

**SECTION III:**

**VALUES AT RISK**

**A: ASSETS AT RISK**

There are approximately 802,983 people, 274,062 housing units and 13,700 businesses within the communities at risk in Ventura County.



## **B: COMMUNITIES AT RISK**

Ventura County is a coastal county in Southern California covering 1,845 square miles. The northern half of the county lies within the Los Padres National Forest, concentrating the population mostly in the southern part of the county. The Los Padres National Forest accounts for 860 square miles of the northern portion of the county, comprising 46% of the county's land area.

With its southern edge on the Pacific Coast of Southern California, Ventura County is bordered by Los Angeles County to the east, Santa Barbara County to the west, and Kern County to the north. Within Ventura County there are 14 at-risk communities, clustered in the southern half of the county.

- Camarillo ( Battalion 1)
- Casa Conejo (Battalion 3)
- Fillmore (Battalion 5)
- Meiners Oaks (Battalion 2)
- Mira Monte (Battalion 2)
- Moorpark (Battalion 4)
- Oak Park (Battalion 3)
- Oak View (Battalion 2)
- Ojai (Battalion 2)
- Piru (Battalion 5)
- Santa Paula (Battalion 5)
- Simi Valley (Battalion 4)
- Thousand Oaks (Battalion 3)
- Ventura (Battalion 2 & 5)

## C: INFASTRUCTURE AND AGRICULUTURE AT RICK



Ventura County offers some unique challenges when dealing with values at risk. The County is home to a booming agriculture community that requires the protection of many different types of Orchards. These orchards are intermixed and often pose a challenge when protecting the various trees. The Ventura County Fire Protection District takes an aggressive stance in protecting these costly investments through Pre-Planning and direct involvement with the Local ranchers.



Critical infrastructure always poses a challenge to Firefighters. Ventura County has numerous distributions systems the range from natural gas pipelines to major electrical carriers. But one unique challenge is the number of oil fields and oil distribution systems within the County. These installations pose significant exposure to wildfire.