



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (7/1/22)**

### **Just How Bad will California's Summer Wildfire Season Be?**

[SF Gate reports](#) California's [wildfire season](#) intensifies between July and October when temperatures soar, vegetation becomes bone dry and desiccating winds develop.

The peak season that has been marked by devastating blazes and smoky skies in recent years is approaching fast, and many are wondering just how bad it will be.

The consensus among experts is that the next few months will see above-average fire activity as has been the case in recent years amid a changing climate marked by hotter temperatures and longer dry periods. Nearly all of California is in a severe or extreme drought, according to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#).

There may be a bit of good news: While peak fire season is bound to be more severe than average, there's a chance it might not be as bad as last year's near-record or the 2020 season, a study by the National Center for Atmospheric Research [said](#). The scientists estimated the number of acres that are likely to burn in the West by analyzing precipitation, temperatures, drought and other climate conditions in the winter and spring.

To read the full article, click here. To review the National Center for Atmospheric Research's study, [click here](#).

### **"It's a War": California Turns to New, High-Tech Helicopters to Battle Wildfires**

[CBS News reports](#) last summer, California suffered one of the most savage fire years in its history. Drought and scorching temperatures turbocharged fires that were more extreme than ever. Two of the biggest fires in state history laid siege to more than a million acres in Northern California, burning dangerously close to Lake Tahoe. Firefighters didn't have a day off for months. Fire chiefs warned there weren't enough aircraft to go around. "It's a war," one told us. So fire chiefs from Southern California stole a page from the military: taking the fight to the night. As we first reported last fall, a fleet of high-tech helicopters fought wildfires 24/7. And for the first time, the giant Chinook – you've seen them in other war zones – led the night assault. It was an \$18 million pilot program – that the fire chiefs' hope will be a game-changer.

The U.S. Forest Service was already short-staffed when the Caldor Fire exploded last August, churning toward South Lake Tahoe. Thousands of residents were forced to flee. To the north, the Dixie Fire rampaged for months, demolishing historic gold rush towns. The drought-parched forests burn so hot they generate their own fire tornados. Between the two infernos, more than

8,000 bone-weary firefighters fought a relentless battle. Orange County Fire Chief Brian Fennessy – a former Hotshot who has been fighting fires in Southern California for 44 years – told us there was no more give in the system.

To read the full interview conducted by 60 Minutes, [visit the full article](#).

### **Roseville, Placer County Task Force Head to Rices Fire to Assist Crews**

[Fox 40 reports](#) over 600 personnel are battling the more than 800-acre [Rices Fire](#) in Nevada County and a task force made up of fire and auxiliary crews from the greater Sacramento area have been sent to assist.

Roseville Fire Department spokesperson Jaime Garrett said that Task Force 4125, made up of staff from the Department, Newcastle Fire Protection District, Placer Hills Fire Protection District, Mi Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District and Bear Valley Fire Department headed to the fire on Wednesday morning.

“A strike team is made up of five same type engines (in this case brush rigs) and a strike team leader,” Garrett said.

The fire began around 2 p.m. on Tuesday and evacuations were ordered for the areas of French Corral and Sweetland, along the Nevada and Yuba county line, about 80 miles northeast of Sacramento.

### **Wildfire in Northern California Burns in ‘Dangerous’ Terrain, Grows to 904 Acres**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) firefighters continued to make progress against a wildfire burning in rugged terrain in Northern California’s remote Nevada County on Wednesday, but authorities warned that the work is far from over.

The Rices fire, [which broke out Tuesday](#), had grown to 904 acres with 10% containment as of Wednesday night, said Brian Estes, chief of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit.

“We are definitely far from being out of the woods, but we have shown some significant progress,” Estes said.

The fire burned down to the bottom of the Yuba River drainage overnight and in the early morning hours Wednesday, which firefighters had feared could put nearby communities in Yuba County in harm’s way. But crews have been able to prevent the fire from crossing the river, Estes said.

As of Wednesday night, the fire was “100% holding in Nevada County,” he said.

At the last check, around 6 p.m., hand crews on the fire’s left flank were about 1,000 feet from “cutting this out and tying it in to the bottom of the river canyon,” Estes said. On the right flank, crews were 150 feet from the river bottom.

Fire crews are working in one of the deepest, largest river canyons in Northern California, navigating terrain “punctuated with sharp corners and huge rock escarpments that are very much like sheer cliffs,” Estes said.

In an evening update, Cal Fire officials said five firefighters have been injured. They did not state the extent or nature of the injuries.

Investigators determined that the fire began in a structure before spreading to surrounding vegetation, Estes said. What caused the structure fire remains under investigation.

Authorities have confirmed only one structure destroyed, Estes said, but there are almost certainly others. Earlier Wednesday, Cal Fire had reported four structures destroyed.

“We know there are more, and already, starting tonight and well into tomorrow, our damage inspection teams will be canvassing the area in great detail,” Estes said.

Once that survey is done, by Thursday afternoon or evening, authorities will have a much more accurate picture of the number of structures damaged or destroyed.

“We’ve got a big fire fight on our hands tomorrow,” Estes said. “While you may not have seen the plumes and the columns that you saw in the first 24 hours, rest assured there is plenty of fire underneath that inversion.”

Authorities hope to have the blaze contained by Friday, but that remains subject to change.

Evacuation orders remain in place in four zones of Nevada County, said Capt. Sam Brown of the Nevada County Sheriff’s Office.

Authorities estimate about 250 residences, and about 300 people, are in areas affected by those orders, Brown said.

An additional five zones in Nevada County are under evacuation warnings, he said.

A detailed map of areas under evacuation orders and warnings is posted [here](#).

As of Wednesday, there were a little more than 700 personnel assigned to the Rices fire, Estes said. Crews planned to work through the night.

### **Thunder Fire Burns 2,500 Acres, 100% Contained**

[MSN reports](#) containment is at 100% on the Thunder Fire that broke out last Wednesday southeast of Interstate 5 and Edmonston Pumping Plant Road, according to Kern County Fire Department.

A total of 2,500 acres was burned in the brush fire caused by lightning.

### **1 Dead in Brushfire as Heat Wave Grips Much of California**

[ABC 23 reports](#) temperatures topped 100 degrees in some California areas and one man died in a Sonoma County brushfire as the state sweltered Monday under a ridge of high pressure.

The National Weather Service said it hit 108 degrees on Monday at the Paso Robles airport and there were other triple-digit highs elsewhere.

Heat advisories were in effect into Tuesday night for much of California's Central Valley, some coastal mountain ranges and Sierra Nevada foothills, with highs possibly hitting 107 degrees.

The conditions kept firefighters on alert. A man died Monday afternoon in a brushfire that flared west of Petaluma, authorities said. The small blaze was quickly contained. Other details weren't immediately released.

Forecasters said hot and dry conditions will continue Tuesday and then the arrival of a low-pressure system will begin gradual cooling on Wednesday.

### **Crews Contain 500-Acre Vegetation Fire South of Davis**

[CBS 13 Sacramento reports](#) firefighters contained a large vegetation fire that flared up Tuesday south of Davis.

The fire grew to 500 acres in size and was burning near County Roads 104 and 36, near the Yolo and Solano county lines. Firefighters were performing mop-up duties heading into the night.

The Davis Fire Department said there have been no reports of injuries and no structures are threatened, though, it appears firefighters initially responded to the area for a structure fire a little after noon. The fire was causing poor air quality all through the area.

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District [reports](#) that the smoke from the fire was making sensors register moderate to unhealthy for sensitive groups into the West Sacramento and Natomas areas.

### **'Ridge Incident' Fires in Siskiyou County 85% Contained**

[NBC KOBIS reports](#) firefighters continue to gain ground against a series of wildfires that were first reported Saturday night near the community of Mt. Shasta.

CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit said at about 11:20 p.m. on June 25, multiple fire departments were making their way to respond to reports of three fires on [Rainbow Ridge above Lake Siskiyou](#).

By 2:45 a.m. Sunday, the fires were estimated to cover about 10 acres. Approximately seven hours later, the forward spread of the fires was stopped at 12 acres in size.

Monday morning, CAL FIRE said the fires were 50% contained as crews continued to strengthen control lines. By Wednesday morning, the fires were 85% contained.

CAL FIRE said, "With high temperatures and lower relative humidities it's hampering firefighters' efforts to gain full containment."

The cause of the "Ridge Incident" remains under investigation and no evacuation orders were issued.

### **Man Dies in Fresno House Fire**

*Your Central Valley* reports a man in his late 20's died in a house fire early Wednesday morning, according to Fresno Fire crews.

Fresno Fire says they responded to a house fire in the area of Thorne and Dennett avenues just after midnight. The fire caused significant damage to the home and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Fresno Fire says this is the 5th fatal fire in the city this year.

## **Pleasanton Canyon Fire Now 85% Contained**

[Patch reports](#) cleanup on the [Canyon Fire](#) that ignited in the hills between Pleasanton and Sunol on June 23 continued Monday.

The fire was 85% contained at 71 acres, [Cal Fire](#) reported at 8:15 a.m.

“Crews are making good progress and will remain at scene throughout the day continuing to extinguish all hot spots,” the agency [tweeted](#) Sunday.

It was expected that firefighters would stay for multiple days as there was no recent burn history in the area, making conditions challenging, Cal Fire SCU Division Chief Chuck Carroll told Patch.

The cause remained under investigation. One outbuilding burned and Cal Fire investigated whether the fire started in the building or spread to it, Carroll said.

Two firefighters were treated for injuries and were released from medical care. Residents in the area were told to evacuate.

Four other [fires burned](#) the Bay Area Thursday. It was estimated more than 700 acres burned in a few hours.

## **Firefighters Close to Snuffing Out Union Fire in Jurupa Valley**

[The Press-Enterprise reports](#) with little activity from the flames remaining in the 110-acre Union fire in Jurupa Valley, firefighters on Monday, June 27, were mopping up the hot spots in some of the areas difficult to reach in the Santa Ana River.

[Cal Fire](#) said the fire was 90% contained Monday night, up from 85% in the morning. Containment is the percentage of the fire’s border the blaze is not expected to swell beyond.

Firefighters are focusing on areas where vegetation is thick, and it is a time-consuming process to cool down those areas and cut the brush down to bare soil, said Tawny Castro, a Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department spokeswoman.

[The fire was reported shortly before 4 p.m. Saturday](#) in the area of Indian Camp Road and Candle Light Drive, near the Jurupa Hills Country Club. The fire prompted evacuations, which were lifted Sunday morning.

The cause of the fire had not been announced.

## **135-Acre Fire in Novato Shuts Lane Down on US-101**

[KRON 4 reports](#) a lane had shut down on US-101 due to a fire in the area, [California Highway Patrol said](#) on Monday. All lanes on the highway later opened.

The [Marin County Emergency Portal said](#) it was roughly 135 acres in size. As of 7:31 p.m., it was fully contained. No evacuations were necessary, according to the Marin County Sheriff’s Office.

The fire was first reported at 4:52 p.m. near the Redwood Sanitary Landfill. Even before the lane was closed, CHP said the fire was causing major traffic delays on US-101.

CHP asked drivers to use an alternate route if possible. NPD advised to avoid the area near the landfill.

SMART Train service between the Novato San Marin and Petaluma Downtown stations [had been suspended](#) due to the fire. The service later resumed.

### **Update: Wildfire Burning Near Arroyo Grande Grows to 350 Acres, 40% Contained**

[The San Luis Obispo Tribune reports](#) the Camino Fire was 40% contained at 350 acres as of 2:41 pm on Wednesday, according to [a Cal Fire tweet](#).

The Camino Fire burning east of Arroyo Grande grew by more than 100 acres Tuesday night as firefighters drew more containment lines around the blaze.

The wildfire in rural southern San Luis Obispo County was about 325 acres and 30% contained as of Wednesday morning, with full containment expected on July 3, according to Cal Fire.

A catalytic converter allegedly sparked the quick-moving blaze, Cal Fire reported.

The wildfire started just before noon Tuesday as a single-acre grass fire but quickly leaped over Huansa Road, racing northeast up hills thick with oak trees and brush that had been dried out from the extreme drought the area is experiencing.

At first, the fire threatened about 50 structures in the rural neighborhood with ranches and homes, Cal Fire said, but firefighters have been able to alleviate those threats.

Evacuations were no longer in place for area residents as of Wednesday morning, although Huansa Road at Jatta Road remained closed to outside traffic.

### **Explosion Levels Home, Damages Several Others in Victorville**

[CBS Los Angeles reports](#) an explosion leveled at least one home and damaged several others early Wednesday in Victorville.

The explosion was reported just before 3 a.m. in the 14900 block of Adalane Court in Victorville. One house was completely leveled by the explosion, which also sparked a fire at the home next door and damaged several homes across the street.

At least one woman was in the house at the time of the explosion. Authorities say she was able to pull herself outside. Her family breeds dogs, so they were at a dog show.

The woman was taken to a hospital for treatment of her burn injuries and later flown to a trauma center, and is in critical but stable condition. Neighbors say at least one dog was seen being rescued.

Neighbors describe hearing loud bangs just before 3 a.m., and the last one felt like an earthquake shaking the entire neighborhood that sent debris flying.

Joshlyn Brunt says her neighbor was thrown into her backyard from the force of the explosion.

"I heard her screaming, 'help me, call the police,' and she was on my back porch," Brunt said. "And I just couldn't get to her because at the time they were telling us to get out the house, because of all the gas leak. So I had to get my kids out the house, but I did send the fire person back there to get her."

Other neighbors say the gas company was in the neighborhood a couple of weeks ago, prompting talk of a gas leak then, but it's unclear if that visit had anything to do with Wednesday's explosion.

Authorities remain at the scene, inspecting the damaged homes. At least two homes in the neighborhood have been red-tagged.

## **2 Injured After Food Truck Explodes, Sends Shrapnel Flying Hundreds of Feet**

[ABC News 4 reports](#) a food trailer exploded in California on Friday sending shrapnel hundreds of feet away and injuring two people.

The food truck owner, Joe Ellis, was injured along with a 14-year-old boy who was walking near the truck at the time of the explosion. The teen, named Nicholas, suffered severe injuries and burns that will require extensive medical attention.

Ellis was working on the truck when it exploded and suffered severe burns on 35% of his body.

Fresno Fire investigators are trying to piece together exactly what may have caused the fire. A vehicle across the street at Chase Bank had its window broken by flying debris.

The local food truck community in Fresno has rallied together to support Ellis on his long road to recovery by raising money for medical expenses, and the loss of the Planet Vegan truck and trailer.

## **Authorities Seize 14,000 Pounds of Illegal Fireworks in Azusa**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) a tip led authorities to a stash of 14,000 pounds of illegal fireworks in Azusa just days before the Fourth of July, the Los Angeles County district attorney's office announced this week.

The fireworks were being stored at a home and storage facility, where investigators with the D.A.'s office, the Azusa Police Department and the L.A. County fire and sheriff's departments also found more than \$10,000 in cash and an illegal firearm during an operation on Monday.

Twenty-seven homes were evacuated from the 900 block of West Hollyvale Street on Monday afternoon while the explosives were removed, according to the Azusa Police Department.

The D.A.'s office said one person was detained in connection with the investigation.

Fireworks are illegal in L.A. County's unincorporated areas and in many of its cities due to "brush fires, house fires, millions of dollars in damages, injuries and even death they may cause," the D.A.'s office said in a news release about the seizure, adding that residents are encouraged to report any illegal fireworks to law enforcement.

Officials have warned that fireworks are [especially dangerous this year](#) because of severe drought conditions, which can enable wildfires to spread quickly.

Some California cities have canceled their fireworks displays this year due to the elevated fire danger, including shows in [Lompoc](#) and at [Lake Don Pedro](#).

“I am grateful that we could assist local law enforcement in protecting this community from the potential dangers posed by illegal fireworks,” Dist. Atty. George Gascón said in a statement about the seizure.

Last year, the Los Angeles Police Department came under intense scrutiny over its handling of a fireworks seizure in South Los Angeles, which [ended with a large explosion](#) that injured 17 people.

The Sheriff’s Department’s bomb squad worked to remove the fireworks on Monday, [according to Azusa police](#). Residents were allowed to return to their homes around 10:15 p.m.

## **LA County’s COVID Hospitalizations Are Back Over 800**

[NBC Los Angeles reports](#) the number of [COVID-positive patients in Los Angeles County hospitals](#) has surpassed 800, after falling as low as 209 in April, according to the latest state figures out Tuesday.

The state hadn’t updated its hospitalization totals since Saturday, when there were 762 COVID-positive patients in county hospitals, with 76 of them being treated in intensive care. The latest numbers showed 807 COVID-positive patients, with 68 in an ICU.

Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer recently reported that about 60% of [COVID-positive patients](#) were actually admitted for other reasons before testing positive for the virus. But she noted that regardless of their reason for admission, being COVID-positive means they require increased infection-control measures at hospitals.

On Monday, county health officials reported more than 13,700 new COVID-19 cases from the previous three days, along with 19 new deaths associated with the virus. The county, which no longer reports COVID numbers over the weekend, reported 5,852 infections from Saturday, 4,761 from Sunday and 3,110 for Monday.

The new cases gave the county a cumulative total from throughout the pandemic of 3,102,110, while the 19 fatalities lifted the county’s virus-related death toll to 32,308.

Dr. Paul Simon, chief science officer at the [county Department of Public Health](#), said last week the rate of increase in COVID-positive patients had begun to diminish, pushing back the estimate of when an indoor mask-wearing mandate might be re-imposed.

As of last Thursday, the current seven-day average of daily new hospital admissions of people with the virus was 84, only a small bump from 83 the previous week.

The rate of hospital admissions for the past week was 7.3 per 100,000 residents. That was the same rate as the previous week, ending a steady trend of increases that has raised the possibility of a new universal indoor mask mandate in the county.

Under [metrics set by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the county would move from the “medium” category of virus activity to the “high” level if the rate of new hospital admissions reaches 10 per 100,000 residents. If the county reaches the high level and stays there for two weeks, a new indoor mask mandate will be imposed.

County health officials previously projected that at the previous rate of increase, the county would reach the “high” category by the end of the June, or early July. But with the pace now



slowing, Simon said the current projection is that the county won't reach the "high" category until at least mid-July.

He noted that the county could avoid reaching that level at all if transmission of the virus begins to slow, leading to an anticipated drop in hospitalizations.

The average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus was 10.9% as of Monday, roughly the same as it has been for the past week.

### **Will Everyone in California Eventually Get Coronavirus? What We Know**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) with tens of thousands of new coronavirus cases being reported in California each week, it might seem inevitable that everyone will get infected at some point.

But that's not necessarily the case, officials and experts say. Even with the near-constant drumbeat of transmission this spring and summer, millions of Californians have still been able to avoid catching the virus.

For some, that might be a matter of circumstance — their work or living situations allow them to rarely venture into crowded settings. Others may still be avoiding nonessential activities to lessen their exposure risk.

Many might chalk it up to luck.

“The storyline is, ‘Everybody’s gotten it.’ But the reality is a lot of people haven’t,” said Dr. Peter Chin-Hong, a UC San Francisco infectious-disease expert.

While there's no silver bullet, residents can still take reasonable precautions to lessen their chance of getting infected.

“Everyone needs to be vigilant to avoid exposure and prevent severe disease,” especially during periods of high community transmission, said Dr. Robert Kim-Farley, an epidemiologist and infectious-disease expert with UCLA's Fielding School of Public Health.

For more information from experts, [visit the full article](#).

### **CVS, Rite Aid Limit Emergency Contraception Services**

[KRON 4 reports](#) CVS is limiting customers from buying more than three emergency contraceptives pills at a time as a temporary measure to make sure shelves don't go bare.

Once *Roe v. Wade* was overturned people began to stockpile emergency contraceptives pills such as Plan B, especially in states that immediately banned abortion.

In California, abortion rights are still protected, but there is always a possibility people would buy them and send them to people in other states.

A CVS spokesperson confirmed with the Los Angeles Times that the pharmacy has plenty of supply in stores and online and wants to keep it that way.

Rite Aid is also limiting the purchase of Plan B to three pills per customer.

Walgreens has not put any limits on these purchases.

People are scrambling to buy pills especially in the 13 states that have trigger laws immediately banning abortion.

A lot of women in the states with abortion rights, like California, have made videos online saying they will do anything to help women who are in need of an abortion in non-protected states, so that is probably why companies like CVS and Rite Aid have decided to limit customers nationwide and not just in certain states.

### **ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon**

- **Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant;** *disadvantaged communities; employment, labor, & training; energy; environment & water; food & nutrition; health & human services; housing, community and economic development; parks & recreation; transportation*
  - Funded by: Strategic Growth Council
  - Deadline: **Friday, July 1, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$105 million
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)
    - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant;** *disadvantaged communities; employment, labor, & training; energy; environment & water; food & nutrition; health & human services; housing, community and economic development; parks & recreation; transportation*
  - Funded by: Strategic Growth Council
  - Deadline: **Friday, July 1, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$1.2 million
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)
    - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **2022-23 Transitional Housing (XH) Program RFP;** *housing, community, and economic development; law, justice, and legal services*
  - Funded by: Governor's Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: **Tuesday, July 5, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$17.15 million
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)

### **Funding Opportunities**

#### **2022 Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)**

[The Department of Housing and Community Development](#) has created the ESG Program to provide grant funding to (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street, (2) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, (3) help operate and provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, and (4) prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.

ESG funds may be used for four primary activities: Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing Assistance, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness Prevention. In addition, ESG funds may be used for associated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs and administrative activities for some subrecipients.

The funds are distributed in two separate funding pools: the CoC allocation and the Balance of State (BoS) allocation. Funding in the BoS allocation is made available based on recommendations from a CoC in two ways:

1. Through regional competitions within three geographic regions (Northern Region, Bay Area Region, Central and Imperial Valley Region) pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 25 CCR 8404 (a) (3); and
2. Through a noncompetitive process for Rapid Re-Housing (RR) activities.

Continuum of Care Allocation: CoCs within this allocation have at least one city or county that receives ESG funds directly from HUD. Within the CoC Allocation, Administrative Entities (AEs) are selected by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to administer an allocation of funds provided through a formula for their service area. These AEs must be local governments of ESG Entitlement Areas and must commit to administering ESG funds in collaboration with their CoC throughout their CoC Service Area, including ensuring access to ESG funds by households living in Nonentitlement Areas. A minimum of 40 percent of each AE Allocation must be used for Rapid Rehousing activities.

Eligible Applicants and Eligible Areas to Be Served: The Department subgrants its funding to subrecipients in Continuum of Care (CoC) service areas that have at least one jurisdiction that does not receive ESG funds directly from HUD (“Nonentitlement”). In the CoC Allocation, local governmental entities are eligible subrecipients, who in turn select homeless service providers to receive the funds. In the Balance of State Allocation, private nonprofit organizations or units of general-purpose local government are eligible subrecipients that receive ESG funds directly from the Department.

State ESG funded activities may serve the entire service area of the CoC but must serve Nonentitlement areas within the service area. For a list of CoC Service Areas eligible to participate in the State’s ESG program, refer to Appendix A of the current NOFA. ESG funds eligible units of local governments and non-profit organizations, primarily in non-entitlement areas in California.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, July 26, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$12.6 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program**

[The Sierra Nevada Conservancy](#) has created the Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program with the primary role of planning and implementing forest health projects that promote wildfire recovery and forest resilience and support the goals of California’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Program.

In response to recent wildfires, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy identified five wildfire recovery strategies for the Sierra Nevada: landscape-scale forest restoration, water supply protection, strategic reforestation, rapid expansion of wood-utilization infrastructure, and support for community-led initiative. This program seeks to create more-resilient forest landscapes, reduce wildfire risk, accelerate recovery from recent wildfires and supports projects that address these strategies.

California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan identifies three goals that are strongly aligned with the WIP: healthy and resilient natural places, safe communities, and sustainable economies. Both plans also stress the importance of climate resiliency, regionally tailored solutions, the linkages between ecological and economic health, the importance of low-intensity fire, and the need to work strategically across land ownership boundaries. This grant program aims to support projects with the following, additional focal areas: multi-benefit projects, landscape-scale projects, high-impact projects, and wildfire recovery.

To be eligible to receive a grant award from the SNC under this program, projects must meet all of the following criteria: be located within or provide services to the Sierra Nevada Region as defined by current SNC governing legislation; be consistent with the SNC mission and program areas as defined in the SNC Strategic Plan; be consistent with the requirements of the funding source and budget provisions, result in a clear, demonstrable, and enduring public benefit; and meet all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, as applicable.

Consistent with provisions of the program funding and objectives of the proposed project, the SNC may give favorable consideration to projects which: involve California Native American tribes, including grants directly to tribal entities or those to tribal or other entities which provide meaningful engagement with and support to tribal partners; were developed under the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity program; address fire recovery objectives; directly benefit severely disadvantaged or disadvantaged communities; engage a workforce development effort, including but not limited to tribal workforce programs, California Conservation Corps, or other training programs; employ a collaborative, community-led approach in project development or implementation and enable the equitable geographic distribution of SNC resources.

Proposals are developed in conjunction with SNC. To initiate consideration of a project, an applicant must contact the appropriate [SNC Area Representative](#) (AR) and the AR will work with the applicant to determine if the project meets SNC criteria. If SNC determines consideration of the project, a concept proposal form will be shared with the applicant. This proposal process involves Concept and Full Proposal phases. Concept Proposals are due July 29. A site visit may be conducted for eligible implementation projects. If invited to submit, Full Proposals are due October 28. Please review the full grant program guidelines [here](#).

Eligible applicants include:

- Qualifying 501(c)(3) Nonprofits
- Public Agencies: any city, county, special district, joint powers authority, state agency, or federal agency
- Eligible Tribal Entities are one or both of the following: (1) Recognized by the United States and identified within the most current Federal Register; (2) Listed on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission as a California Native American tribe.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, July 29, 2022**. Total estimated funding is dependent. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

## **2022-23 Domestic Violence Response Team (VA) Program RFP**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created this program to support communities in building and implementing protocols and practices for collaborative and coordinated response to incidents of domestic violence.

The Program builds the capacity of communities that demonstrate a need for greater collaboration and coordination between domestic violence service providers and law enforcement.

Applicants must be a governmental or a community-based non-profit organization that employs a Domestic Violence Counselor per Evidence Code § 1037.1(a) (1).

The Program is supported through the Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Monday, August 15, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$500k. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).