



# IS CALIFORNIA READY FOR DISASTER?

## CALIFORNIA DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK INVESTING IN A SAFER CALIFORNIA

The planet's wild climate mood swings have been a recipe for devastation in California. Our local and state firefighters are on the front lines facing down this threat, but our disaster response network is stretched to the max.

## INVESTING IN DISASTER RESPONSE CAN HELP SAFEGUARD OUR CLIMATE FUTURE WHILE PROTECTING CALIFORNIANS TODAY.

### BACKGROUND: CLIMATE DISASTERS ARE GETTING BIGGER, MORE DESTRUCTIVE AND MORE DANGEROUS.

- **Wildfire is both a cause and effect of climate change:** Nearly 1/5 of all human-caused emissions come from wildfires. Meanwhile, fire season now runs year-round.
- **Climate disasters keep getting worse.** Wildfire risk is predicted to be up to six times worse by the end of the century. Floods, mudslides are also linked to climate extremes.
- **Climate disasters directly threaten cities.** Of 13 major (50k acre+) wildfires within 2 miles of a city, 11 were in California.

### PROBLEM: CALIFORNIA'S WORLD-CLASS DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK IS STRETCHED TO ITS LIMITS.

- **Disaster response depends on state and local agencies.** Local departments supply a quarter to half of the state's response.
- **More fires ... fewer resources to respond:** Half as many mutual aid engines are available now compared with a decade ago. Each year, thousands of requests go unfilled.
- **More people in the path of disaster.** Two million households face extreme wildfire risk; 7 million live in flood zones. Also, 11 million live near a major earthquake fault.

### PROPOSAL: INVEST IN DISASTER RESPONSE THROUGH STABLE ALLOCATION OF CAP-AND-TRADE FUNDING.

- **Local Mutual Aid Enhancement:** Build up coordinated resources, all-risk training/equipment.
- **Pre-set response capability:** Build up CalOES disaster response engine fleet.
- **CAL FIRE.** Full backfill of revenue from repeal of SRA fee and augment E-Fund.

### WHAT IT DOES:

- **Better protection and safety for those in the path of climate disaster**
- **Shores up our world-class local-state-federal mutual aid system**
- **Secures funding for state wildfire response and local area wildfire risk**

A SECURE INVESTMENT IN CALIFORNIA'S DISASTER RESPONSE WILL HELP  
SAFEGUARD OUR FUTURE WHILE PROTECTING CALIFORNIANS TODAY ... HERE AND NOW.