

STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

The Board is a Governor-appointed body, whose members are appointed based on their professional and educational qualifications and their general knowledge or interest in watershed management, forest management, fish and wildlife, range improvement, forest economics or land use policy. Of the Board's nine members, five are representatives from the general public, three are from the forest products industry and one member is from the range-livestock industry.



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The mission of the Board is to lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, socially sustainable forest and rangeland management, and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state. Its statutory responsibilities are to:

1. **Establish** and **administer** forest and rangeland policy for the State of California, and
2. **Protect** and **represent** the state's interest in all forestry and rangeland matters, and
3. **Provide direction** and **guidance** to CAL FIRE on fire protection and resource management, and
4. **Accomplish** a comprehensive regulatory program for forestry and fire protection, and
5. **Conduct** its duties to **inform and respond** to the people of the State of California.

In concert with the mission of the Board, the mission of CAL FIRE is to serve and safeguard the people and protect the property and resources of California.

The Board is responsible for developing the general forest policy of the state, for determining the guiding policies of the Department, and for representing the state's interest in the management of federal land in California. The Department is the entity that implements the Board's policies and regulations. The Board is a part of the Department and, together, they work to carry out the mandates of the Governor and the Legislature to protect and enhance the state's unique forest, wildland and watershed resources.

To carry out these responsibilities, the Board engages in a strategic planning process which defines and communicates the Board's guiding values and priorities, directing resources to the most important issues. It also defines both the Board's and the Department's vision, and how performance is to be measured and reported.

One element of this planning process is the development of a strategic fire plan, which forms the basis for assessing California's complex and dynamic natural and man-made environment, and identifies a variety of actions to minimize the negative effects of wildland fire.

Public Resources Code §4114 and §4130 authorize the Board to establish a fire plan which, among other things, establishes the levels of statewide fire protection services for State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands. These levels of service recognize other fire protection resources at the federal and local level that collectively provide a regional and statewide emergency response capability. In addition, California's integrated mutual aid fire protection system provides fire protection services through automatic and mutual aid agreements for fire incidents across all ownerships.