

On January 17, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. proclaimed a State of Emergency and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for conditions that could result from the drought. Specifically, the Governor stated:

We can't make it rain, but we can be much better prepared for the terrible consequences that California's drought now threatens, including dramatically less water for our farms and communities **and increased fires in both urban and rural areas** [Emphasis added]

Due to the increased chance of large and devastating fires in California, I hereby direct you and your company to take all practicable measures necessary to reduce the likelihood of fires started by your facilities. This may include, but is not limited to the following actions:

- Increased inspections in fire threat areas
- Re-prioritization of corrective action items
- Modification to protective schemes

Furthermore, if your company discovers a Safety Hazard, as defined by General Order 95, Rule 18-B and a third party is restricting your company's access to remedy the situation, notify Raymond Fugere of my office immediately, in order that we can work with your company to help resolve the Safety Hazard.

Lastly, the Commission, FERC and CalFire all have established various vegetation requirements and these requirements must be followed at all times. During the State of Emergency the Commission finds it imperative that corrective actions associated with these requirements not be deferred.

Notify Mr. Fugere quarterly, of any and all violations of Commission, FERC and/or CalFire vegetation requirements, all notifications must include at least the following:

- Location
- Applicable rule
- Brief description of issue
- Date discovered
- Date corrected
- Actions taken

The above reporting requirements shall stay in effect until the State of Emergency is revoked by the Governor. It is imperative that your company be aggressive to help reduce the risk of fires during drought conditions. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Raymond Fugere at (213) 576-7015, or [raymond.fugere@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:raymond.fugere@cpuc.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

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