



## Common Sense Solutions to Protect Communities from Catastrophic Wildfires

As the Legislature and Governor consider the SB 254 Report from the [California Earthquake Authority](#) on [Enhancing California's Resiliency to Natural Catastrophes](#), the state must focus on critical community wildfire risk reduction and mitigation efforts to prevent catastrophic fires and to protect community safety — not shifting accountability and costs to victims, insurance policyholders, and taxpayers.

### The Wildfire Mitigation Package the Legislature Must Prioritize

Our organizations urge the Legislature to **strengthen wildfire mitigation efforts** – at the home, community, and landscape scale – consistent with the SB 254 Report options, through the following:

- Option 1.1.1: Strengthen and align statewide coordination for community wildfire mitigation;
- Option 1.1.2: Develop essential data and analytical infrastructure to identify and assess wildfire risk mitigation needs (including fire hazard severity) and track progress statewide;
- Option 1.1.3: Adopt and implement science-informed standards and programs to guide targeted, high-impact mitigation efforts in communities across the state;
- Option 1.1.4: Streamline administrative processes and procedures to maximize resources and expedite implementation of standards;
- Option 1.2.1: Incentivize community wildfire mitigation planning and project-level implementation with financial resources and technical support; and
- Option 1.2.2: Tighten the link between risk reduction and insurance.

Additionally, our organizations would like to highlight several proposals already under consideration that represent a meaningful start towards addressing some of the most critical issues raised in the SB 254 report, making California communities safer and more resilient to wildfire:

1. SB 894 (Allen) - Wildfire resiliency: financial assistance
2. SB 911 (Becker) - Transfer of real property: fire hazard severity zones
3. SB 973 (Becker) - Wildfire coordinator program
4. SB 1370 (Stern) - Covered wildfire mitigation projects: consolidated and expedited review.
5. AB 706 (Aguilar-Curry) - FOREST and Wildfire Prevention Fund Act
6. AB 1934 (Bennett) - State Fire Marshal: home hardening certification program
7. AB 2410 (Ellis) - Wildfire safety: fuels reduction projects: CEQA: California Coastal Act
8. AB 2513 (Petrie-Norris) - Wildfire: Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program: Local assistance grant program: regional landscape grants
9. AB 2724 (Bauer-Kahan) - Catastrophe modeling: distressed areas
10. AB 69 (Calderon) – Fair Plan policy notices and renewals

### The Legislature Must Support Wildfire Victim Rights and Community Recovery and Rebuild Efforts

The state must maintain inverse condemnation utility liability standards for wildfire damage and recovery, which will ensure that utilities prioritize system safety and prudent operational practices. Coupled with improved coordination and alignment in wildfire prevention and mitigation, California can meaningfully reduce the risk of wildfires.