



California Strategic Fire Plan



Back to the Future



Annual Report
To The
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

October 28, 2015
Presented by Staff Chief David Shew





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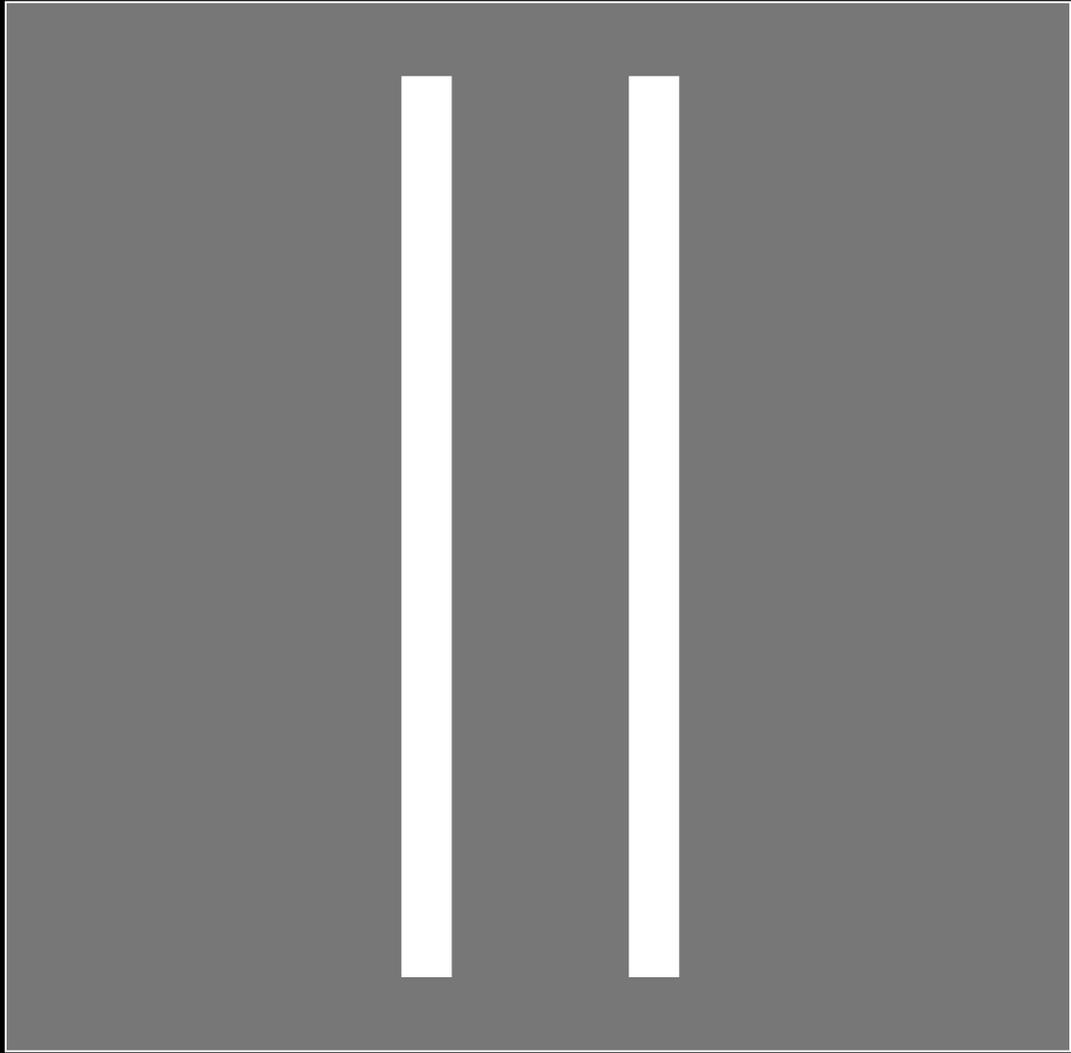
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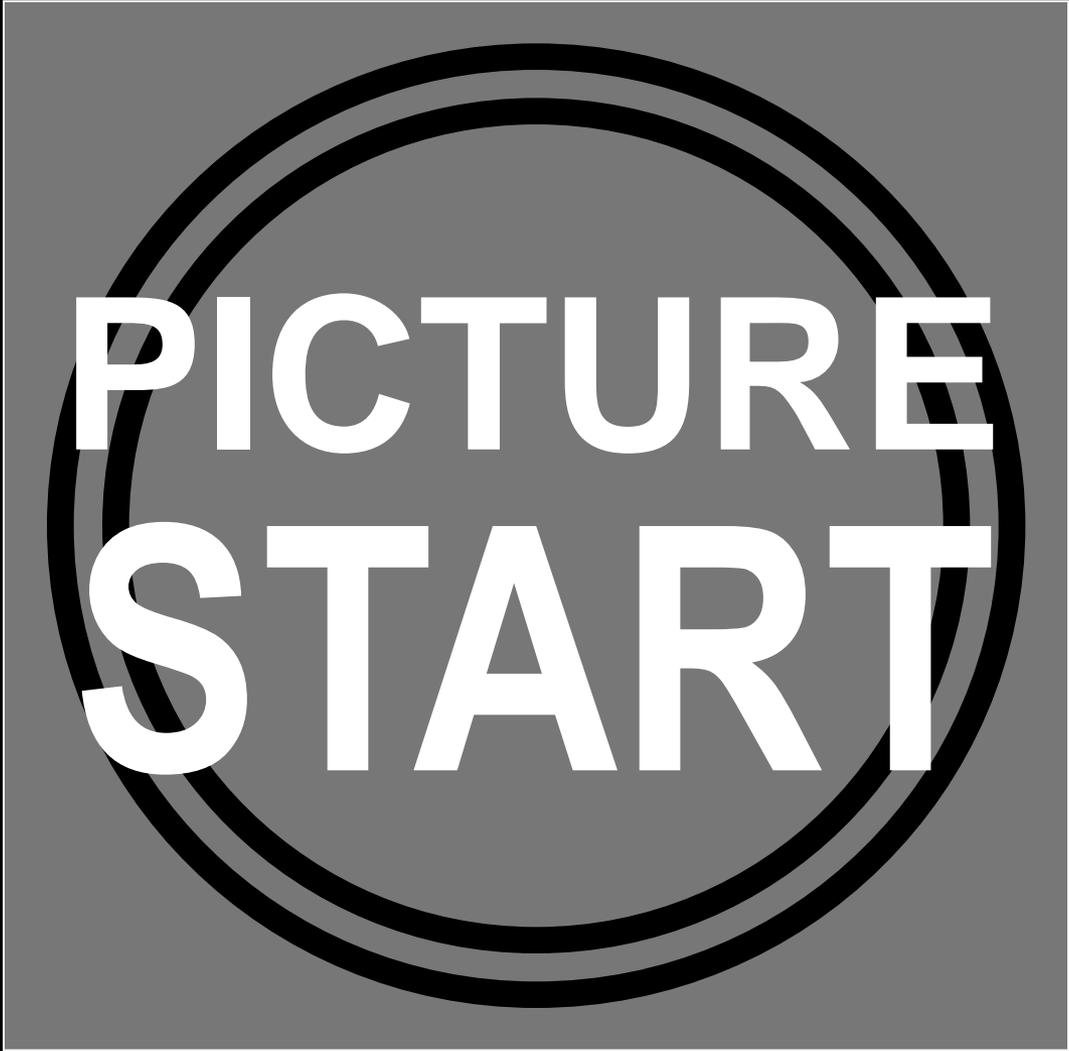
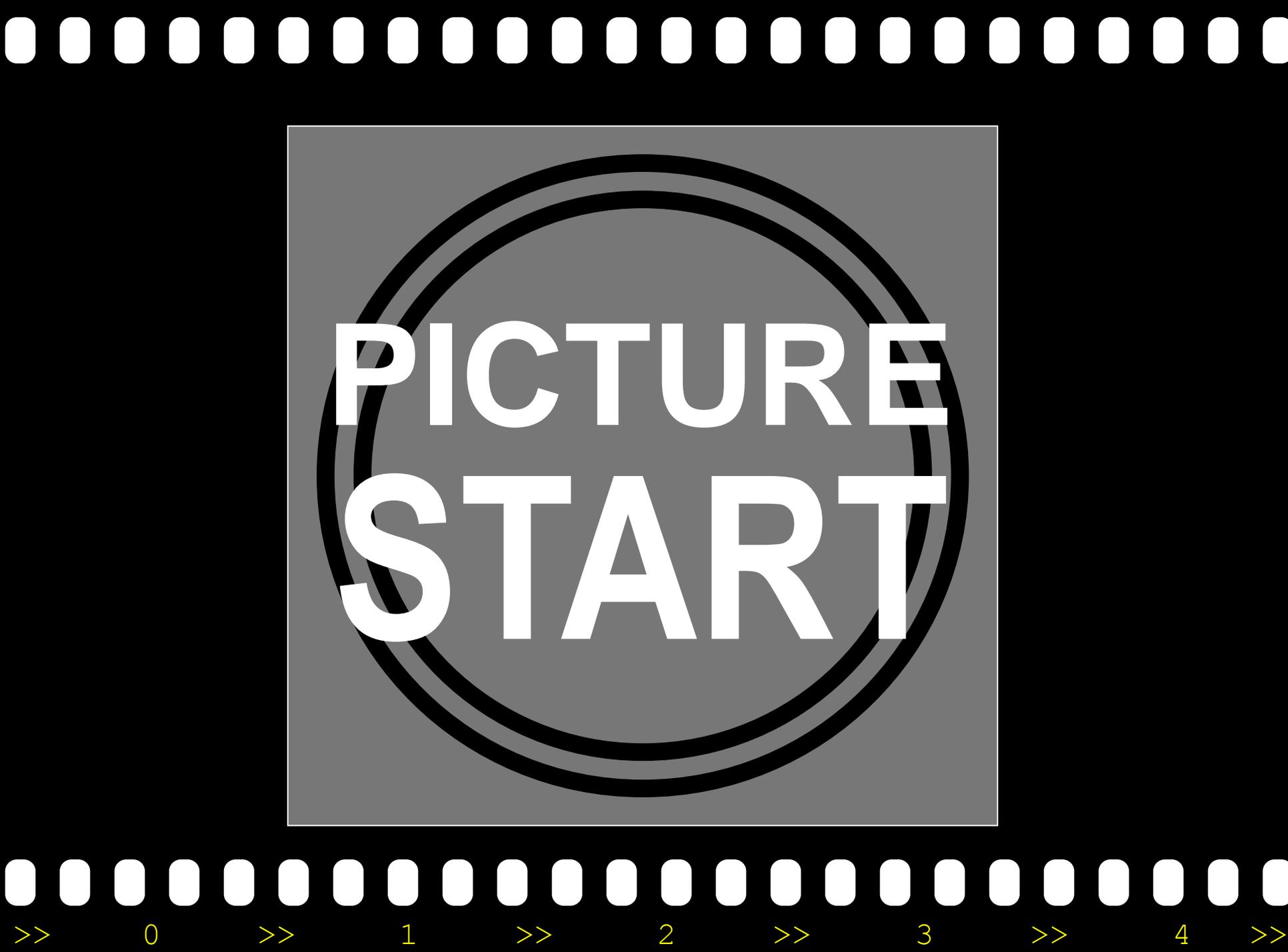
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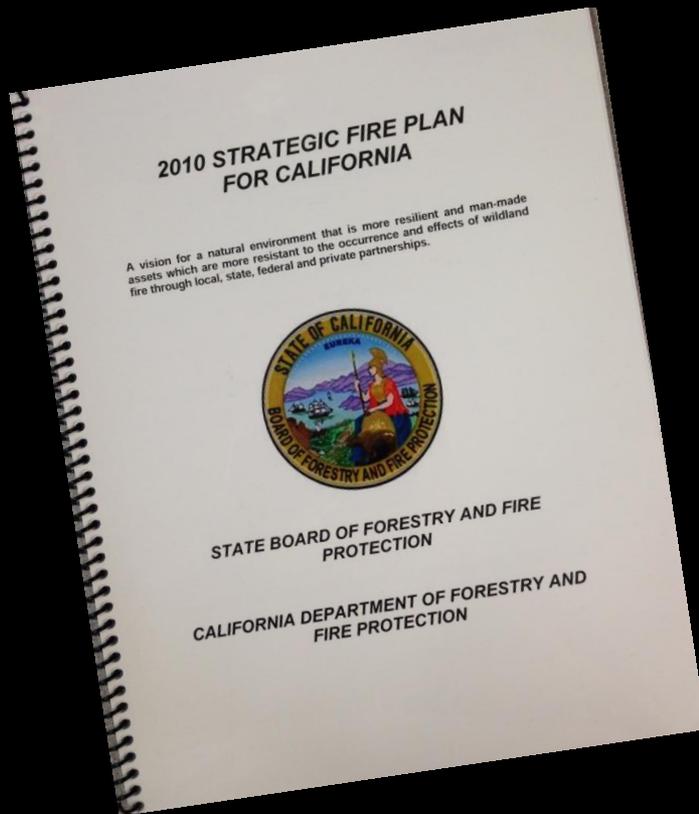
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Looking at the Past



- 5th Year of Implementation of the 2010 Strategic Fire Plan
- Continual collaboration between Board, CAL FIRE and state-wide co-operators
- Testament to the success of the Plan is how the 7 Goals have begun to merge & overlap.

7 Goals



Goal 1: Identify and Evaluate Fire Hazard and Risk

- CalMAPPER
- Updating 2010 State Forest and Range Assessment document
- Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps (FHSZ)
- West-Wide Risk Assessment report (WWRA)



Goal 2: Land Use Planning

- Senate Bill 1241 Wildfire Hazard Legislation, Safety Element Planning and Zoning Law
- Collaborative approach working with local fire and planning officials
- Workshops with fire departments, planning agencies, community groups, & fire safe councils
- Key participants in Damage Inspection Program



LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM

INFORMATION SHEET



CAL FIRE Land Use Planning Program

Established to implement requirements of SB 1241.
 Provide assistance to California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.
 Available to provide technical expertise.
 Shall work collaboratively with local unit staff on safety element pre-review process.

Local Unit Chiefs will determine desired level of participation for all jurisdictions contained within or adjacent to specific unit.



2012 - Senate Bill 1241 (Kehoe) signed into law

Requires counties with the State Responsibility Area (SRA) and lands designated as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in LRA to comply with Gov. Code Section 65302(g)(3).



Gov. Code Section 65302(g)(3)

Upon the next revision of the housing element or after January 1, 2014, the safety element shall be reviewed and updated as necessary to address the risk of fire. For land classified as SRA & land classified as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.



Gov. Code Section 65302.5

(b)(1) The draft element or draft amendment to the safety element of a county or a city's general plan shall be submitted for review to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and to every local agency that provides fire protection to the territory within that city or county at least 90 days prior to their planned adoption date.

(3) The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection shall, and a local agency may, review the draft of an existing safety element or amendment and recommend changes to the planning agency within 60 days of its receipt regarding both of the following:

Uses of land and policies that will protect life, property, and natural resources from unreasonable risks associated with wildland fires.

Methods and strategies for wildland fire risk reduction and prevention.

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Goal 3: Collaborative Community Fire Protection Planning

- Each CAL FIRE Unit and Contract County prepare a Unit Fire Plan which is annually updated
- All Plans are available to the public
- Grants are tied to Unit Fire Plan
- SRA Fire Prevention Fund Grants helped with CWPPs



MARIN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRESAFE MARIN
COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) UPDATE
PUBLIC MEETINGS

FIREsafe MARIN and Marin County Fire Department are actively working to complete an update to the 2006 **Marin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)**. We invite all interested parties to attend one of four CWPP public meetings:

OCTOBER 12, 13, 14, 15
6:00PM-7:30PM

Southern Marin: Monday, October 12
Mill Valley Community Center - Mountain View Room

West Marin: Tuesday, October 13
Point Reyes, Red Barn/ Bear Valley Visitor Center

Central Marin/Ross Valley: Wednesday, October 14
San Anselmo City Council Chambers

North Marin: Thursday, October 15
Novato, Margaret Todd Senior Center

What is a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)?
A CWPP serves as a framework to practice future wildfire hazard protection, identify areas to reduce structural ignitability, and identify and prioritize potential fuel treatment, hazard mitigation, and restoration projects.

What can I expect at the public meeting?
Our team of wildfire scientists, fire officials, public land managers, and community volunteers will present the current state of wildfire science in Marin, and facilitate discussion and input to identify and prioritize potential projects.

Marin County Fire Department and FIREsafe MARIN seek to work with the public and stakeholders to identify areas of hazard and concern, and to work collaboratively to develop wildfire hazard mitigation solutions and guidelines that will be documented in an updated CWPP.

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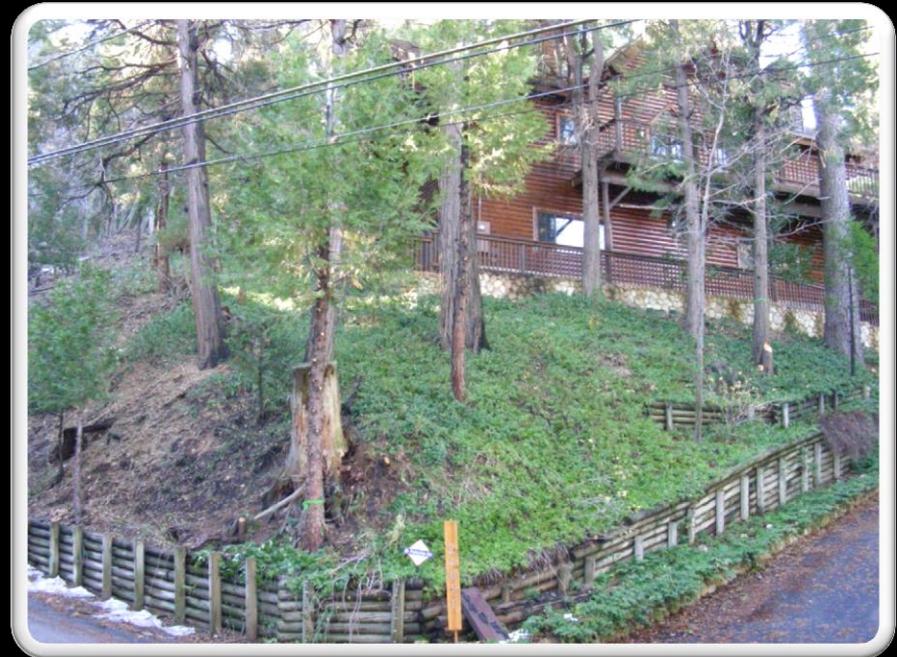
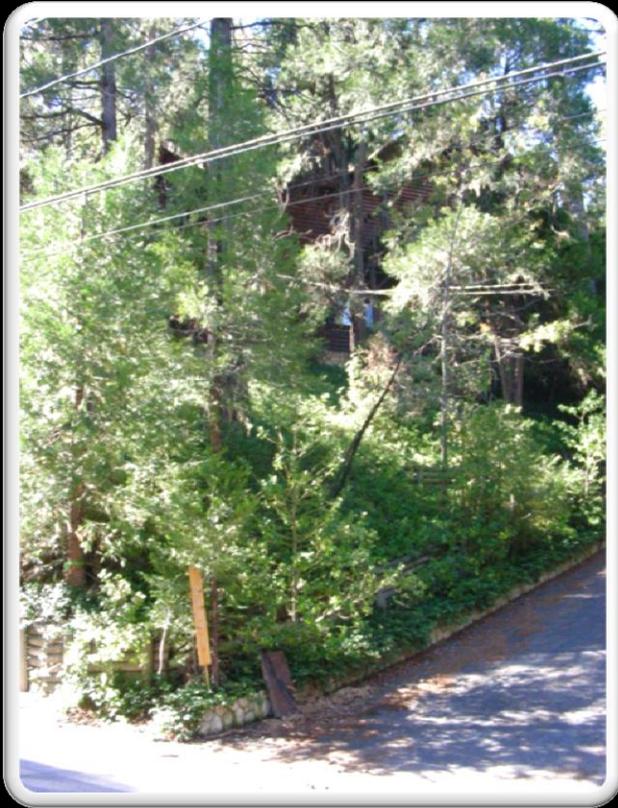
Goal 4: Fire Loss & Damage Prevention Education

- Statewide Educational campaigns
- Defensible Space Inspectors
- Fire Investigations
 - California All Incident Reporting System (CAIRS)
- Civil Cost Recovery Program



Goal 5: Integrated Fuels Management

- Vegetation Management Program
- SRA Fire Prevention Fund Grant Program
- Biomass Utilization
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund



Crestline
Before and After

Goal 6: Fire Suppression

- Cooperative relationship with National Guard
- Pre-Attack Plans
- Firefighter and public safety



Rocky 2015

Goal 7: Post Fire Recovery

- Damage Inspection Policy
- Post-Fire Recovery
- Rehabilitation of forestlands to minimize impacts to watershed resources
- California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)



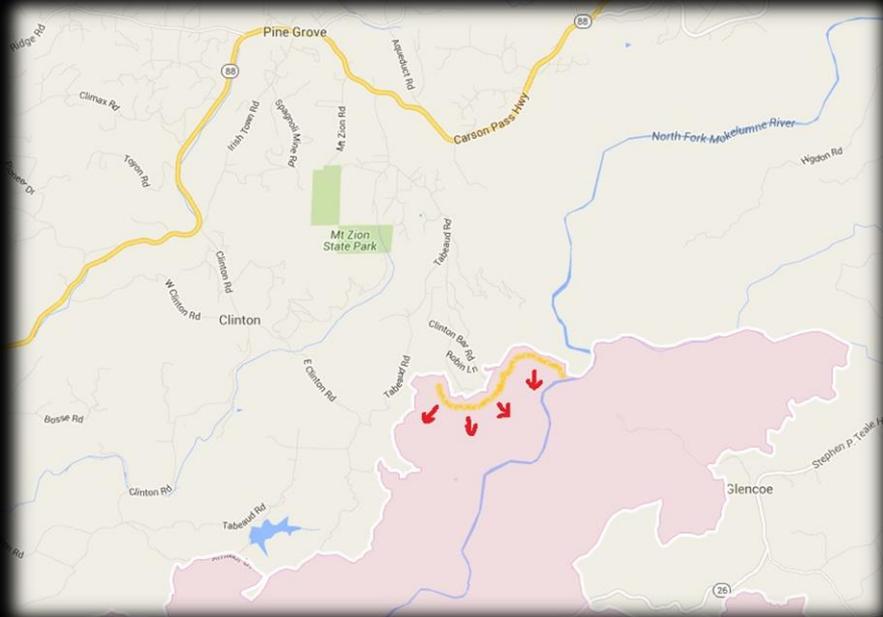
DINS Team Butte Fire 2015

7 Goals



A natural environment that is more resilient and man-made assets which are more resistant to the occurrence and effects of wildland fire through local, state, federal and private partnerships.

Vision



Project Success

Example #1

Butte Fire Fuel Break

Butte Fire

Fuel Break Used for
Firing Operation



Project Success

Example #2 - Moke Hill



Before the fuel break



After the fuel break



Looking at the Future

- ❑ Intensifying Fire Environment
- ❑ Continuing Effects of Drought
- ❑ Forest Health
- ❑ Climate Change

Intensifying Fire Suppression

- Improve Public Safety
- Improve Firefighter Safety
- Reduce Property Loss



Continuing Effects of Drought

- Overall Water Supply
- Water Quality
- Forest Health
- Tree Mortality



July 23, 2015



Forest Health

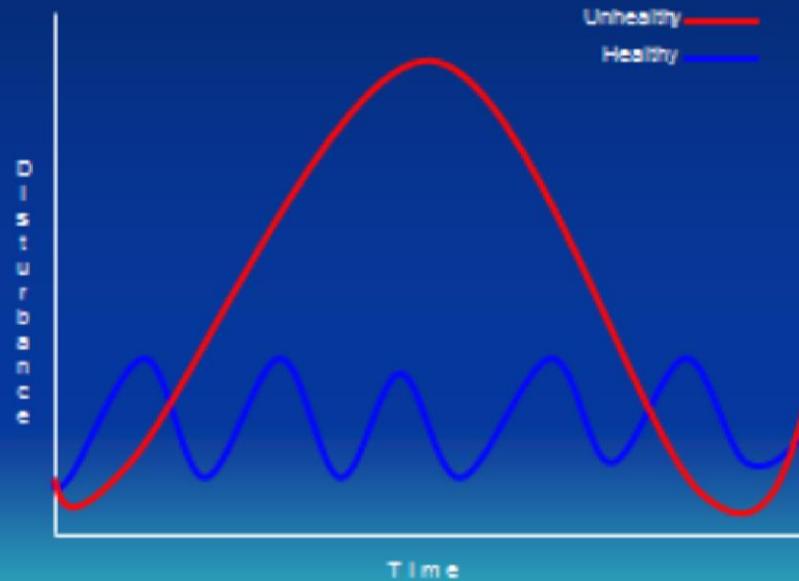
Jose Basin photo
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September 30, 2015



What is a Healthy Forest?

- A forest that is resilient to disturbance

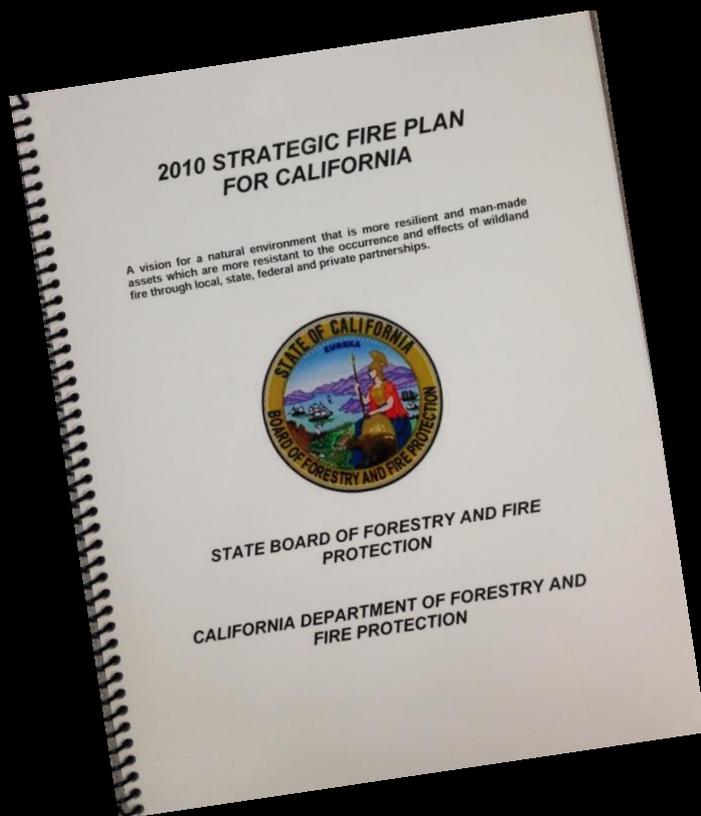


Climate Change

- Ties Everything Together
- More Comprehensive Understanding
- Ultimate Key



Back to the Future?



- Direction from Governor on Prescribed Fire
- Current Timeline – 2018 Update
- Consider Update Now?



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