# Wildfire Resilience in California: State of the Space



# Webinar Agenda

- Webinar Logistics
- Brief overview of ARCCA
- Governors' Forest Management Task Force
- State Initiatives to Build Wildfire Resilience
- Q&A Panel Discussion
- Closing Remarks



# Webinar Logistics

#### Questions:

At any point during the webinar, you can submit a question through the Zoom control panel. All questions will be read aloud and answered during Q&A as long as time permits.

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# About ARCCA

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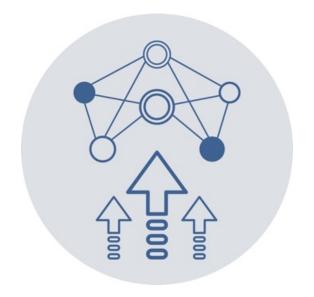


Knowledge Exchange



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**Emerging Collaboratives** 



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State Engagement



# ARCCA Members









### Featured Presenters



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# State Initiatives Towards Building Wildfire Resilience

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# California's Extreme Impacts







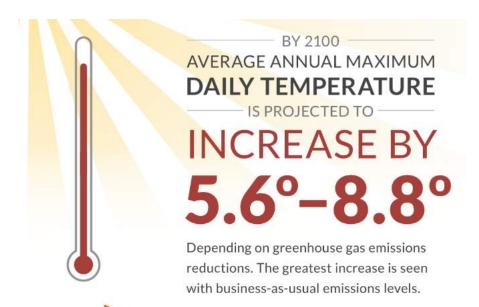








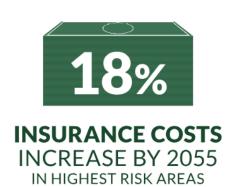
# Climate Impacts: Fourth Assessment



**AVERAGE AREA BURNED** 

**INCREASE BY 2100** 

IF EMISSIONS CONTINUE TO RISE







HEAT WAVES IN CITIES

COULD CAUSE

**2-3 TIMES MORE**HEAT-RELATED DEATHS

Vulnerable populations will experience the worst of these effects.



# **State Policy Landscape**

Emissions Reduction Targets	EO S-03-05	AB 32 (2006)
	EO B-30-15	SB 32 (2016)
		AB 398 (2017)
Adaptation Strategy	EO S-13-08	AB 1482 (2015)
State Planning and Investments	EO B-30-15	AB 2800 (2016)
Climate Assessments	EO S-03-05	
Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (state/local coordination)		SB 246 (2015)
Local Government (General Plan)		SB 379 (2015)



# Adaptation Vision in California

• All people and communities respond to changing conditions in a manner that minimizes risks to public health, safety, economic disruption, and maximizes equity and protection of the most vulnerable

- Natural systems adjust and maintain functioning ecosystems
- Infrastructure and built systems withstand changing conditions, while continuing to provide essential services

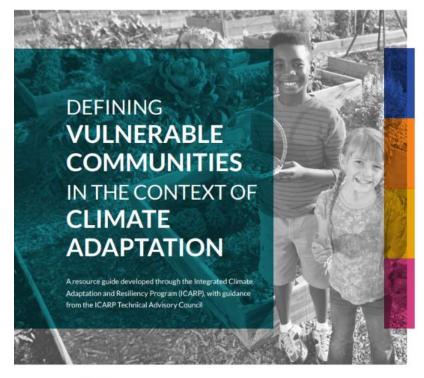




#### **Vulnerable Communities**

Vulnerable communities experience heightened **risk** and increased **sensitivity** to climate change and have less **capacity** and fewer resources to cope with, adapt to, or recover from climate impacts.

These disproportionate effects are caused by physical (built and environmental), social, political, and/or economic factor(s), which are exacerbated by climate impacts. These factors include, but are not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation and identification, national origin, and income inequality.





http://opr.ca.gov/planning/icarp/vulnerable-communities.html

# **Adaptation Clearinghouse**



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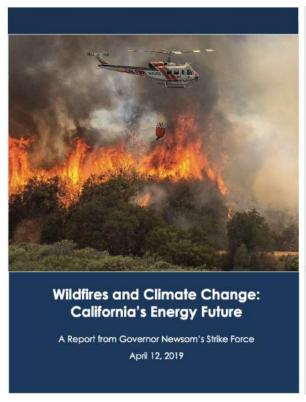
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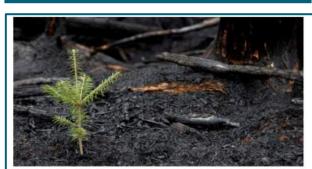
#### CalFire 45-day Report

#### Strike Force Report

#### Wildfire Commission







FINAL REPORT OF THE

COMMISSION ON

CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE

COST AND RECOVERY

Commissioner Carla Peterman, Chair Commissioner Dave Jones Commissioner Michael Kahn Commissioner Pedro Nava Commissioner Michael Wara

> Executive Officer: Evan Johnson evan Johnson (Johnson



# State Funding – 2019-20 Budget

#### Public safety power shutdown, \$75 million, CalOES

- One-time funding includes planning grants to improve local preparedness for utility-led public safety power shutdown (PSPS) actions.
- Will be available to the state's Operational Areas' (Counties) Offices of Emergency Management to convene regional stakeholders to discuss PSPS preparedness efforts, update emergency plans for PSPS events, and hold trainings, discussions, and exercises to reinforce planning assumptions.

#### Forest health and fire prevention: \$225.8 million, Cal FIRE

• \$200 million allocated annually for five years to support forest management and fuel reduction programs and projects, including Cal FIRE forest health grants

#### Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities: \$450 million, SGC

 Invests in housing in urban and rural communities across the state; provides affordable units near transit and walking/biking options.

# Key Takeaways & Next Steps...

- Climate resilience, land use, housing, and transportation should not be separate, but all part of the same discussion
- Ultimately, we need to balance the interests of growth and housing demands with climate adaptation and resiliency





# **Key Takeaways & Next Steps**

 Continued efforts to align and advance understanding of Climate Vulnerability

 Ongoing development of resources for local practitioners, including:



- o "Fire Hazard Planning General Plan Technical Advice Series"
- Update summer 2020 (SB 901)
- Current 2015 version: <a href="http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final\_6.26.15.pdf">http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final\_6.26.15.pdf</a>



# Thank you!

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