

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The goal of the Tulare Unit is to make the Fire Plan a relevant document while utilizing it to prevent large and damaging fires. A key element in the plan's success will be to streamline the contract process to take advantage of cooperators interest, momentum, and on the ground opportunities. While we plan for and develop new projects, our primary focus will be to obtain funding for the maintenance of the existing projects and pre-suppression infrastructure that is in place.

The Fire Plan is in the process of undergoing a change to make this a working document that is useful to field personnel while incorporating data and technology that was previously unavailable. This transformation will require buy in and input from the field Battalions, but should make the Units Fire Plan goals and priorities clearly understood.

The Unit will work with Sacramento to implement the plan and insure it meets the states MISSION and VALUES. Changes are continually being made to the Fire Plan. The Fire Plan will be a tool to assist the Unit with pre-suppression projects which exist within each Battalion.

The Tulare Unit Key Objectives from the California Strategic Fire Plan:

- Analyze trends in fire cause and focus prevention and education efforts to modify behavior and effect change.
- Support the availability and utilization of CAL FIRE hand crews and other CAL FIRE resources, as well as public and private sector resources, for fuels management activities, including ongoing maintenance.
- Effectively engage and train employees across all disciplines to address both planning and emergency response utilizing a "total force" approach.
- Assist landowners and local government in the evaluation of the need to retain and utilize features (e.g. roads, fire lines, water sources) developed during a fire suppression effort, taking into consideration those identified in previous planning efforts.