

2015 Status Report on the State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Prevention Fee



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1.0 Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Overview:

The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is a Governor-appointed body within CAL FIRE. Members are appointed on the basis of their professional and educational qualification and their general knowledge or interest in problems that relate to watershed management, forest management, fish and wildlife, range improvement, forest economics, or land use policy. Of its nine members, five are chosen from the general public, three are chosen from the forest products industry, and one member is from the range-livestock industry.

The Board is responsible for developing the general forest policy of the State, determining the guidance policies of the Department and for representing the State's interest in Federal land located within California. Together, the Board and the Department work to carry out the California Legislature's mandate to protect and enhance the State's unique forest and wildland resources.'

1.1 State Responsibility Area and State Responsibility Fire Prevention Fee Overview:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) 4125 – 4128, the Board is additionally responsible for classifying State Responsibility Area (SRA) and periodically reviewing and revising SRA classification. The revision process of lands classified as SRA is a comprehensive process in which the Board works closely with CAL FIRE to make revisions based primarily on changes to land use that occur on lands previously classified as SRA. This periodic review occurs every five (5) years, with the last revision occurring in 2015.

In 2011, the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fee (SRA fee) was enacted by Assembly Bill X1 29. The law approved the new annual SRA fee to pay for fire prevention services within the SRA. The fee is applied to all habitable structures within the SRA. Pursuant to PRC 4212, the fee is reviewed annually by the Board, and based upon an identified necessity; the Board may adjust the fee. Under 14 CCR 1665.6 the fee is currently levied at the rate of \$152.33 per habitable structure, which is defined as a building that can be occupied for residential use. Owners of habitable structures who are also within the boundaries of a local fire protection agency will receive a reduction of \$35 per habitable structure. The fee is assessed annually on a fiscal year basis (July 1- June 30).

The Board of Equalization is the agency responsible for sending bills to assessed landowners, as well as the collection and deposit of revenue into the State Responsibility Fire Prevention Fund (SRA fund). CAL FIRE is the agency responsible for implementation of the fire prevention program that is funded through the fee.

The fire prevention program includes activities such fuel reduction projects that lessen the risk of wildfire to communities, evacuation routes, and infrastructure. Other activities include defensible space inspections, helping communities create and update their Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), fire prevention education, fire hazard severity mapping, implementation of the State and local fire plans, and fire-related law enforcement activities such as arson investigation.

2.0 Board's Annual Reporting on SRA Fee

The above mentioned administrative responsibilities of the Board are coupled with a reporting responsibility as well. The Board is required, pursuant to PRC 4212, to submit to the Legislature a written annual report on the status and uses of the SRA fund. There are specific mandated metrics of interest that shall be addressed in this report. They are as follows:

- An evaluation of the benefits received by Counties based on the number of habitable structures in the SRA;
- The effectiveness of the Board's grant programs;
- The number of defensible space inspection in the reporting period;
- The degree of compliance with defensible space requirements,
- Measures to increase compliance; and
- Recommendations to the Legislature.

2.1 Historic Synopsis of Fund Health

Although not specifically required, the Board felt that a brief synopsis of the fund balance over the course of SRA fee program would provide useful information. Chart 1 provides useful information on actual fund balanced for Fiscal Years (FY) 12/13 – 14/15, while budget projections for FY 15/16 are provided.

CHART 1: STATEWIDE TOTAL OF PREVENTION ACTIVITIES PLUS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Dollars in Millions as of May 2016

	2012-2013 Actuals	2013-2014 Actuals	2014-2015 Actuals	2015-2016 Budgeted	4 Year Totals
Fire Prevention Activities					
CAL FIRE*	\$36.4	\$50.8	\$60.0	\$69.6	\$216.8
Statewide Fire Prevention Activities	\$27.4	\$28.8	\$38.6	\$32.0	\$126.8
Vegetation Management Program	\$1.7	\$5.1	\$7.1	\$8.4	\$22.3
Defensible Space Inspections	\$3.0	\$10.4	\$9.7	\$19.9***	\$43.0
Input into Safety Elements of Local General Plans (SB 1241)		\$2.3	\$2.1	\$3.9	\$8.3
Fire Hazard and Fire Severity Mapping	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$0.1	\$1.4	\$3.7
Conservation Camp Fire Prevention Work	\$3.2	\$3.1	\$2.4	\$4.0	\$12.7
California Conservation Corps	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.8	\$7.0	\$11.8
Fire Prevention Grants **			\$9.5	\$5.0	\$14.5
Total Fire Prevention Activities	\$37.9	\$52.3	\$71.3	\$81.6	\$243.1
Administration					
CAL FIRE Administration	\$5.9	\$6.2	\$5.0	\$5.7	\$22.8
Board of Equalization	\$6.5	\$6.4	\$9.1	\$9.0	\$31.0
Other Statewide Assessments	\$0.7	\$0.3	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$1.3
Total Administration	\$13.1	\$12.9	\$14.2	\$14.9	\$55.1
Total Expenditures	\$51.0	\$65.2	\$85.5	\$96.5	\$298.2

2015-2016 budgeted dollar figures are per the Governor's Budget.

These figures represent actual and projected expenditures as of May 2016.

Actual dollar figures are provided for Fiscal Years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. Dollar figures are rounded for ease of illustration.

Estimated dollar figures are provided for Fiscal Year 2015-16 are rounded for ease of illustration.

* CAL FIRE's Statewide Fire Prevention Activities expenditures are displayed by program

** The Budget Act of 2014 provided \$10 million for SRA Fire Prevention Grants, and of this amount, approximately \$500,000 is available to administer the program activities in Fiscal Year 2014-15 and 2015-16. The Budget Act of 2015 provides \$5 million for SRA Fire Prevention Grants, 100% of which, will be used for projects and activities.

*** Due to a January Governor's Budget display error, the CAL FIRE Pro Rata is displayed from within this program.

2.2 Evaluation of the Benefits Received by Counties Based on the Number of Habitable Structures in the SRA

The ability for the Board evaluate benefits on a county by county basis is limited because records are kept by CAL FIRE units, which do not coincide with county boundaries. The Board relies on CAL FIRE to compile fiscal data on the implementation of the fire prevention program that is funded by the SRA fee. CAL FIRE is an agency that is distributed statewide in 21 distinct Units, and has been geographically distributed in this manner for decades. The accounting system of the Department is dedicated to tracking fiscal expenditures and revenues by program (e.g. fire prevention program) in each individual Unit, rather than on a county basis. An individual CAL FIRE unit may, at times, utilize county jurisdictional boundaries as a Unit boundary, but in many cases may also use a physical feature such as a waterway, roadway or topographic feature to determine a Unit boundary. As a result individual CAL FIRE Units may contain entire, or portions thereof, of up to 3 counties. Chart 2.0 below provides a graphical depiction of the Counties of the State in contrast to CAL FIRE Units.

CAL FIRE has developed an in-depth accounting system for the SRA fee over the course of several years of building and refining the program and has provided the Board with detailed fiscal data that demonstrates the benefit received by CAL FIRE Unit. These data are based upon revenue received and expenditures for individual CAL FIRE Unit. The Board has determined that the system of reporting and maintenance of records on a Unit basis provides clear data on the distribution of benefit across the State, even though the data is not reported on county jurisdictional basis. Charts 2.1 – 2.2 below provides those fiscal data.

CHART 2.0: CAL FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND CONTRACT COUNTIES

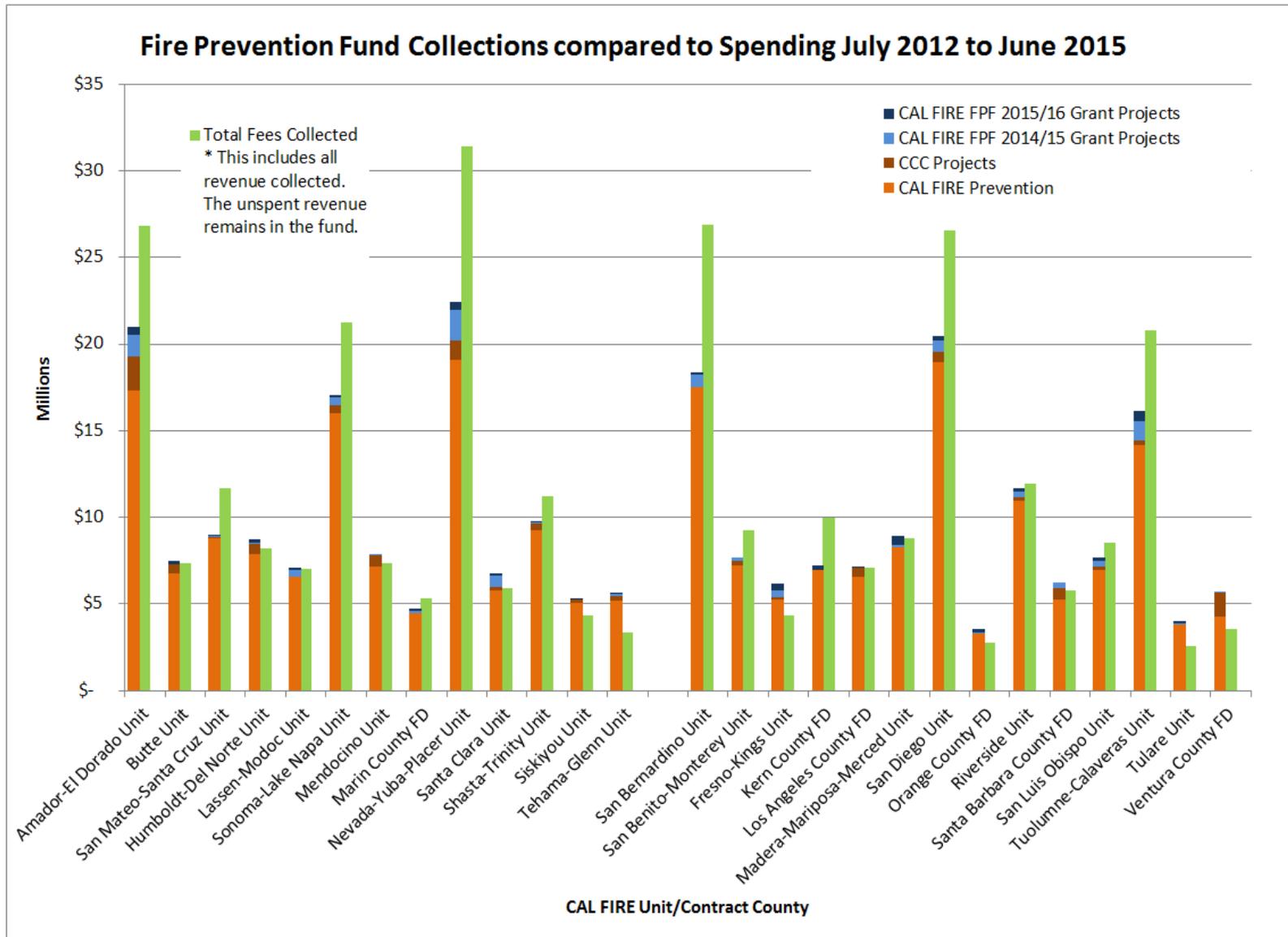


CHART 2.1: TOTAL FEES COLLECTED COMPARED TO EXPENDITURES BY CAL FIRE UNIT

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Unit/ Contract County (North Region)	Fee % by Unit	Total Fees Rec'd	Region & Sac Costs Supporting Units FY12-FY14	Global Admin Costs (CAL FIRE, BOE, SCO, & FISCAL) FY12-13 TO FY14-15	CCC Projects Funded FY 12-13 to FY15-16	FPF Grants-FY14-15 Funded	FPF Grants-FY15-16 Funded	Program Expenditures for FY12-13 (Actual)	Program Expenditures for FY13-14 (Actual)	Program Expenditures for FY14-15 (Actual)	Program Budgeted for FY15-16 (Estimates)	Total Program Expenditures	Total Expenditures FY12-13 thru FY14-15 and FY 15-16 Estimates
Amador-Eldorado	8.93%	\$26,801,738.00	\$5,993,782.09	\$3,748,649.86	\$1,289,919.81	\$1,230,761.00	\$450,938.00	\$1,938,341.00	\$1,812,018.00	\$1,862,207.02	\$3,650,115.32	\$9,262,681.34	\$26,633,803.98
Butte	2.44%	\$7,322,181.00	\$1,637,489.19	\$1,024,123.59	\$405,928.77	\$43,000.00	\$146,423.00	\$1,094,476.00	\$1,235,453.00	\$1,154,956.25	\$997,204.15	\$4,482,089.40	\$7,276,301.60
San Mateo-Santa Cruz	3.88%	\$11,646,993.00	\$2,604,664.64	\$1,629,017.47	\$575,992.57	\$98,280.00	\$75,150.00	\$1,292,803.00	\$1,295,439.00	\$1,188,682.07	\$1,586,198.19	\$5,363,122.26	\$11,574,015.60
Humboldt-Del Norte	2.73%	\$8,184,363.00	\$1,830,302.65	\$1,144,713.58	\$439,832.22	\$83,162.00	\$210,350.00	\$1,406,545.00	\$1,625,874.00	\$1,363,533.92	\$1,114,624.39	\$5,510,577.31	\$8,133,082.12
Lassen-Modoc	2.35%	\$7,054,833.00	\$1,577,701.23	\$986,730.81	\$0.00	\$371,223.00	\$151,533.00	\$1,213,309.00	\$1,116,768.00	\$1,113,311.33	\$960,794.26	\$4,404,182.59	\$7,010,629.45
Sonoma-Lake Napa	7.08%	\$21,238,659.00	\$4,749,688.04	\$2,970,564.68	\$964,963.88	\$439,804.00	\$185,870.00	\$2,536,433.00	\$2,361,083.00	\$2,335,898.57	\$2,892,482.38	\$10,125,896.95	\$21,105,582.13
Mendocino	2.45%	\$7,342,775.00	\$1,642,094.85	\$1,027,004.07	\$406,738.61	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,600,145.00	\$1,360,529.00	\$1,318,791.51	\$1,000,008.92	\$5,279,474.43	\$7,296,767.15
Marin County	1.77%	\$5,315,568.00	\$1,188,742.09	\$743,466.78	\$0.00	\$123,200.00	\$161,121.00	\$747,852.00	\$766,638.00	\$669,499.00	\$723,924.50	\$2,907,913.50	\$5,282,261.41
Nevada-Yuba-Placer	10.47 %	\$31,421,907.00	\$7,027,009.58	\$4,394,854.21	\$1,353,791.91	\$1,808,657.00	\$420,607.00	\$1,612,703.00	\$1,891,454.00	\$1,647,957.52	\$4,279,333.98	\$9,431,448.50	\$31,225,025.03
Santa Clara	1.98%	\$5,937,284.00	\$1,327,779.15	\$830,423.77	\$351,470.74	\$624,680.00	\$155,740.00	\$702,273.00	\$1,075,500.00	\$1,180,317.15	\$808,595.80	\$3,766,685.95	\$5,900,082.63
Shasta-Trinity	3.73%	\$11,192,153.00	\$2,502,946.84	\$1,565,400.81	\$558,106.97	\$79,493.00	\$97,270.00	\$1,483,869.00	\$1,738,483.00	\$1,323,482.74	\$1,524,253.72	\$6,070,088.46	\$11,122,025.22
Siskiyou	1.45%	\$4,353,846.00	\$973,668.36	\$608,954.69	\$289,205.48	\$16,698.00	\$96,500.00	\$901,228.00	\$986,497.00	\$1,175,930.47	\$592,948.11	\$3,656,603.58	\$4,326,565.72
Tehama-Glenn	1.12%	\$3,362,924.00	\$752,064.45	\$470,358.49	\$250,239.65	\$127,469.00	\$38,058.00	\$1,295,932.00	\$1,214,159.00	\$1,368,074.85	\$457,994.96	\$4,336,160.81	\$3,341,852.73
(South Region)													
San Bernardino	8.96%	\$26,879,439.00	\$6,011,158.78	\$3,759,517.64	\$0.00	\$707,010.00	\$148,766.00	\$2,009,089.00	\$1,495,584.00	\$2,295,335.97	\$3,660,697.44	\$9,460,706.41	\$26,711,018.56
San Benito - Monterey	3.08%	\$9,228,307.00	\$2,063,763.96	\$1,290,725.68	\$480,883.02	\$203,950.00	\$0.00	\$909,146.00	\$931,848.00	\$1,218,476.39	\$1,256,798.52	\$4,316,268.91	\$9,170,484.33
Fresno-Kings	1.44%	\$4,316,379.00	\$965,289.55	\$603,714.40	\$287,732.19	\$380,000.00	\$399,594.00	\$916,814.00	\$1,049,862.00	\$1,438,316.63	\$587,845.56	\$3,992,838.19	\$4,289,333.91
Kern County	3.32%	\$9,969,942.00	\$2,229,618.95	\$1,394,455.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$296,350.00	\$842,481.00	\$1,005,911.00	\$726,410.34	\$1,357,801.50	\$3,932,603.84	\$9,907,472.97
Los Angeles County	2.37%	\$7,101,715.00	\$1,588,185.51	\$993,287.93	\$397,259.43	\$0.00	\$18,729.00	\$1,160,917.00	\$1,271,434.00	\$1,077,826.07	\$967,179.02	\$4,477,356.09	\$7,057,217.12
Madera-Mariposa-Merced	2.94%	\$8,808,126.00	\$1,969,797.29	\$1,231,956.76	\$0.00	\$161,408.00	\$524,324.00	\$1,583,681.00	\$1,291,445.00	\$1,963,139.78	\$1,199,574.35	\$6,037,840.13	\$8,752,936.66
San Diego	8.85%	\$26,566,678.00	\$5,941,214.81	\$3,715,773.06	\$1,162,676.61	\$700,115.00	\$208,155.00	\$1,772,518.00	\$2,304,250.00	\$2,662,950.22	\$3,618,102.70	\$10,357,820.92	\$26,400,217.45
Orange County	0.93%	\$2,792,521.00	\$624,502.90	\$390,578.55	\$0.00	\$110,000.00	\$157,736.00	\$713,980.00	\$724,578.00	\$681,939.24	\$380,312.06	\$2,500,809.30	\$2,775,023.76
Riverside	3.99%	\$11,964,620.00	\$2,675,696.88	\$1,673,442.67	\$588,482.56	\$296,000.00	\$197,753.00	\$2,261,583.00	\$1,395,308.00	\$2,748,189.34	\$1,629,455.66	\$8,034,536.00	\$11,889,652.50
Santa Barbara County	1.94%	\$5,810,696.00	\$1,299,469.64	\$812,718.35	\$346,492.92	\$326,054.00	\$0.00	\$947,819.00	\$941,423.00	\$879,064.55	\$791,355.77	\$3,559,662.32	\$5,774,287.28
San Luis Obispo	2.84%	\$8,514,022.00	\$1,904,025.50	\$1,190,821.56	\$452,795.32	\$323,986.00	\$227,928.00	\$1,074,929.00	\$1,174,814.00	\$962,219.75	\$1,159,520.41	\$4,371,483.16	\$8,460,674.95
Tuolumne-Calaveras	6.94%	\$20,820,154.00	\$4,656,096.09	\$2,912,030.11	\$936,707.09	\$1,163,391.00	\$531,470.00	\$1,423,833.00	\$1,767,883.00	\$1,448,953.77	\$2,835,486.41	\$7,476,156.18	\$20,689,699.53
Tulare	0.86%	\$2,566,413.00	\$573,937.47	\$358,953.76	\$0.00	\$78,056.00	\$99,635.00	\$1,094,920.00	\$903,887.00	\$880,714.37	\$349,518.54	\$3,229,039.91	\$2,550,332.65
Ventura County	1.19%	\$3,565,997.00	\$797,478.51	\$498,761.49	\$260,780.00	\$22,186.00	\$0.00	\$1,018,300.00	\$941,165.00	\$878,205.02	\$485,651.38	\$3,323,321.40	\$3,543,653.42
Statewide	100%	\$300,080,234.00	\$67,108,189.00	\$55,100,000.00	\$11,789,999.75	\$9,524,583.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$35,555,919.00	\$35,679,289.00	\$37,564,383.84	\$40,867,778.00	\$149,667,367.84	\$298,200,121.84

CHART 2.2: FIRE PREVENTION FUND COLLECTIONS COMPARED TO SPENDING JULY 2012 THROUGH JUNE 2015 UNIT



3.0 Effectiveness of the Board’s Grant Program

The Board has not yet been allocated fund for a grant program. The Board has taken the necessary administrative steps towards developing a transparent process for a SRA grant program in preparation of potential funding in the future. During 2015 and 2016 the Board engaged in rulemaking under the Administrative Procedures Act to develop regulations, known as “SRA Fire Prevention Grant Program”. The goal of the regulatory action was to provide the public with process that could be utilized should funding be allocated. The final rulemaking package has been submitted to Office of Administrative Law and is currently under final review. The Board expects an effective date of the regulation to occur on October 1, 2016. A copy of the Board adopted regulations can be found on the [Board’s website](#).

The Board felt it prudent to provide data on the grant program that has been funded by the fee that is currently being administered by CAL FIRE as a surrogate for the Board’s grant program. In FY 14/15, CAL FIRE was allocated \$10 million to award as grants through the [SRA Fire Prevention Grant Program](#). \$475, 417 was spent, commensurate with the Governor’s budget on administrative overhead, while \$9,524,583 was delivered in the form of 83 funded projects throughout the state. Chart 3.0 provides detailed information on the each of the 83 projects that were funded under the SRA Fire Prevention Grant Program in FY 14/15. The Board has determined that CAL FIRE is making an excellent effort to distribute the funds in grants proportional to how fees are collected.

CHART 3.0: Fiscal Year 14/15 APPROVED SRA FIRE PREVENTION FUND GRANTS

Fiscal Year 14/15 State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund Grants- Drought Augmentation

Project ID	Project Name	Amount	Agency	County
14-SRA-HF-01-0005	Hazen C-Line Fuel Break	\$95,549	TGU	Tehama
14-SRA-HF-01-0006	Twain Harte Green Waste Curbside Pick-up	\$50,000	TCU	Tuolumne
14-SRA-HF-01-0014	Highway 162 Fuel Break	\$31,920	TGU	Glenn
14-SRA-HF-01-0020	Calaveras County CWPP Update	\$10,000	TCU	Calaveras
14-SRA-HF-01-0027	Big Bear Valley SRA Chipping Grant	\$199,500	BDU	San Bernardino
14-SRA-HF-01-0045	Dead, Dying and Diseased Tree Removal - Descanso, Guatay and Pine Valley	\$450,000	MVU	San Diego
14-SRA-HF-01-0047	Deer Springs Community Fuels Reduction and Chipping Project	\$29,610	MVU	San Diego
14-SRA-HF-01-0052	Goat Grazing, East Bay Hills SRA	\$204,000	SCU	Contra Costa
14-SRA-HF-01-0055	Butte County Sheriff Office Inmate Roads Maintenance	\$43,000	BTU	Butte
14-SRA-HF-01-0057	Chrome Ridge Wildfire Protection Project.	\$100,000	AEU	El Dorado
14-SRA-HF-01-0062	El Dorado Integrated County Wildfire Protection Plan (Master CWPP)	\$73,870	AEU	El Dorado
14-SRA-HF-01-	Dunsmuir Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update	\$16,698	SKU	Siskiyou

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14-SRA-HF-01-0074	Rancho Calaveras Fuels Reduction	\$150,000	TCU	Calaveras
14-SRA-HF-01-0075	Blue Lake Springs H.O.A. Fire Safety Project	\$272,580	TCU	Calaveras
14-SRA-HF-01-0076	Central Calaveras Fire and Rescue Protection District Wildland Fire Pre-Plan	\$44,800	TCU	Calaveras
14-SRA-HF-01-0080	SRA Greater Valley Center Community Chipping Days	\$50,000	MVU	San Diego
14-SRA-HF-01-0082	Woods Valley and Paradise Mountain Road Fuel Reduction Project	\$130,000	MVU	San Diego
14-SRA-HF-01-0084	SRA Greater Valley Center Community Including Eden and Hidden Valley Fuel Reduction Evacuation Route	\$8,000	MVU	San Diego
14-SRA-HF-01-0085	Palomar Park Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program	\$79,750	CZU	San Mateo
14-SRA-HF-01-0093	Clayton-Morgan Territory Fire Safe 2015	\$170,680	SCU	Alameda
14-SRA-HF-01-0112	North Tahoe Multi-Jurisdictional Request for Emergency Evacuation Planning Materials	\$43,617	NEU	Placer
14-SRA-HF-01-0113	Loma Vista Community Perimeter Shaded Fuel Break	\$56,000	LNU	Napa
14-SRA-HF-01-0115	Foss Valley Community Perimeter Shaded Fuel Break	\$79,000	LNU	Napa
14-SRA-HF-01-0121	Unincorporated Big Bear City, Running Springs & Arrowbear Wood Shake/Shingle Cost Share Roof Replacement	\$214,916	BDU	San Bernardino
14-SRA-HF-01-0131	Parkhill Area Fuel Breaks	\$323,986	SLU	San Luis Obispo
14-SRA-HF-01-0132	American River Canyon Perimeter Shaded Fuel Break (PSFB)	\$100,000	AEU	El Dorado
14-SRA-HF-01-0136	Development of Fire Adapted Communities on the California Side of the Lake Tahoe Basin	\$200,000	AEU	El Dorado
14-SRA-HF-01-0137	Sierra County Residential Chipping Program	\$53,200	NEU	Sierra
14-SRA-HF-01-0138	Anderson Springs Interface Project	\$42,020	LNU	Lake
14-SRA-HF-01-0139	Sierra City SC1 SC3 Fuels reduction	\$53,725	NEU	Sierra
14-SRA-HF-01-0142	Muniz Ranches Property Owners Association Fire Prevention Project	\$41,716	LNU	Sonoma
14-SRA-HF-01-0149	North Bottle Rock Road Fuel Break	\$37,471	LNU	Lake
14-SRA-HF-01-0151	Mt. Konocti Interface Fuel Break	\$108,597	LNU	Lake
14-SRA-HF-01-0156	Alpine Meadows Subdivision Roadside Clearing	\$76,880	NEU	Placer
14-SRA-HF-01-0163	Burney Basin Fire Safe Council --CWPP	\$14,000	SHU	Shasta
14-SRA-HF-01-0168	Fresno Fairgrounds Public Education Project	\$380,000	FKU	Fresno
14-SRA-HF-01-0171	Morning Canyon Fuels Reduction Evacuation Project	\$154,836	AEU	El Dorado

14-SRA-HF-01-0184	Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Community Wildfire Protection Plan	\$21,000	BDU	San Bernardino
14-SRA-HF-01-0186	Truckee Fire Protection District Community Wildfire Protection Plan	\$27,000	NEU	Nevada
14-SRA-HF-01-0188	Yuba County Service Area 2 Shaded Fuel Breaks	\$29,750	NEU	Yuba
14-SRA-HF-01-0189	Lake Tahoe Wildfire Hazard Awareness and Mitigation Public Outreach Campaign	\$77,250	AEU	El Dorado
14-SRA-HF-01-0192	American Valley Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project	\$317,856	LMU	Plumas
14-SRA-HF-01-0201	Crest Forest Fire Safe Demonstration Sites	\$10,300	BDU	San Bernardino
14-SRA-HF-01-0206	San Juan Canyon Road Shaded Fuel Break & Residential Chipping	\$117,150	BEU	San Benito
14-SRA-HF-01-0207	Santa Barbara Foothill Community Defensible Space Project	\$326,054	SBC	Santa Barbara
14-SRA-HF-01-0233	Tuolumne County Roadside Brushing	\$84,000	TCU	Tuolumne
14-SRA-HF-01-0236	Central Ventura County Fire Safe Council Community Chipper Days Project	\$22,186	VNC	Ventura
14-SRA-HF-01-0238	Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2015 Update	\$65,493	SHU	Trinity
14-SRA-HF-01-0249	2015 Klamath River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TRES)	\$83,162	HUU	Humboldt
14-SRA-HF-01-0255	Lake Tahoe Community Chipping Project	\$153,797	AEU	El Dorado
14-SRA-HF-01-0262	OCFA - County-Wide Wildfire Protection Plan for Orange County, CA	\$110,000	ORC	Orange
14-SRA-HF-01-0265	2015 Marin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan	\$123,200	MRN	Marin
14-SRA-HF-01-0267	Maxwell Trail Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project	\$296,000	RRU	Riverside
14-SRA-HF-01-0268	Special Needs Defensible Space Assistance Program	\$142,366	NEU	Yuba
14-SRA-HF-01-0269	Nevada County Chipping Program	\$159,478	NEU	Nevada
14-SRA-HF-01-0272	Mountain Top Chipper Days	\$33,500	BDU	San Bernardino
14-SRA-HF-01-0273	Soper Company Shakespeare Mastication	\$121,771	NEU	Yuba
14-SRA-HF-01-0276	Abatement Assistance & Advocacy	\$43,200	BDU	San Bernardino
14-SRA-HF-01-0277	Yuba County Residential Chipping Program	\$100,000	NEU	Yuba
14-SRA-HF-01-0287	Santa Clara County CWPP	\$250,000	SCU	Santa Clara
14-SRA-HF-01-0291	Hazardous Fuels Removal Along Non County Maintained Roads Creating a Fireline	\$161,408	MMU	Mariposa
14-SRA-HF-01-0292	Highway 120 Corridor Fire Break and Fuels Reduction	\$244,160	TCU	Tuolumne
14-SRA-HF-01-0294	Franklin Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Project	\$53,367	LMU	Modoc

14-SRA-HF-01-0296	Weber Creek Fuel Reduction Project, PP-1	\$191,075	AEU	El Dorado
14-SRA-HF-01-0304	Bear River Pines Fuels Reduction	\$294,578	NEU	Nevada
14-SRA-HF-01-0307	Lokoya Community Fuel Reduction Project	\$75,000	LNU	Napa
14-SRA-HF-01-0321	Bell Springs Road Community Wildfire Protection Plan	\$6,000	MEU	Mendocino
14-SRA-HF-01-0340	Placer County Chipper Program - Track Chipper Acquisition	\$200,000	NEU	Placer
14-SRA-HF-01-0343	Web-based Map Interface for CWPPs	\$56,970	BDU	San Bernardino
14-SRA-HF-01-0344	North Fork American River Fuel break - CEQA	\$46,063	NEU	Placer
14-SRA-HF-01-0345	Nevada County Landfill Site Fuel Modification	\$31,020	NEU	Nevada
14-SRA-HF-01-0346	Placer County Residential Chipper Program	\$429,209	NEU	Placer
14-SRA-HF-01-0347	River Pines	\$179,933	AEU	Amador
14-SRA-HF-01-0349	Bear Valley Common Area Fuels Reduction	\$40,000	TCU	Alpine
14-SRA-HF-01-0350	Mi Wuk/Sugar Pine Fuel Reduction Program	\$190,516	TCU	Tuolumne
14-SRA-HF-01-0351	Monterey County Regional Fire District Chipping and Pre-Planning Map Grant	\$86,800	BEU	Monterey
14-SRA-HF-01-0360	Fire Prevention Materials and Road Signs	\$16,576	TCU	Tuolumne
14-SRA-HF-01-0361	Turnback Creek Fuel Reduction Phase 2 (Maintenance)	\$60,759	TCU	Tuolumne
14-SRA-HF-01-0367	Tulare County Chipper Days	\$78,056	TUU	Tulare
14-SRA-HF-01-0376	Palomar Mountain Community Chipping Days	\$6,900	MVU	San Diego
14-SRA-HF-01-0377	Palomar Divide SRA Fuel Break	\$25,605	MVU	San Diego
14-SRA-HF-01-0378	Newell Drive Fuel Reduction	\$18,530	CZU	Santa Cruz
14-SRA-HF-01-0400	Wheeler Crest Fuels Reduction, 2015/2017	\$127,624	BDU	Mono

*83 total projects for a total of \$9,524,583 of funded grants statewide.

4.0 Defensible Space Inspections

There are two metrics that are required to report upon in regards to the Defensible Space Inspection that are conducted by CAL FIRE. Those metrics include the number of defensible space inspections conducted during FY 14/15 and the degree of compliance with defensible space inspections. Given the data collection on the inspection conducted on an annual basis, the Board is able to report on a more extended period of time than what is required by law. Chart 4.0 provides data on the on-the-ground inspections conducted by CAL FIRE employees

between FY 09/10 and 14/15. In addition, the Board is also able to report on the number of citations issued during those inspections, which provides a measure of compliance in regards to homeowners complying with defensible space standards.

CHART 4.0: Defensible Space Inspection Conducted by CAL FIRE for Fiscal Years 09/10 - 15/16

STATEWIDE INSPECTIONS						
Prevention Activities	Totals FY 2009/10	Totals FY 2010/11	Totals FY 2011/12	Totals FY 2012/13	Totals FY 2013/14	Totals FY 2014/15
Citations Issued	1,902	2,857	1,655	890	2,539	631
Inspections	209,777	164,528	106,382	149,672	203,340	207,295

5.0 Measures to Increase Compliance with Defensible Space Standards

The SRA fee has allowed CAL FIRE to increase staffing specifically dedicated to the job of conducting defensible space inspections and has increased the number of properties inspected since the implementation of the fee. The use of specialized, trained inspectors has improved the quality of interactions with the public, resulting in increased compliance.

Another means of increasing compliance with defensible space standards is through maintenance of a public education and outreach program. CAL FIRE employees spend many thousands of hours in public settings each year with the ultimate goal of educating the public on wildfire and resource management and protection issues. These public outreach efforts are conducted at county and state fairs, academic institutions, parades, public workshops and gatherings and other special events. In addition, the public outreach extends to public service announcements during radio and television broadcast and well as media outreach. Given the relative low number of citations issued, the education outreach has been seemingly effective and maintaining this level of public outreach will likely result in attaining a higher level of compliance. This continued outreach is of particular importance as the population within the state increases resulting in additional home density within the wildland urban interface.

6.0 Recommendations to the Legislature

LOOKING FOR INPUT ON THIS SECTION