

Resource Protection Committee (RPC)

The mission of the RPC is to evaluate and promote an effective fire protection system implemented by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and improve forest and rangeland health in California.

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COMPLETED OR SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED 2018

1. California Fire Plan

Objective: *Update California Fire Plan for 2018.*

Status: Plan approved at August, 2018, Board meeting.

2. Fire Safe Development Workgroup

Objective: *Develop a workgroup to revise the Title 14 SRA Fire Safe Regulations on a triennial basis to coincide with the California Fire Code updates. Ensure consistent, technically sound, and appropriate regulations and guidelines are established for governing fire safe development in State Responsibility Area and other locations determined to be within the statutory responsibility of CAL FIRE and the Board.*

Status: Regulatory changes approved by the Board November, 2018. Staff work ongoing to submit to OAL.

3. Technical Rule Addendum No. 4, Minimum Distances Require by Law, Fire Safe THP Vegetation Treatment

Objective: *The Department has request that the Board amend the diagram in technical rule addendum No. 4 to accurately portray the vegetation treatments as required by PRC § 4291(b) and 14 CCR § 1299(a)(2).*

Status: Staff successfully utilized Section 100 process to update this graphic in 14 CCR 1038 and two instances of outdated websites specified in a related regulation, 14 CCR 1299.03.

4. SRA Grant Guidelines Regulations

Objective: *Review language in AB 398 (Garcia, 2017) to determine necessity of revising the SRA Fire Prevention Fund (14 CCR § 1666).*

Status: Staff successfully utilized Section 100 process to strike reference to Fire Prevention Fee in 14 CCR 1666.0.

ANNUAL ONGOING ITEMS

5. Safety Element Review (all counties with SRA; cities with VHFHSZ)

Objective: *Review General Plan Safety Elements of all counties with SRA and cities with Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.*

Status: Review of safety elements ongoing.

6. Fire Safe Development Regulations Certification

Objective: Review and certify local county ordinances submitted for certification under 14 CCR §1270.03.

Status: Ongoing as counties submit ordinances.

7. Forest Pest Council

Objective: Ongoing monitoring, management, and education and outreach (for professionals and lay people) regarding invasive pests and pathogens of concern in California's urban and wildland forests.

Ongoing effort to offer relative, practical information on tree dieoff as well as native and invasive pests and pathogens affecting California's urban and wildland forests.

Ongoing effort to further advance the CA Firewood Task Force 'Buy It Where You Burn It' message as well as the risks associated with spread of invasive species through the long-distance movement of firewood.

Status: Ongoing review in 2019.

2019 PRIORITIES

1. California Vegetation Treatment Program PEIR (CaIVTP PEIR)

Objective: Certify a statewide program environmental impact report for vegetation treatment.

Status: Working with consultants to prepare Draft PEIR for public comment summer 2019.

2. Moderate Regulations

Objective: Clarify, interpret, or make specific new legislation from 2018 (AB 2911, SB 1260, SB 901) via regulation, as necessary.

Status: "Safety Element Review, 2019;" "Subdivision Map Findings, 2019;" and "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Adoption, 2019" 45-day initial notices published January 11, 2019. "Fire Safety Survey, 2019" in committee development; anticipated initial notice in February or March 2019.

3. Policy Updates

Objective: Review and update, as necessary, all policies related to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and associated Committees. Examine all general policies, licensing policies, joint policies with other agencies, and other policies as identified and revise policies to reflect current programs and business operations.

Status: Review of relevant policies ongoing. Anticipated approval of policies in Committee in first quarter of 2019.

4. Fire Safety Survey

Objective: With the Office of the State Fire Marshal, by July 1, 2021 survey existing subdivisions of 30 or more residential structures without secondary access at high fire risk, and develop recommendations to improve that subdivision's fire safety.

Status: Moderate regulations ongoing to establish structure of survey process. No further progress.

5. Fire Safe Regulations Update

Objective: *By July 1, 2021, update the 14 CCR 1270 regulations to apply to LRA, to establish requirements for greenbelts around communities, and to protect undeveloped ridgelines.*

Status: No progress to date.

6. Fire Risk Reduction Communities List

Objective: *By July 1, 2022, develop a list of local agencies taking fire risk reduction activities.*

Status: No progress to date.

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