing certifications.
- 6600 Handbook: The 6600 handbook for the California Military Department received field approval and will be submitted to Crew Program Working Group and starting the issuance process.
- Crew Program Working Group: The Crew Program Working Group has initiated a couple new items to evaluate. First is evaluating the culinary staff for fire centers to confirm staffing levels, evaluate training requirements and develop uniform standards for all fire centers. Second is the development of an automated system for weekly crew counts. Progress continues on all other standing agenda items.
- The Hand Crew Program with Unit and Region partners have begun the process of moving the fire training from the California Institution for Women (CIW) to the Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp. The physical fitness training will remain at CIW. The fire training will also include the support to Los Angeles County at Malibu Conservation camp.

### EMS and Safety Programs

- Funding recently distributed to the Units by the EMS and Safety Programs is being used to purchase AEDs and CPR compression machines to increase access and improve patient outcomes.
- A new Workplace Violence regulation has been drafted by Cal/OSHA. The Safety Program is reviewing the regulation for impacts to the Department.
- The Cal/OSHA Technical Advisory Committee met June 3 and 4, 2025, in San Diego completing three years of meetings to draft updates to existing PPE regulations. The draft will enter the adoption and public comment process in 2026. The Safety Program pushed for several clarifications and enhancements beneficial to the Department and the safety of our employees.

#### Statewide Training Program (Statewide Training)

- Statewide Training is in the final planning phase to begin hosting year-round JAC courses at the Atwater Training Center.
- As of June 5, 2025, [Statewide Training](#) has hosted 195 courses and 3,494 students.

#### Academy Training Program (Training Centers)

- As of June 6, 2025, 270 company officers have graduated (Fire Control Training Academy courses: 24-17, 24-18, 25-01, 25-02, 25-03, 25-04, 25-05).
- The first class at Atwater Training Center will be a two-week IFSAC / Pro Board certification session starting July 7, 2025.

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

#### Wildfire Preparedness

##### *Defensible Space*

- Round two of new Defensible Space Inspector training occurs later this month in the following subject matter:
  - Public Resource Code 4291 – Defensible Space
  - 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 – All Risk
- Inspection Totals
  - Fiscal Year 2024-2025
    - 225,852

- Year to Date
  - 83,588
- Qualified Entities
  - Next class will be in July 2025 in the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit
  - One class was taught in May 2025, and 23 new assessors received certificates of completion.

### *Home Hardening*

- Continuing to develop the SB-190 WUI Fire Safety Building Standards Compliance Training.
- Developing Australian Delegation Home Hardening PowerPoint Presentation.
- Continuing to assist and support the California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP).
- Preparing the Wildfire Prepared Home at Camp Smokey California State Fair.

### Wildfire Planning and Statistics

#### *Wildland Fuels*

- CalMAPPER V4 testing and continued improvement in development occurring with subject matter expert (SME) group and contractor with anticipated training later this month.
- As we are near the end of the Fiscal Year, the monthly Fuels Reduction Accomplishments Report (FRAR) to be produced on June 10, 2025.

#### *Fire Plan*

- Unit Fire Plans are due to Fire Plan Program (Sacramento) on June 13, 2025.
- SRA25\_2 layer takes effect on July 7, 2025. This layer reflects the 5-year SRA review changes.

#### *Statistics*

- Completing the final review of the 2024 Large Fire lists and internally reviewing the draft of the 2024 Redbook.
- Working with Image Trend to finalize our new "Map to API (Application Programming Interface)" fire occurrence location tool, which will enhance ignition point accuracy in CAL FIRS incident reporting.
- Hosting monthly National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) Webinars for Fire Department's across California to assist with the transition

of NERIS in January 2026. Next webinar is scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2025.

#### Utility Wildfire Mitigation (UWM)

- Currently reviewing PG&E, SDG&E, SCE and BVES 2026-2028 WMP submission. PG&E will be submitting a revision.
- Continue to have Defensible Space Inspection (DSI) trainings for powerline equipment identification and inspections. The next training is June 25, 2025, at Natomas.

#### Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance (CWMA)

##### *Land Use Planning*

- National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) Firewise USA
  - Currently 1244 communities in California
  - Several new applications in review
- Land Use Planning for Wildfire in California Class
  - Work continues on scheduling additional classes this fall and into 2026
  - More information is available on the Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation (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
  - Cities of Goleta and Vista were on the agenda at this month's RPC meeting
- Subdivision Review
  - Recently conducted surveys for all CZU including:
    - Santa Cruz County
    - San Mateo County
    - Redwood City
    - Woodside City

##### *Wildfire Prevention Grants*

- Preparing for the next open solicitation later this month

**Communications**

- CAL FIRE's statewide Fourth of July statewide campaign will begin on June 16, 2025, and continue through July 4, 2025. The campaign emphasizes fireworks safety and aims to reduce the risk of starting wildfires.
- CAL FIRE's partnership with IHeart Media and the LA Dodgers has been active since March 2025, featuring consistent radio and digital placements that promote key fire safety messages like Home Hardening and Campfire Safety. With over 84 radio spots aired the campaign has reached millions, just as Fourth of July-themed messaging prepares to launch.
- Communications recently supported the Forest Health and Forest Health Research programs with their announcement of grant awardees. The two programs released over \$75 million in funding combined. The release was also shared by the Governor's Office.
- CAL FIRE Communications staff have been leading media safety training events across the state. These events provide updated safety and PPE information as well as general incident information to members of the media ahead of peak wildfire season.
- CAL FIRE will join several other agency partners including the USDA Forest Service and Firefighters Burn Institute to staff Camp Smokey at the California State Fair from July 11 to July 27, 2025.

Year to Date Wildfire Statistics (State and Federal)

Updated June 9, 2025.

<b>Interval</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Acres</b>
2025 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal)*	2,353	76,292
2024 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal)	1,893	21,698
5-Year Average (same interval)	2,308	12,885

<b>Year</b>	<b>State/Local/Contract County Acres</b>	<b>Federal/Military Acres</b>	<b>Total Acres Burned</b>
2025	45,220	29,339	76,292

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

**Tribal Affairs Program**

- The CAL FIRE Tribal Affairs Program and Sonoma State University are jointly consulting with three tribes for the repatriation of collection items held by CAL FIRE and housed at Sonoma State University as required by the CAL Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).
- CAL FIRE Tribal Affairs Program will attend the 2025 Cultural Burning Seminar at the Blue Lake Rancheria and be part of a panel to discuss SB 310 Cultural Burning implications and CAL Fire collaboration and partnership on June 25 and 26, 2025.
- CAL FIRE is supporting the CNRA on the SB 310 Cultural Burning Memorandum, of Understanding (MOU) between the agency and one Tribe. Currently, CNRA has entered an MOU with the Yurok Tribe on Cultural Burning.
- CAL FIRE Tribal Affairs and Cultural Resources Programs are presenting to an Australian Delegation on how CAL FIRE engages with the CA Native American Tribes and Senate Bill 310 Cultural Burning.

**Tribal Wildfire Resilience**

- The grant solicitation closed on March 28, with 44 applications submitted totaling approximately \$52.6 million. This solicitation has a two-step process, and 12 applications moved on to Step 2, which included video interviews and additional document requests. This process will concluded June 5, 2025. Award announcements are proposed for the end of July 2025.

California Forest Practice Rules - Exemptions and Emergency Notices  
Accepted by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection through June 10, 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)	78	629,215	46	254,425
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	26	12,135	26	8,451
		Riverside (South)	1	250	1	240
		Sierra (Fresno)	11	4,744	13	24,467
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>646,344</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>287,583</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)	1	14	1	14
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</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)	23	3,287	27	2,101
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	5	86	2	26
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2,127</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)	9	636	1	116
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	17	979		
		Riverside (South)	1	191		
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	24		
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>116</b>
	Forest Resilience Exemption	Cascade (Redding)			8	535
		Coast (Santa Rosa)			21	1,841
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)			1	63
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2,439</b>
1104.1(a)	Less than 3 Acre Conversion	Cascade (Redding)	23	29	26	40
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	11	27	11	24
		Riverside (South)			1	0
		Sierra (Fresno)	7	9	8	14
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>78</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)			1	8
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	10	594	12	1,133
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,141</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)			10	59
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>59</b>

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			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1104.1(b)&(c)	Public / Private Utility Right-of-Way	Cascade (Redding)	7	6,342	13	437,288
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	13	198	4	52
		Riverside (South)			71	38,768
		Sierra (Fresno)	6	2,678	37	42,418
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9,218</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>518,526</b>
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)	59	145	72	150
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	62	165	39	206
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	4	9	9	25
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>381</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)	4	28	5	10
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	9	40	5	20
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	5	3	6
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>36</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>

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			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
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>390</b>	<b>661,830</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>812,500</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)	22	2,501	59	16,468				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	15	890	11	607				
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)	3	90	2	249				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>17,324</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)	7	1,952	8	1,236		
				Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	272	2	26		
				Riverside (South)						
				Sierra (Fresno)						
				<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,262</b>		
				Fire		Cascade (Redding)	14	541	52	15,240
						Coast (Santa Rosa)	12	580	7	594
						Riverside (South)				
						Sierra (Fresno)	2	85	2	249
						<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>16,083</b>
				Insects		Cascade (Redding)	12	1,867	15	4,667
						Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	272		
						Riverside (South)				
						Sierra (Fresno)	2	60		
						<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4,667</b>
				*Others		Cascade (Redding)	46	5,956	107	27,529
				Coast (Santa Rosa)	28	2,861	16	677		
				Riverside (South)						
				Sierra (Fresno)	9	220	2	249		
				<b>Totals</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>9,036</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>28,456</b>		
Fuel Hazard Reduction (RM65)		Cascade (Redding)	3	69	4	181				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	33	2	80				
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	56						
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>261</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	71	63	21	24	0	1	1	6	93	94
THPs Returned	32	28	9	6	0	1	1	2	42	37
THPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	61	58	16	15	0	1	2	4	79	78
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	61	52	21	8	0	0	7	5	89	65
THP Approved Acres	15,500	13,436	14,301	2,572	0	0	3,326	3,213	33,127	19,221

Year Comparison	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
NTMPs Received	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	4
NTMPs Returned	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
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	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
NTMP Approved Acres	871	1,140	0	0	0	0	0	0	871	1,140
NTMPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTOs Received	32	17	7	4	0	0	0	0	39	21

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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