



Director's Report to the Board of Forestry

715 P Street, Sacramento, CA

April 8-9, 2025

Natural Resource Management

Forest Practice Program

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	29	165,006	477,760
Default	73	392,149	1,184,080
Paid per CPO	24	242,000	242,000
Settled	119	915,805	974,505
Totals	245	1,714,960	2,878,345

Table 2: LTO License Status

Status	#	Status	# of Cases
New Applications Rec'd	22	Under Review	4
Renewal Applications Rec'd	14	Developed for Signature	11
New Licenses Issued	20	CPO Signed, Mailed, Served	7
Licenses Renewed	13	Hearing(s) to be Scheduled	5
Incomplete Applications Rec'd	4	Settlement Mitigation	1
Applications Returned	4	Payments	18
Refunds Issued	0	Probation	2
Insurance Certificates Rec'd	76	Judgment needed/In Judgment	42
		Default/Final Order	14
Total Active Licenses	1,428	Total	103

Table 3: Active Civil Penalties Case Status

Watershed Protection Program

- Staff are beta testing the second edition of the Forest Practice Implementation and Effectiveness Monitoring protocol ("FORPRIEM 2.0") for field monitoring of Forest Practice Rule implementation and effectiveness on Timber Harvesting Plans (THPs). Staff selected 90 THPs on which to conduct field sampling using the updated protocol over an estimated 3-year period.
- Staff are working on the Draft Forestry Report Number 8 on the monitoring results for the Drought Mortality and Unmerchantable Sawlog Exemption type (§ 1038(d)).
- Staff are working on a revision of the Watershed Emergency Response Team (WERT) Memorandum of Understanding with the California Geological Survey, building on the significant number of WERT deployments between 2024 and 2025 to date.

Forest Practice Administration

- The manual for internal operations has been updated for the online timber harvest document submission and review program known as the California Timber Regulation Environmental Evaluation System (CalTREES).

Forest Practice Review Teams

- The Redding Review Team is working in collaboration with the Hearst Corporation and agency partners on Hearst's Subsequent Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report (PTEIR). Hearst Corporation's PTEIR has historically been a model for the permitting efficiency and effectiveness to be gained from use of the PTEIR. Hearst Corporation is pursuing the Subsequent PTEIR to include additional timberland acreage purchased, and to adaptively update provisions of the original PTEIR.

Resource Protection and Improvement Programs

Urban and Community Forestry

- Los Angeles' *Urban Fires: Understanding Background, Impacts, and Research Needs* workshop will be hosted by the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service LA Urban Center in Pasadena on April 17, 2025. CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry Program staff are participating.

Forest Entomology and Pathology Program

- Trapping for Emerald Ash Borer is beginning throughout California. The trapping effort from last year failed to find any of the beetles in the State.

- Research is ongoing on the new Greater Shot Hole Borer Complex found in Santa Cruz County.
- Federal dollars will be redirected to help the tribes fight the European strain of the *Phytophthora ramorum* (sudden oak death) in Del Norte County.

Forest Biometrics Program

- Federal funding for the 2025 Forest Inventory Assessment (FIA) program has thus far not been impacted by recent budget issues.
- Forest Biometrics staff supported the Forest Practice Program with presentations regarding the demonstration of meeting Maximum Sustained Production (MSP) requirements at the annual California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) workshop.

Demonstration State Forests

Jackson

- State Forest Biologist Robert Douglas and Environmental Scientists Caitlin Grace led a total of seven Fungi Forays mushroom identification walks on Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) this season. Three of these walks were specifically for mushroom clubs, including university clubs, and four free forays for the public.
- A public Invasive Species Removal Day was held on March 8, 2025. With the help of local volunteers and the Mendocino Coast Cyclist Club. Two truck beds of trash and large patches of French broom and Himalayan blackberry were pulled and removed.
- The Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) met on March 18, 2025. First on the agenda they welcomed new member, Marc Jensen of the Mendocino Coast Cyclists, and said goodbye to departing member Joanna Nelson, former Director of Science at Save the Redwoods League whose term expired. The JAG then reviewed and confirmed their work plan and priorities for the year before receiving updates on the Tribal Advisory Committee, Forest Management Plan review, and each of the JDSF program areas. The afternoon was spent in the field: first for a picnic at the Cah Sill Xale Dah (Redwood Tree Path in Northern Pomo) Trailhead to view recent improvements; followed by post-prescribed fire visit to the Fire and Fuels Mitigation Study to hear from Dr. Michael Jones, UC Cooperative Extension, about fire behavior in each of the treatments and Robert Douglas, State Forest Biologist, on wildlife monitoring within the treated areas.

- The Recreation Task Force met on March 21, 2025. They reviewed a comprehensive map of sanctioned and unsanctioned trails to help prioritize their adoption or remediation. A field tour of the Camp One recreation facility was conducted in the afternoon to discuss future upgrades and maintenance.
- Staff has been meeting regularly with the Clifton Environmental consulting team to begin preparation of the Draft Forest Management Plan. The basic outline and table of contents is under development with staff and consultants being assigned to each topic. We are also preparing for the next round of public comment on the Draft Plan, likely starting September 2025. The JAG appointed a sub-group consisting of members John Andersen and Marc Jensen to provide guidance on the Draft Plan development.

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

- Environmental reviews are being conducted in the Miller and Noble Demonstration State Forests to support fuel reduction projects through the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP).
- A draft management plan for the Noble Demonstration State Forest is nearing completion. The plan will be reviewed by the Conservation Easement holder, Western Shasta Resource Conservation District, prior to submittal to the Board.
- Shasta College's Director of Forest Health, Ted James, toured Miller and Noble Demonstration State Forests on February 28, 2025, to evaluate training and educational uses of these forests that could be added to the existing Memorandum of Understanding allowing similar uses of LaTour.
- A neighbor to Big Bend Demonstration State Forest has re-opened a drainage ditch to divert water from the Pit River that trespasses across state property. The landowner was previously cited for violation of Fish and Game Code 1600 for these activities and repair work was conducted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company prior to transferring these parcels to the State. The relevant state agencies have been notified, and the trespass has been referred to CAL FIRE legal.

Mountain Home

- 25,400 seedlings from the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center will be planted by Red Mountain Resources as soon as the snow melts continuing the reforestation efforts from the Castle Fire and subsequent beetle activity.
- Information from the 2021/2022 post-fire giant sequoia census is being made available to Conservation X Labs who is working with the US

Geological Service to develop an AI tool to detect dead and dying giant sequoias using remote sensing imagery. Early detection may allow proactive intervention by land managers to save culturally important trees. Mountain Home is separately working with Ancient Forest Society and Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks on the effectiveness of systemic insecticides to reduce giant sequoia bark beetle colonization of individual trees.

- The February 27, 2025, snow survey at the Old Enterprise Mill Snow Course measured snow at only five of the eight stations, averaging 4 inches deep with a water content of 2.5 inches. It was the third worst result since 1950. Subsequent storms have produced multiple feet of snow.

Soquel

- Staff from the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center toured Soquel on February 26, 2025, to look at recent harvest and reforestation activities.
- The Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Stewardship (SCMTS) began a month-long trail maintenance project focusing primarily on the Flow Trail. SCMTS crews will be rebuilding some berms that have degraded since the trail was first built and performing routine maintenance on the trail running surface.

Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection Programs

- The Claims Fund currently has 112 projects with 14,110 acres in the program.

Prescribed Fire

- CAL FIRE continues to work on the goals to achieve targets for Beneficial Fire.
- An increase in prescribed fire continues as springtime conditions allow for opportunities to conduct prescribed fire.

Vegetation Management Program (VMP)

- The new proclamation from the Governor to create a streamlined process for fuel reduction projects will be supported from CAL FIRE. Information and processes are being developed in coordination with CAL FIRE.

Wildfire Resilience Programs

Reforestation Services

- Excess (or overrun seedling) requests (at 50 cents each), grown in 2024, are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through the end of

April via the program's [online request form](#). New seedling requests (to be grown in 2026) will be accepted via the normal [online request](#) process starting April 1, 2025.

- The first round of production year 2025 seedlings was sown at the end of February with the second and final round being planned for late April 2025. Total production will amount to around 250,000 seedlings.
- Seeds from the robust 2024 cone year are still being processed and should hopefully conclude in the next month.

California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

- The CFIP program continues to accept applications for new projects on a rolling quarterly basis, encumbering approximately \$1.5 million at each selection period. Funding is expected to last at this pace through the end of the 2025 calendar year.

Forest Stewardship

- No new Wildfire Resilience Block Grant solicitations are planned in this fiscal year. The program is awaiting the passage of the FY 25/26 State budget to assess if any new grant solicitations will be possible.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

- The Forest Legacy Program completed the Estrada Ranch Conservation Easement Project. The project permanently protects the 1,205-acre Estrada Ranch in Santa Cruz County with a conservation easement held by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County. The conservation easement ensures sustainable forest and rangeland management and prevents forest fragmentation and conversion to non-forest uses.

Climate and Energy Programs

Wood Products & Bioenergy

- Presented program updates and discussed the Business & Workforce Development grant solicitation at the Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation meeting on March 6, 2025, in Sacramento.
- Hosted a virtual workshop for the Business & Workforce Development grant solicitation with 110 attendees on March 18, 2025.
- Hosted a Workforce Working Group on March 19, 2025, in Sacramento to identify new ideas for creating career pathways into CAL FIRE. The group included two CAL FIRE programs, the California Workforce Development Board, and the non-profits Forestry and Fire Recruitment Program and Future Fire Academy.

Forest Health

- The Forest Health Program is currently reviewing grant applications for FY 24/25. A total of 62 applications requesting \$338 million were received. Approximately \$70 million will be awarded to grant projects, with announcements expected later this spring.
- More than 70 Forest Health grant projects, dating back to 2018, concluded at the end of March 2025.

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

- On March 24, 2025, the Governor announced the Task Force's list of 25 key deliverables. The deliverables outline the highest priority actions underway this year to achieve the commitments in the 2021 Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan and to advance key new initiatives that will be highlighted in the forthcoming update of the Action Plan to be released later this year.
- The Task Force held its Spring Regional Meeting in San Rafael, CA, on March 27, 2025. The recording will soon be available on Meetings page of the Task Force website, www.wildfiretaskforce.org/meetings
- The March 2025 Governor's Monthly Update was released on March 25, 2025, and is available at the Task Force website www.wildfiretaskforce.org
- Future Task Force 2025 Meeting Dates:
 - June 6: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - September 4-5: Regional Meeting – TBD
 - December 12: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)

Forest Health Research and Monitoring

- The FIA data collection field season will begin May 1, 2025. CAL FIRE contractors will be sampling 693 plots in California. This is about 50 plots fewer than CAL FIRE was scheduled to sample in 2024. However, 693 is 78% of the total plot load in California (892 plots) due to the overall reduction in plots under the subpanel strategy and PNW's limited staffing capacity in CA.
- The American Forests/CAL FIRE report on the "Effects of forest management and wood utilization on carbon sequestration in California" was presented at Society of American Foresters (SAF). It is posted on the following websites.
 - **American Forests website**
(https://d3f9k0n15ckvhe.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/CBM_CA_report_FINAL.pdf)

- **FRAP Forest Carbon website** <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/fire-resource-assessment-program/forest-carbon-monitoring>
- 30 of 33 Forest Health Research Grants 24/25 solicitation applicants submitted full proposals on March 14, 2025. Proposal reviews is underway and will be completed by April 16, 2025. Two of the applicants that were invited back did not submit full proposals due to the uncertainty in federal staffing and funding.
- Recent prescribed fire was successfully completed and monitored in Tuolumne Calaveras Unit to support the BurnPro 3D decision support platform as part of FRAP's work with UC San Diego - "Scaling Science-Driven Vegetation Treatments for a Wildfire Resilient California."
- Led by the California Prescribed Fire Monitoring Program, fire effects data collection following the successful 1,100-acre prescribed fire at the South Grove Natural Preserve at Calaveras Big Trees State Park is slated to begin on May 27, 2025.

Wildfire Science

- On March 24, 2025, the final Phase of Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps and data went out to local government and the public, along with a comprehensive data package of modeling intermediary products designed to provide documentation for methods and process of the model development. FRAP continues to support all inquiries into the technical mechanics of the model from local government, the media, and the public.
- A Landscape-Scale Prescribed Fire Research Workshop was held on March 24, 2025, as part of the California Society of American Foresters Symposium on Forest Science. The 4-hour workshop was sponsored by CAL FIRE FRAP and Berkeley Forests, with a focus on research needs for landscape project selection, overcoming obstacles to large projects, developing robust means of evaluating project success, integrating science and practice into policy, and the role of Culturing Burning in advancing fire benefits across Californias Forests.
- As part of the SAF symposium, FRAP and Berkeley Forests hosted visiting scholar Dr. Lachlan McCaw, a prescribed fire scientist and practitioner from Western Australia. Dr. McCaw's presented on the approach to prescribed fire in Western Australia, where a significant amount of burning is accomplished annually.
- Early planning continues for development of Potential Operational Delineations (PODS) maps for large-scale prescribed fire planning, as required under SB 1101. Initial development will likely focus on two pilot

CAL FIRE units, and be done in coordination with Unit staff, federal partners, and others. As part of the SAF symposium, FRAP invited Dr. Christopher Dunn of Oregon State University, who presented on his extensive work developing PODS in the western US.

Forest and Rangeland Assessment

- The FRAP Assessment continues to move towards a final product. Currently five chapters have received review by both external partners and California Natural Resources Agency two chapters are undergoing external review, and six chapters are undergoing internal review or nearing the final stages of draft development.
- Project planning for meeting the new requirement under SB1101 to provide fire severity maps across the state is underway. We are assembling a technical advisory committee consisting of external and interagency partners to provide feedback on mapping methods and data products.

GIS – Data Analytics

- FRAP is working with the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to develop a public facing geospatial application for proponents of California Environmental Quality Act suspension projects to submit their geospatial project and treatment boundaries, as well as guide the user to a location to submit their written Environmental Project Plan. The geospatial data schema is being formatted to have the ability to be easily added to the CNRA Treatment Tracker.
- FRAP is developing the CAL FIRE Grants app that combines information across the ten grant programs to display and summarize information spatially. The team is extracting spatial data at the unit level for the initial release to expedite its publication but strives to increase spatial detail in the future to allow for better precision and understanding of grant projects by legislative jurisdiction. The app provides users the ability to filter data and explore spatial patterns across the state where funds have been awarded and spent.

Fire Protection

Fire Protection Program

- A multi-agency Fire Danger Operating Plan (FDOP) workshop occurred and was very well attended it included personnel from CAL FIRE, Contract Counties, United States Forest Service (USFS) and Fish & Wildlife Services (FWS) partners.

- CAL FIRE has received soil moisture sensors that will be deployed to our Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS), this will provide us with additional data in understanding vegetative health.
- We have received all available map data from private timberland companies, it has been integrated into our Common Operational Picture (COP).
- The Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) project with UCSD is moving forward, this will cover portions of the State not previously collected.

Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery

- Through February 2025, Law Enforcement officers have made 22 Arson arrests.
- In FY 24/25, approximately \$22.5 million in fire suppression costs have been collected by the Civil Cost Recovery program

Fire Protection Operations

- The 2025 Incident Management Team Conference was held March 24-27, 2025. Full team rosters were present, and the conference focused on Incident Command System training and task book standards for the Department. Representatives from California Wildland Coordination Group and Contract Counties were present with good discussions and updates presented from all parties.

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

- CAL FIRE's second C-130 airtanker, T-121, has been fully retrofitted with a Retardant Aerial Delivery System and is in the final stages of operational testing. T-121 will join our operational fleet in the coming days and be assigned to the Fresno Air Attack Base in the coming months
- Deputy Director of Fire Protection and Cooperative Fire attended an Aerial Firefighting Conference in Bordeaux France week of March 24, 2025, to discuss national and international challenges associated with aerial firefighting and evaluate emerging technologies in aerial firefighting.

Mobile Equipment Program

- Retrofitting fire engines with custom front seats that incorporate advanced technologies into protecting occupants from rollovers.

Cooperative Fire Protection

Local Government Program

- The Local Government Program has completed four workshops throughout the State, two in the Northern Region (Tehama - Glenn Unit and San Mateo – Santa Cruz Unit) and two in the Southern Region (San Luis Obispo Unit and San Bernardino – Inyo – Mono Unit). The Local Government workshops were very successful with a total of 125 attendees. The objective of these Local Government workshops is to provide a general overview of the CAL FIRE Cooperative Agreement process.

Hand Crew Program

- CAL FIRE continues to experience a fluctuating number of available CAL FIRE Type I Hand Crews statewide. As of March 26, 2025, 123 of 236 Hand Crews are staffed and available for statewide response. The number of Hand Crews available significantly impacts wildland fire suppression, conservation work, prescribed fire activities, and fuels reduction work. The current staffing includes the following four models under the Hand Crew program:
 - 69 of 152 authorized California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Incarcerated Persons crews
 - 25 of 32 California Conservation Corps crews
 - 14 of 14 California Military Department Joint Taskforce Rattlesnake crews
 - 15 of 38 CAL FIRE Firefighter I (FFI) crews
 - 10 FFI hand crews are training/hiring beginning this week. The FFI Hand Crew model is seasonally funded for 9 months during the Peak Staffing Period. During the Base Staffing Period, all FFI Hand Crews are down staffed. As part of the FY 24/25 Emergency FFI Hire Augmentation approved on January 17, 2025, CAL FIRE was authorized to augment 14 FFI hand crews. Hand crew numbers may fluctuate due to staffing periods and crew typing certifications.
- The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and CAL FIRE hosted members from Smart Justice California and several Assembly Members and Legislators for a tour of Pine Grove Camp. The tour went well with positive interactions and concluded with Assembly Member Issac Bryan presenting an Assembly Certificate of Recognition for all the work done on the January 2025 fire siege in Southern California.
- Fire preparedness exercises for all hand crew models will start in April 2025 to ensure the Type I status for CAL FIRE hand crews.

Safety/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program

Safety Program

- The Department has three open Cal/OSHA cases being handled by the Legal and Safety Programs. This is the lowest it has ever been and a testament to training, identification of injuries, appropriate treatment, and follow through by the Safety Officers at the Unit, Region, and Program levels.
- Safety Program staff attended the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Equipment Technology Committee meeting to present a concept on the creation of a national bulldozer fire curtain specification. The concept will use research, and test burns to drive the development and design with the collaboration of our federal partners.

EMS Program

- The Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS Agency has released a new policy regarding oversight of out of state EMS resources typically used on federal fires. This may lead to other local EMS agencies creating similar policies.

Statewide Training Program

- The 4039 Incident Command System – Position Management System rewrite is currently underway, with progress being made in conjunction with the Incident Management Team Conference held the week of March 24, 2025.
- During a March meeting, the Statewide Training Committee approved 29 new 4021 Employee Development Guides, which will be submitted to the Department Leadership Team for approval.

Academy Training Program

- The CAL FIRE Peace Officer Regular Basic Course is over halfway completed, at week 13 of 22 weeks.
- The Atwater Training Center continues to hire, onboard, and train personnel, as well as work through the procurement, contracting, and lease process in preparation to begin hosting classes by July 7, 2025.
- In 2025, 157 company officers have graduated from Fire Control Training classes (24-17, 24-18, 25-01, 25-02).
- The next graduation is scheduled for May 9, 2025, for the Lone Training Center.

Office of the State Fire MarshalWildfire Risk Reduction

- Participating in Zone 0 regulation public discussions per PRC 4291

Wildfire Preparedness

- Defensible Space
 - Qualified Entity classes are scheduled in Butte and San Diego counties this month.
 - Qualified Entity Public Dashboard is live and is co-located with the Defensible Space Dashboard
 - Denotes: county of activity, Qualified Entities generating assessments, and statewide total
 - Number of Defensible Space Inspections
 - FY 24/25 is 184,189
 - YTD is 33,419
- Home Hardening
 - Personnel are focused on maintaining documentation and communication with all six pilot communities
 - The CWMP has significantly expanded home hardening and defensible space education through a variety of events, including live-streamed and recorded board meetings, local community meetings where people can get hands-on with materials, and town hall meetings that feature presentations followed by Q&A sessions.
- Utility Wildfire mitigation
 - Investor-Owned Utilities (IOU) have started to pre-submit 2026-2028 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) drafts. Reviewing to prepare for full submission of base plans.
 - PG&E will be the first to submit 2026-2028 base WMP on April 4, 2025.
 - Review of IOU's WMP's are planned to go into November 2025.

Wildfire Planning and Statistics

- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Tool Kit internal and external webinars were highly successfully with over 1,000 participants. For additional information [California CWPP Toolkit | OSFM](#)
- Statistics
 - National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) Webinar was hosted on March 17, 2025. This webinar provided information on what Fire Departments across California need to know about

the transition from National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) to NERIS. This transition will take place January 1, 2026. Additional Webinars are scheduled throughout 2025.

- Staff is in the process of working with Unit CALFIRS Coordinators in the audit of the Large Fires List, Quality Control List, and Quick Counts as these directly impact the Redbook. It is critical that Units ensure the reports accurately reflect acreage, structures damaged/destroyed, and fire cause.
- Wildland Fuels
 - CalMAPPER Managers and CalMAPPER Steering Committee have met and continue to discuss new reporting requirements.
 - The Project Tracking eFC33 Temporary Directive has been extended to July 1, 2025.
 - CalMAPPER V4 implementation is on track for July 1, 2025. Formal classes have been scheduled in May 2025 for Program and Unit primary users of CalMAPPER to attend to be able to take back training to the field users.

Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

- Land Use Planning
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA
 - Currently 1150 communities in California
 - Several new applications in review
 - Fire Safe Regulations Workgroup
 - Work continues on curriculum build for an Introductory Course
 - Land Use Planning for Wildfire in California Class
 - Work continues on scheduling additional classes this fall and into 2026
 - More information is available on CWPM website and at: <https://www.communitywildfire.org/trainings/>
 - Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance (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>
 - Safety Element Assessments

- City of Santa Rosa will be submitted for Final Review to the Board at the April Resource Protection Committee (RPC) Meeting.
 - Subdivision Review
 - Staff are engaged with several jurisdictions statewide. Currently working with San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Sacramento Counties to coordinate and schedule Fire Safety Surveys.
- Wildfire Prevention Grants
 - FY 23/24 Wildfire Prevention Grants Award Notification on August 20, 2024
 - 94 Awards totaling just over \$90 million
 - Virtually all grant agreements have been signed.
 - Info is posted on the Wildfire Prevention Grants Website, and the CA State Library Grants Portal.
 - Beta testing for the new solicitation software from EUNA Solutions has begun and will go through 2025.

Communications

Statistics

- With the final stage of the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zone map release on March 24, 2025, Communications continues to field a high volume of media requests on the subject.
- Several Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reports from the January 2025 Southern California wildfires will be released in April 2025. These reports will highlight fuels reduction projects that had a positive impact on efforts to contain the fires and/or the ingress and egress of firefighting resources and the public. Reports will be available on the Fuels Reduction page on the CAL FIRE website: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/>
- Work is underway to plan 2025 Wildfire Preparedness Week events and content. Running the week of May 3, 2025, this year's events, outreach and content will focus on empowering and encouraging individuals and communities to act now to prepare for wildfire.

Year to Date Wildfire Statistics (State and Federal) Updated March 31, 2025

Interval	Fires	Acres
2025 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal) *	610	59,176

2024 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal)	424	233
5-Year Average (same interval)	679	2,335

Year	State/Local/Contract County Acres	Federal/Military Acres	Total Acres Burned
2025	37,237	21,939	59,176

- These numbers are subject to change until the final fire season reports are completed and tabulated.

Tribal Affairs Program – Helen Lopez

- On March 25, 2025, CAL FIRE hosted the annual Director's Awards in Riverside, CA. The CAL FIRE Executive Team was pleased to present an award to YTT Tribe Cultural Fire Practitioners Becca Lucas and Kelsey Shaffer partnered with Lucia Pohlman and Freddy Otte of the City of San Luis Obispo Natural Resources Team. This group was recognized for a cultural burn seminar which included a 15-acre cultural burn, marking the first time in over 200 years that the yak tityu tityu yak tithini Northern Chumash Tribe used fire for resource management. The burn was significant for the Tribe, whose elders thought they'd never see this tradition revived, and for the City of San Luis Obispo, which incorporated cultural burning into its open space management. The project involved CAL FIRE assisting with planning, burn permits, and securing coverage through the California Prescribed Fire Liability Fund. The seminar attracted tribal members, state agencies, non-profits, university staff, and students. Following the burn, the City of San Luis Obispo installed interpretive signage near a public trail to educate the community about the cultural burn's significance. This event highlights the collaboration between the YTT Tribe, CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit, and the City of San Luis Obispo, with plans for similar burns across County and City-managed spaces.
- On April 1, 2025, Director Joe Tyler participated in a virtual panel discussion hosted by CNRA and the Karuk Tribe to discuss SB 310 and the announcement of the Cultural Burning MOU between CNRA and the Karuk Tribe.

Tribal Wildfire Resilience

- The most recent solicitation for the Tribal Wildfire Resilience grants closed on March 28. Up to \$5 million total is available for tribes and tribal non-profits to plan or implement wildfire resilience projects. Initial screening shows the program received 48 applications requesting a total of \$50M.

California Forest Practice Rules - Exemptions and Emergency Notices
Accepted by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection through March 27, 2025

Rule	Type of Exemption		2024		2025	
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038(b) (03/2019)	10 Percent Dead, Dying Diseased, Fuelwood, or Woody Debris v2019	Cascade (Redding)	38	392,840	30	218,399
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	13	6,475	9	4,391
		Riverside (South)	1	250	1	240
		Sierra (Fresno)	6	99	7	7,084
		Totals	58	399,664	47	230,114
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)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	14	1	14
		Totals	1	14	1	14
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)	7	1,545	17	1,211
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	33	1	20
		Totals	9	1,578	18	1,231
1038(j)	Forest Fire Prevention PILOT Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
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		Coast (Santa Rosa)			4	178
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	9	350
1104.1(a)	Less than 3 Acre Conversion	Cascade (Redding)	12	18	12	21
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	7	18	5	14
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	3	2	6
		Totals	21	39	19	41
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)			1	8
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	4	227	2	112
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	4	227	3	120
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)			4	22
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	4	22

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		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1104.1(b)&(c)	Public / Private Utility Right-of-Way	Cascade (Redding)	2	101	7	60,606
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	8	149	1	1
		Riverside (South)			19	7,250
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	95	12	13,422
		Totals	12	345	39	81,279
1038(f) (03/2019)	Small Timberland Owner	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	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)	21	83	38	83
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	18	38	13	14
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	4	3	12
		Totals	40	125	54	109
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	28	3	5
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	2	12		
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	5	1	2
		Totals	7	45	4	7
1038(d)	Substantially Damaged Unmerchantable Sawlog	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
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	164	402,764	199	313,403

Type of 1052 Emergency Notice			2024		2025	
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
Notice of Emergency Timber Operations		Cascade (Redding)	5	17	25	5,841
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	2	18	4	316
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	30	1	38
		Totals	8	65	30	6,195
<u>Emergency Conditions</u> More than one condition can be selected per Notice of Emergency Timber Operations - acreage may be reflected multiple times	Drought	Cascade (Redding)	1	9	4	817
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	1	9	4	817
	Fire	Cascade (Redding)	4	8	21	5,024
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	2	18	2	314
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	30	1	38
		Totals	7	56	24	5,376
	Insects	Cascade (Redding)	1	9	7	2,222
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	1	9	7	2,222
	*Others may include multiple emergency conditions	Cascade (Redding)	9	53	44	11,106
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	5	57	3	314
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	30	1	38
		Totals	15	140	48	11,458
Fuel Hazard Reduction (RM65)		Cascade (Redding)	1	33		
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	33	1	9
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	56		
		Totals	3	122	1	9
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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	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
THPs Received	37	31	13	9	0	1	0	5	50	46
THPs Returned	16	11	5	2	0	1	0	1	21	15
THPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	33	29	6	4	0	1	2	3	41	37
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	32	23	13	7	0	0	5	5	50	35
THP Approved Acres	7,846	5,944	9,916	2,561	0	0	2,493	3,213	20,255	11,718

	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
NTMPs Received	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
NTMPs Returned	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
NTMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
NTMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Approved	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NTMP Approved Acres	755	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	755	116
NTMPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTOs Received	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	2

	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
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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