



Director’s Report to the Board of Forestry

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Resource Management

Forest Practice Program

Watershed Protection Program

- Staff is currently monitoring the Line Fire (BDU) and the Airport Fire (Orange County) for potential Watershed Emergency Response Team (WERT) deployments.
- Staff participated in a field tour on the Park Fire with Butte County Resource Conservation District and Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve personnel to provide guidance on post-fire restoration activities.
- Staff is developing an automated Geographic Information Systems (GIS) procedure for sampling on Timber Harvesting Plans (THPs) and Nonindustrial Timber Management Plans (NTMPs) for a second round of Forest Practice Rule Implementation and Effectiveness Monitoring (“FORPRIEM 2.0”). The original FORPRIEM effort occurred between 2008 and 2013, with a detailed report completed at the end of 2014. Several recommendations were made in that report including but not limited to using a stratified random sampling approach and modifying the sampling methodology to accommodate significant Forest Practice Rule changes since the initial FORPRIEM effort, such as the “Anadromous Salmonid Protection” and “Road Rules.”

Forest Practice Administration

- Program staff continue to work with the California Natural Resources Agency for receipt of funding to support migration of the California Timber Regulation Environmental Evaluation System (CalTREES) from the current on-premises server into a cloud-based server. During Accela cloud migration, CalTREES updates will be on hold until that process is complete.
- Staff are currently testing online NTMP submittals with the intent to deploy functionality in the next few months before cloud migration ends.

Forest Practice Enforcement and Timber Operator Licensing (LTO)

The following tables summarize Timber Operator Licensing and Enforcement Activities since the last report.

Table 1: Forest Practice Civil Penalty Collection

Case Status	# of Cases	Amount Collected	Total Amount Due
Adjudicated	28	142,750	473,760
Default	72	358,849	1,184,080
Paid per CPO	24	238,000	238,000
Settled	111	959,505	897,705
Totals	235	1,699,104	2,793,545

Forest Practice Enforcement Program penalty collection from January 1, 2016, to present. Adjudicated are cases that were decided by hearing. The difference in Amount Collected and Total Amount Due indicates respondent is making payments



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or a judgement is needed. Penalties collected are deposited in the State's General Fund per (PRC§4601.1(d)).

The following tables summarize Timber Operator Licensing and Enforcement Activities since the last report.

Table 2: LTO License Status

Table 3: Active Civil Penalties Case Status

Status	#	Status	# of Cases
New Applications Rec'd	3	Under Review	3
Renewal Applications Rec'd	6	Developed for Signature	5
New Licenses Issued	16	CPO Signed, Mailed, Served	10
Licenses Renewed	7	Hearing(s) to be Scheduled	9
Incomplete Applications Rec'd	0	Settlement Mitigation	4
Applications Returned	2	Payments	22
Refunds Issued	1	Probation	3
Insurance Certificates Rec'd	69	Judgment needed/In Judgment	39
		Default/Final Order	15
Total Active Licenses	1,453	Total Case Load	110

Resource Protection and Improvement

Resource Improvement

Forest Entomology and Pathology Program

- Mediterranean Oak Borer has been spreading rapidly in the Sacramento area including within the city limits.
- A site with Gold Spotted Oak Borer infestation has been found in Ventura County. This is the first known infestation in the County and will require extending the Zone of Infestation to include Ventura.
- There is an infestation of spongy moth (formerly known as gypsy moth) in the community of Monte Nido, Los Angeles County. The Department of Food and Agriculture is delimiting the infestation and will attempt to eradicate it with the help of CAL FIRE and others.
- There is a potential infestation of the Asian variety of spongy moth in Orange County. More trapping is necessary to determine if the infestation is confirmed.

Forest Biometrics Program

- Staff continue to work with Demonstration State Forest (DSF) Program to complete the Timber Atlas Inventory (TAI) cruise at Big Bend DSF and will begin processing the Miller DSF Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) and Timber Atlas



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Inventory (TAI) cruise data to provide baseline inventory information for the recently acquired forest.

- The program continues to support of the Forest Practice Program in review of demonstrations of sustained yield.
- Staff continue the monitoring of Forest Inventory Assessment (FIA) Intensification contractors as year-end goals approach.

Demonstration State Forests

Jackson

- A contract kick-off meeting with Clifton Environmental was held on August 30, 2024, to begin the Forest Management Plan Review. The initial round of public meetings is being developed and are expected to begin in October 2024.
- The Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) will hold a meeting on October 4, 2024, to review fish habitat restoration, the proposed Camp 1 timber harvesting plan, and treatments under the fire and fuels mitigation research project, a Forest Health Research Grant.
- Site preparation for the Carbon Flux Towers is complete. The materials are being shipped from Ireland in two 20-foot cargo containers expected to be delivered to the forest in October 2024, for installation.
- Swanton Pacific Ranch hosted a tour entitled "Forest Health Management in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI): Lessons Being Learned at Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF)" on August 8, 2024. Participants increased their understanding of how using different management options and tools can affect forest health in a wildland urban intermix (WUI) with examples from multiple sites in JDSF.
- On August 8, 2024, Jackson Demonstration State Forest hosted Deputy Secretary for access Gloria Sandoval, Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildlife Resilience Lisa Lien-Mager, and Deputy Secretary for Communications Tony Anderson from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to discuss multi-use recreation opportunities within a sustainably managed forest. Mendocino Coast Cyclists president Dan Sweet attended part of the field tour to discuss their partnership in planning, developing, and maintaining the trail network.
- Seventy-five firewood permits allowing up to two cords per household at a cost of \$20 each were sold-out in 48 hours between August 6-8, 2024.
- On August 19, 2024, stream restoration work along the North Fork of the South Fork (NFSF) Noyo River began. Blencowe Forest Management will be placing



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large woody debris in the stream to improve fish habitat. The project is in partnership with Trout Unlimited.

- North Coast Field Biologists has completed surveys for northern spotted owl (NSO). There were a total of 1,943 surveys at 502 unique stations across the forest. The following species were detected at night (number detections at survey stations): western screech-owl (112), barred owl (74), northern saw-whet owl (33), northern spotted owl (21), spotted-barred owl hybrid (9), and northern pygmy owl (1). Thirty-five daytime surveys (11 follow-ups, 24 site visits) were conducted. JDSF had two NSO territories occupied by pairs, none of which exhibited successful reproduction.
- North Coast Field Biologists completed 25 audio-visual surveys for marbled murrelet covering five habitat areas without any murrelet detections.
- Maintenance removals of barred owls (BADOs) by the University of Wisconsin are ongoing on JDSF. A total of 34 BADOs have been lethally removed on the Greater JDSF area (29 on JDSF and 5 on Mendocino Woodlands & Big River State Parks) in 2024. A total of 134 barred owls have been removed in the Greater JDSF area since November 2021.
- Downed logs were removed from the Soda Gulch Timber Harvest Plan (THP) left over from the work stoppage in 2021. The redwood logs were shipped to the mill, while the Douglas-fir and tanoak pieces were decked for a firewood sale in 2025.

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

- All 86 permanent plots for the Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) program have been established and measured on the Big Bend Demonstration State Forest (BBDSF). Staff has completed 161 of the 835 temporary plots for the Timber Atlas Inventory (TAI). The CFI plots are remeasured every 10-years while the TAI provides a denser, but temporary, plot network providing a robust dataset to estimate species composition, stand structure, timber volume, and other management metrics.
- Timber operations continue under the Royston/Senapol 24 timber sale with approximately 4.7 MMBF shipped as of September 10, 2024. Sierra Pacific Industries has completed all associated road work under the timber sale.

Soquel

- Logging operations are complete on the Sulphur THP. The forest remains closed on weekdays for public safety while the THP road work and follow-up forest health treatments are conducted.



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- Soquel and California Geological Survey staff provided a review and tour of the streambank revetment site that utilized root wads for bank stability to State Parks employees interested in this type of repair.
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo researchers returned to re-inventory the Forest Health plots in their post treatment status within the Sulphur THP.
- The Forestry Aides and the Unit Environmental Scientist assisted UC Santa Cruz researchers in sampling and mapping habitat in Soquel Creek for research looking at fish genetics and barriers to anadromy.

Urban and Community Forestry (Passmore)

- The Director approved Urban and Community Forestry grant award recommendations on August 22, 2024. These grants will be funded from the United States Forest Service grant received by CAL FIRE and funded by the Inflation Reduction Act. 125 grant applications were submitted requesting over \$146 million. 22 applications are selected to be funded for a total of \$30.9 Million. Intent to award letters will be sent to applicants in mid-September. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified at the same time. Once grant agreements are in place, a list of awards will be posted on the [Urban and Community Forestry grants web page](#).
- The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) selected Walter Passmore, CAL FIRE's State Urban Forester, for the Steve Sinclair Current Achievement Award for Urban and Community Forestry referencing the California Green Schoolyards initiative that the program has implemented. Walter will accept the award in person at NASF's 2024 Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, on September 25, 2024.
- Legislative priority funding of \$15 million was identified in the state budget for Green Schoolyards grants in specific areas within the City of Los Angeles. Grants are anticipated to be awarded via competitive process in spring of 2025.
- Statewide analysis of urban tree canopy cover is underway and anticipated to be completed by January of 2025. 2018 and 2022 sub-meter resolution imagery will be categorized using the same algorithm and then compared to identify changes and trends. This project will establish a baseline and repeatable trend analysis methodology.
- An interagency agreement is in the preparation process with Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo to prepare a statewide strategic plan to increase urban tree canopy cover as directed by the Legislature. The plan will be submitted to the Legislature once completed.

Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection Program (Nielson)

Prescribed Fire Program



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- The Prescribed Fire Liability Claims Fund has reset for the new fiscal year. Applications/reservations have been reset and qualified beneficial fire practitioners are asked to file a completion report on work carried out or to renew projects that were not completed in the fund application.

Vegetation Management Program

- The program continues to process environmental review documentation for support of projects across all CAL FIRE program areas as lead agency.

Environmental Protection Program

- The program plans to conduct a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) training for CAL FIRE employees at the Natomas Training center in February of 2025.

Wildfire Resilience Program (McMorrow)

Reforestation Services Program

- The L.A. Moran Reforestation Center has received 50 seedling requests so far for production year 2025 with 27 of those being accepted. This equates to approx. 113,000 seedlings confirmed. This leaves more than half of the nursery capacity available for orders. Requests will be received through early October, 2024, via the program website interest form.
- Approximately 1,900 cone surveys were submitted for the year throughout the state via the new 2024 Cone Crop Survey application. Assisted by increased interest in the Reforestation Because of You (RBY) campaign and workforce development, 30 unique cone collections have taken place resulting in over 2,000 bushels delivered to the State Seed Bank to date. With remaining collections planned and a healthy yield from a seed orchard investment, total bushel collection should exceed 3,000 for the season.

California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

- Public messaging was released via the CFIP website that the program will be accepting project applications on a quarterly basis beginning October 1, 2024. It is anticipated that \$7,000,000 in funding will roll over from last year's unspent funding into the CFIP budget.

Forest Stewardship

- Forestry Assistance staff is preparing a grant proposal to the United States Forest Service for funding under the Inflation Reduction Act. The proposal is for \$5,000,000 in Forest Stewardship funding to be awarded to CAL FIRE and would be delivered to non-industrial timberland owners via the existing CFIP program if the funding is awarded.



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Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

- Full applications were due by September 6, 2024, for Forest Legacy applications that were selected for second stage review under the 2024 State-Funded Forest Legacy solicitation. Funding recommendations are in progress and will be brought forward to the Director soon.
- The Upper Bear Creek Meadows working forest conservation easement closed escrow on August 28, 2024. The ownership is 4,768 acres of productive timberland located in near Pondosa in Siskiyou County. The project area is about 20 miles east of McCloud, CA within the southern Cascade Range and within the Pit River Hydrologic Unit. The property has 18 contiguous parcels, is zoned for timber production, and has primarily been utilized for commercial timber harvesting. CAL FIRE partnered with the Wildlife Conservation Board to grant funding to The Siskiyou Land Trust for the easement, at total a cost of \$5,735,000. CAL FIRE funded \$1,250,000 and the Wildlife Conservation Board funded \$4,485,000 for the acquisition. The conservation easement permanently prohibits subdivision and limits development while protecting important conservation values. It also establishes three special management zones including a mature forest reserve, an enhanced riparian management zone, and a meadow protection zone. The project ensures the forestland continues to provide such benefits as wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, watershed protection, sustainable timber production, and storage and sequestration of carbon.

Climate and Energy Program

Wood Products & Bioenergy

- Staff presented at the launch of the *California Forestry Sector Jobs Initiative* in Sacramento on August 21, 2024. Funded through a CAL FIRE Workforce Development grant, the California Forestry Association officially kicked off a new effort to recruit future forestry workforce through innovative strategies.
- Staff attended a demonstration by BurnBot in Martinez on September 10, 2024. They presented capabilities for remote-controlled prescribed burning utilizing the new BurnBot RX2 machine as well as remote masticators.

Forest Health

- Forest Health is preparing to close out over 60 grants by April 2025.
- Forest Health staff continue to work with awarded applicants towards executed grant agreements from the FY 2023-24 Forest Health grant solicitation. All grant agreement execution is on hold until budget "roll overs" are complete.
- Forest Health staff received a presentation from the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) on the eight projects they are recommending for funding as sub-grants under Forest Health Regional Pilot. Staff will review the projects



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individually and collectively and present their response to NCRP in mid-September. Subawards will be made by NCRP in Q1 2025.

Climate Change

- Completed greenhouse gas emissions modeling for more than 500 projects implemented by CAL FIRE Fuels Reduction Crews over the past five years as part of our California Climate Investments reporting obligations.

Tribal Wildfire Resilience

- We continue to sign grant agreements and hold kickoff meetings with grantees from the 2023 solicitation.
- New grantees from the Tribal Wildfire Resilience – Tribal Nature-Based Solutions projects are now updating their budgets and other materials to CAL FIRE formats. We expect the first grant agreements to be signed in the fall.
- The next solicitation is tentatively planned for fall 2024.

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

- The [Task Force's Sierra Regional Meeting](#) will be hosted by the California Tahoe Conservancy and Tahoe Fund on October 10, 2024, at the [Tahoe Blue Event Center](#) in Stateline, NV. At the meeting the Task Force and CAL FIRE will unveil several new tools that will revolutionize how California tracks and communicates progress toward improving wildfire and landscape resilience:
 - Interagency Treatment Dashboard: One year after its beta release with 2022 data, CAL FIRE will present updated treatment data through its expanded and improved Interagency Treatment Dashboard.
 - Draft Metrics: Task Force Science Advisory Panel staff will present a subset of initial proposed metrics to document the outcomes of recent projects on wildfire hazard, watershed health, and wildlife habitat.
 - Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Dashboard: CAL FIRE will demonstrate its prototype dashboard to document the benefits of fuels treatments in reducing the impacts of recent fires, including the Park Fire in Butte and Tehama County.
- Director Tyler will also provide a report on the current fire season, and three panels of federal, state, tribal, and regional leaders will discuss their efforts to create vibrant forest ecosystems and thriving communities through landscape-scale wildfire resilience projects. Tours will be offered on October 9 and 11, 2024.
- The September edition of the [Governor's Monthly Update](#) is now available.

Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)

Forest Health Research Grants



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- FRAP is in the process of updating grant guidelines for the next Forest Health Research Grant solicitation. We expect to release the next research grant solicitation October 9, 2024. Awards are expected to total \$4.5 million. Typically, we receive 80 – 100 research proposals and make 15 – 20 awards.

Fire Hazard Severity Zones

- Ongoing review and edits to draft Local Responsibility Area (LRA) zones based on ~ 2000 comments submitted by Land Use Planning staff; edits to inputs and rerun of model for LRA for local review (TBD).

Forest and Rangeland Assessment

- FRAP continues to make progress on the update to the Forest and Rangeland Assessment report. Of the 13 chapters in the report, 5 are now complete and through external review. Most other chapters have an internal draft completed. Anticipate completing report by end of December 2024.

Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA)

- FRAP has been working with American Forests to conduct forest carbon study that estimates the amount of forest land that needs to be treated to improve wildfire reliance and evaluates a number of management scenarios to determine which types of treatments are most likely to work better in future decades under a warmer climate. Following a BOF presentation, FRAP briefed CNRA Executives on August 29, 2024, and USFS Executive Team on September 9, 2024. We anticipate a final report on the project to be publicly released in the middle of October 2024.

Fire Protection

Fire Protection Program

Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery

- Through August 2024, CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers have made 197 arrests and issued 531 citations. 91 of those arrests are for Arson.
- In FY 2024-25, approximately \$858,808 in suppression costs has been collected by Civil Cost Recovery.

Fire Protection Operations

- Since mid-June 2024, CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams have been activated 16 times on 13 different incidents
- CAL FIRE will be sending four students to the Complex Incident Management Class (CIMC) in Arizona scheduled for October 26 – November 1, 2024.
- On Monday September 9, 2024, Fire Intelligence Staff Chief Phillip SeLegue presented at the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine in



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Washington DC on integrating advanced technology and modeling techniques into wildfire response.

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

- Tanker 122, the first of seven CAL FIRE owned C-130 airtankers was placed in service on August 26, 2024.
- CAL FIRE Aviation hosted Costa Rica Fire Service on August 27, 2024, and Germany Fire Service on September 3, 2024
- Due to predicted fire conditions this fall, to ensure availability of firefighting aircraft, Aviation Program staff are working with contractors to extend exclusive use aircraft agreements.

Cooperative Fire Protection

Local Government Program

- The Local Government program continues to develop the cooperative fire protection dashboard. This dashboard, previously conceptualized as the "Green Book", will reflect all aspects of CAL FIRE Cooperative agreements. This dashboard will provide a quick access summary of each agreement, along with facilities, staffing, and trends. A beta version is in place, with further development currently taking place. A targeted "Go Live" date of November 1, 2024, has been established.
- Program has been working to develop additional checklists to help in the drafting of new and renewal agreements. These checklists are to help guide to completion and provide reference to areas of policy, procedure, Public Resources Code (PRC), and other guiding requirements as education to staff.

State/Federal/International Programs

- The State, Federal, and International Program assisted in coordination for visitors from both Costa Rica and Germany fire agencies. These visits are a coordinated effort between program, Fire Protection Operations, and both CAL FIRE Northern Region and Southern Region Units. The partnership allows for the sharing of wildfire mitigations, Incident Management considerations, cultural related items, and resource utilization.
- During 2024, multiple Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) submittals have taken place throughout the State of California. The FEMA FMAG Program is available to states, local and tribal governments, for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. The State, Federal, and International Program continues to support, guide, and answer questions for CAL FIRE Units and the six Contract Counties throughout the submittal process. CAL FIRE has been approved for reimbursement on eight



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FMAGs so far in 2024 and will work with CAL OES and FEMA to finalize these reimbursement approvals.

Hand Crew Program

- As of September 4, 2024, 143 of 236 Budgeted Type I Hand Crews are staffed and available for statewide response.
 - 62 of 152 California Department of Corrections (CDCR) Crews are Type I and available for statewide response.
 - 9 CDCR Crews are staffed at less than 12.
 - 81 CDCR Crews are down staffed.
 - 29 of 32 California Conservation Corps (CCC) Crews are Type I and available for statewide response.
 - 3 CCC Crews are staffed at less than 12.
 - 38 of 38 Firefighter I (FFI) Crews are Type I and available for statewide response.
 - 14 of 14 California Military Department (CMD) Crews are Type I and available for statewide response.
- Two additional California National Guard Force Packages, each consisting of 4-20 person crews have been activated to provide additional Type 2 Hand Crews in response to continued fire activity. Both Force packs have deployed to the Line Incident in San Bernardino County.

Safety/EMS Program

Safety Program

- A memo was distributed to the Department on August 20, 2024, emphasizing fatigue, complacency, and fire behavior and their impacts on accidents and injuries so far this summer. This memo directly ties to the Annual Focus on Safety and the importance of the foundational components to safe and effective firefighting.
- The Safety Program is assisting the Department of Industrial Relations (the parent department of Cal/OSHA) in developing and updating their internal Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP).

EMS Program

- CAL FIRE's Medical Director, Dr. Brett Rosen, will be attending the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) EMS Committee meeting in Boise Idaho October 29-31, 2024. This attendance makes CAL FIRE the first non-federal agency to attend as part of this group.

Training Program



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Statewide Training

- In late September 2024, Staff Chief Cat Frazer (Training Program) and Deputy Chief Andrew Kibby (Statewide Training) are attending the North American Fire Training Director Conference at the University of Illinois Champaign.

CAL FIRE Training Centers

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Wildfire Risk Reduction

- Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee:
 - Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting was held on September 17, 2024, where the Committee received a presentation from the Vegetation and Fuels Treatment in the Watercourse and Lake Protection Zones, Board of Forestry & Fire Protection, as well as the California Wildfire Mitigation Program Update.
 - The next Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 15, 2024.
 - For information on this monthly meeting, visit our website at: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/committees/wildfire-mitigation-advisory-committee>

Wildfire Preparedness

- Damage Inspection Process
 - We have had multiple activations within the state. Local fire Damage Inspection (DINS) collection is handled on our 2024 Statewide map. Large extended fires are handled with a stand-alone map. Total Damage Inspections to date 4,142.
- Burn Permit
 - The permit process running smoothly. There will be updates this winter to ensure that extracting information is easier as well.
 - Additional Air Resources Board jurisdictions have requested access to our program to allow their permitting process to streamline with ours. This shows that our application is reliable, trustworthy and consistent.
- Defensible Space
 - Qualified Entities training continues to draw interest from across the state, recent classes were delivered in L.A. County (31) and CAL FIRE's Lassen-Modoc Unit (10) where 41 students were taught how to conduct defensible space and home hardening assessments.
 - Future classes are in coordination with the Sonoma-Lake-Napa and San Diego Units.
 - Number of Defensible Space Inspections: FY24/25: 47,841 - YTD 132,493.
 - 23/24 FY Total Defensible Space inspections for the SRA: 299,289.
 - 120% of our internal goal.



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- Home Hardening
 - CAL FIRE staff continue to provide technical assistance to pilot communities with the program retrofits, minimum quality standards and building material selection.
 - CAL FIRE staff have completed work on the new California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) assessment application defensible space and surrounding parcel hazards sections and are currently working on the structure component section.

Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program:

- Still on historical high for activated Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) events for this early in fire season.
- In November 2024, a training will be held at Lone Training Center for 50 Office of Energy and Infrastructure (OEIS) employees from several divisions. This training will cover vegetation clearance around utility equipment in the state responsibility area.
- Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plans still in review, final drafts decisions coming up- SDG&E, SCE end of October 2024. BVES, PG&E in November 2024.

Wildfire Planning and Statistics

- Pre-Fire Planning:
 - In the final stage of developing a public facing Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reporting (FTER) dashboard to be available on the CAL FIRE Webpage in the near future.
 - SRA Review Level 3 (Sacramento Review) to be completed on October 16, 2024.
 - Annual Fire Plan Workshop for CAL FIRE Unit Pre-Fire Engineers is scheduled for November 12-15, 2024, at the CAL FIRE Natomas Training Center.
- Wildland Fuels Reduction Reporting:
 - Completed initial review of CalMAPPER V4 application (projected release summer 2025) with documentation of desired items and changes presented back to the contractor.
 - CalMAPPER Steering Committee and CalMAPPER Managers Meeting have begun to meet monthly to stay on task with the 4137 report requirements.

Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance (CWMA)

- Land Use Planning
 - Safety Element Assessments
 - We currently have no Cities or Counties that have formally submitted for Final Review to the Board and our staff for the September Resource Protection Committee (RPC) Meeting.
 - Subdivision Review



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- 25 Subdivision Fire Safety Surveys will be on the September RPC Meeting Agenda – 22 in Amador County and 3 in Alpine County.
 - There are 64 jurisdictions (out of 191 total) left that need Fire Safety Surveys completed.
 - NFPA Firewise USA
 - Currently, there are 936 communities in good standing, with 10 NEW applications in the portal for review.
 - Celebration of the 900th community in good standing statewide was held in Dunsmuir on September 7, 2024.
 - Fire Safe Regulations Workgroup
 - Work continues on curriculum build for Intro Course
 - Land Use Planning for Wildfire in California Class
 - Scheduled four class dates in February of 2025
 - 2/11/2025 – Chino
 - 2/13/2025 – Newbury Park (Ventura Co.)
 - 2/25/2025 – Santa Rosa
 - 2/27/2025 – Chico
 - 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>
 - **Wildfire Prevention Grants**
 - FY 2023-24 Wildfire Prevention Grants Award Notification on August 20, 2024
 - 94 Awards totaling just over \$90 million
 - Information is posted on the Wildfire Prevention Grants Website, and the CA State Library Grants Portal.



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Communications

Statistics

- Total Incident Reponses for 2024: 435,775

Year to date Wildfire Statistics as of: September 19, 2024 (CAL FIRE AND FEDERAL)		
Interval	Fires	Acres
2024 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal) *	6,248	995,713
2023 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal)	5,207	256,109
5-Year Average (same interval) *	6,097	1,016,368
Numbers are subject to change until the final fire season reports are completed and tabulated.		
<i>(2024 stats include all wildfires dispatched to by CAL FIRE in SRA & LRA as reported in CAD, SRA wildfires within Contract Counties and federal data based off NIFC Incident Management Situation Report and Department of Defense).</i>		

Education and Safety Messaging

- September is National Preparedness Month, and the week of October 6 is Fire Prevention Week. The Communications program has prepared ongoing messaging around each topic with a specific focus on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as the theme for Fire Prevention Week.
- With several wildfires impacting Southern California, Communications has developed messaging around smoke and air quality.

Program and Project Messaging

- The Communication program continue to support incident and Incident Management Team Information Officers in the expedited and accurate publication of information on the CAL FIRE Incidents page. In August, Fire.ca.gov had 6,072,487 visitors with 1,241,768 of those being new users.
- The Communications team is continuing to collaborate with the Pre-Fire Engineering program to showcase Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reports. Several reports for projects impacted by the Park Fire are now available online in both written and video formats.

California Forest Practice Rules - Exemptions and Emergency Notices
Accepted by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection through September 10, 2024

Rule	Type of Exemption	Admin Area	2023		2024	
			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038(b) (03/2019)	10 Percent Dead, Dying Diseased, Fuelwood, or Woody Debris v2019	Cascade (Redding)	114	832,291	124	834,101
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	61	452,179	45	423,668
		Riverside (South)	1	240	1	250
		Sierra (Fresno)	22	26,457	21	35,942
		Totals	198	1,311,167	191	1,293,961
1038(a)&(b)	10% Dead, Dying or Diseased Fuelwood or Split Products	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038.6 (03/2019)	Butte Post Fire Recovery	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(a) (03/2019)	Christmas Trees	Cascade (Redding)	8	122,049	2	6,611
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	14	1	14
		Totals	9	122,063	3	6,625
1038(k)	Drought Mortality	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	Drought Mortality and Unmerchantable Sawlog v2019	Cascade (Redding)	41	25,549	42	9,590
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	6	145		
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	7	994	6	86
		Totals	54	26,688	48	9,676
1038(j)	Forest Fire Prevention PILOT Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(i)	Forest Fire Prevention Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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Rule	Type of Exemption	Admin Area	2023		2024	
			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038.3 (03/2019)	Forest Fire Prevention v2019	Cascade (Redding)	11	604	16	1,373
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	25	1,727	22	1,320
		Riverside (South)	1	269	1	191
		Sierra (Fresno)			2	24
		Totals	37	2,600	41	2,908
1104.1(a)	Less than 3 Acre Conversion	Cascade (Redding)	57	92	40	52
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	42	94	19	47
		Riverside (South)	1	1	1	1
		Sierra (Fresno)	6	8	11	15
		Totals	106	195	71	115
1038(l)	Oak Woodland Management (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(e) (03/2019)	Oak Woodland Management v2019	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	22	611	19	901
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	22	611	19	901
1038(m)	Post Fire Recovery (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038.5 (03/2019)	Post Fire Recovery v2019	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	Post Fire Recovery v2020	Cascade (Redding)	14	44		
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	3	8	1	5
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	5	1	29
		Totals	18	57	2	34
1104.1(b)&(c)	Public / Private Utility Right-of-Way	Cascade (Redding)	13	5,854	11	6,388
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	20	544	13	198
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	7	410	11	13,478
		Totals	40	6,808	35	20,064

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Rule	Type of Exemption	Admin Area	2023		2024	
			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038(f) (03/2019)	Small Timberland Owner	Cascade (Redding)	2	50		
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	2	50	0	0
1038(c)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	89	633	121	250
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	106	240	103	227
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	7	18	5	9
		Totals	202	891	229	486
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)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c)(6) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (150 to 300 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	4	15	7	32
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	27	118	17	56
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)			1	5
		Totals	31	133	25	93
1038(d)	Substantially Damaged Unmerchantable Sawlog	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(g)	Woody Debris and Slash Removal	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	All Exemptions	Grand Total	719	1,471,263	664	1,334,863

Type of 1052 Emergency Notice		2023		2024						
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres				
Notice of Emergency Timber Operations		Cascade (Redding)	79	23,903	42	12,938				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	28	1,886	20	1,329				
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)	26	5,290	4	600				
		Totals	133	31,079	66	14,867				
<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)	5	1,743	11	3,238		
				Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	93	1	272		
				Riverside (South)						
				Sierra (Fresno)	2	191	1	510		
				Totals	8	2,027	13	4,020		
				Fire		Cascade (Redding)	74	22,416	30	10,415
						Coast (Santa Rosa)	21	1,628	17	1,019
						Riverside (South)				
						Sierra (Fresno)	5	1,057	3	595
						Totals	100	25,102	50	12,030
				Insects		Cascade (Redding)	8	2,448	18	5,759
						Coast (Santa Rosa)			1	272
						Riverside (South)				
						Sierra (Fresno)	2	191	3	570
						Totals	10	2,639	22	6,601
				*Others		Cascade (Redding)	96	29,476	85	26,790
				Coast (Santa Rosa)	38	2,366	35	3,382		
				Riverside (South)						
				Sierra (Fresno)	6	600	11	1,240		
				Totals	140	32,443	131	31,412		
Fuel Hazard Reduction (RM65)		Cascade (Redding)	5	416	3	69				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)			3	53				
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	3	4	241				
		Totals	6	419	10	363				
Fuel Hazard Reduction		Cascade (Redding)								
		Coast (Santa Rosa)								
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)								
		Totals	0	0	0	0				
Sudden Oak Death Disease		Cascade (Redding)								
		Coast (Santa Rosa)								
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)								
		Totals	0	0	0	0				

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Year Comparison	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
THPs Received	95	109	24	36	0	0	3	3	122	148
THPs Returned	46	54	14	18	0	0	3	1	63	73
THPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	81	99	21	24	0	0	5	3	107	126
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	79	99	18	29	0	0	4	8	101	136
THP Approved Acres	21,408	24,077	9,281	17,477	0	0	2,481	3,823	33,170	45,377

Year Comparison	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
NTMPs Received	6	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	7
NTMPs Returned	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	6
NTMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	4
NTMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Approved	5	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	5
NTMP Approved Acres	702	1,037	0	1,397	0	0	105	0	807	2,434
NTMPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTOs Received	72	73	7	12	0	0	1	1	80	86

Year Comparison	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
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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