HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN COMBATTING WILDFIRES & TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

- $2 billion to fight and combat wildfires, the single largest investment in wildfire preparedness in California’s history
- $1.3 billion to prepare for extreme heat and sea level rise and $5.1 billion for drought support
- $3.2 billion investment to hit fast-forward on California’s zero-emission vehicle goals

California’s recovery is underway. But we can’t be satisfied with just going back to the way things were. Governor Newsom’s California Comeback Plan outlines comprehensive strategies and major investments to address the state’s most stubborn challenges. Under Governor Newsom’s $100 billion plan, California will roar back from the pandemic.

Amid unparalleled risk of catastrophic wildfire and ever-present climate change, Governor Newsom has taken bold action to protect communities and advance California’s nation-leading climate agenda including requiring that all new cars sold be zero-emission by 2035, setting a goal to end oil extraction, strengthening emission standards for polluting trucks and pledging to conserve 30 percent of land and coastal water by 2030.

In his California Comeback Plan, Governor Newsom is proposing **$2 billion to combat and prepare for wildfires, the single largest investment in our state’s history.**

The California Comeback plan includes **$5.1 billion for drought preparedness and response**, a **$1.3 billion climate resilience package** to prepare for extreme heat, sea level rise, and environmental justice priorities like oil well capping, toxic site clean-up and cleaning up air in disadvantaged communities. It includes a **$3.2 billion investment to set a path to 100% zero emissions** and drive the transition to ZEVs.
KEY ACTIONS FOR WILDFIRE & CLIMATE RESILIENCE

$5.1 billion in drought support, water supply and habitat restoration projects to ensure that California has the water infrastructure it needs to grapple with more extreme cycles of wet and dry.

Over $900 million investment in a 22nd century electric grid to prepare for more extreme heat and power with more clean energy.

$750 million for the Community Economy Resilience Fund to support regions as they lay a foundation for effective and sustainable economic planning and implementation, and connect regional efforts to direct state infrastructure investments in climate resilience, ZEV infrastructure, energy, circular economy, and transportation and housing infrastructure. The Fund will support targeted grants to each of the state’s major regions to plan and implement high road transition strategies, with a focus on building the capacity for under-served communities to participate fully in developing a more sustainable, inclusive economy.

$2 BILLION FOR THE SINGLE LARGEST INVESTMENT IN WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS IN OUR STATE’S HISTORY

- EXPANDED STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT INVESTMENTS:
  - $143.3 million to support 30 additional fire crews, helping CAL FIRE to respond to wildfires throughout fire season and complete priority fuel reduction projects.
  - $38.9 million to staff both current and three additional Cal Fire crews in addition to hiring 1,399 seasonal firefighters and 8 fire crews in preparation of wildfire season.
  - $48.4 million to phase in 12 new CAL FIRE HAWK helicopters and seven massive large air tankers.
  - $33.7 million to replace two CAL FIRE helicopter bases and renovation centers and establish an Emergency Operations Center for Southern California to help save lives and properties.
  - $9.6 million to build a wildfire forecast and threat intelligence center
  - $29.9 million to create an Office of Equity at Cal OES to connect with disaster vulnerable communities.
$79 million for additional administrative, operational, IT and mission support staff.

$5 million research grant for equipment and strategies to protect firefighters from dangerous conditions present during wildfires

$17 million to support, improve, and integrate the Earthquake Early Warning System with critical infrastructure facilities.

**IMPROVED FOREST HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT**

$656 million to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires by thinning overgrown forests, increasing prescribed burns and replanting trees.

$433 million to help develop and track approximately 500 fuel break projects building on the success of Governor Newsom’s 35 emergency fuel reduction projects that played a critical role in containing wildfires last year.

$39 million for science-based research and monitoring of California’s wildland to achieve long-term forest health and wildfire resilience.

**DIRECT INVESTMENTS TO COMMUNITIES**

$250 million all-hazards initiative called Prepare California designed to plan and build disaster-resilient communities from the bottom-up

$150 million to develop and enhance community resilience centers that will provide shelter and support base camps during emergency events

$100 million in local government assistance to assist counties and cities during and after disasters.

$76 million in job training, market development and low-interest lending to expand the marker for wood products in order to incentivize private land management.

$40 million for community hardening, improving defensible space around homes and home-hardening retrofits of the most wildfire-vulnerable low-income Californians.

$1.3 BILLION CLIMATE RESILIENT PACKAGE TO PREPARE FOR EXTREME HEAT, SEA LEVEL RISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PRIORITIES

**$350 million over two years to support low-income and disadvantaged communities who are on the frontline of extreme heat events** with urban greening projects and energy efficiency.

**$211.5 million over two years to protect communities from sea-level rise and flooding** through coastal wetland restoration.

**$495 million over three years to support community-driven climate initiatives:** Strategic Growth Council’s Transformative Climate Communities Program, Regional Climate Collaboratives program, Environmental Justice Initiative, and Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning Grants.

**$287 million** to support the State’s Fifth Climate Assessment; plug and abandon orphaned oil and gas wells and to expand the reach of the Air Resources Board’s program to promote the adoption of low-global warming potential refrigerant technologies.
$3.2 BILLION INVESTMENT TO HIT FAST FORWARD ON CALIFORNIA’S ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE GOALS AND LEAD THE TRANSITION TO ZEVs ON A GLOBAL SCALE

- **Over $1.4 billion** to put 1,000 zero-emission drayage trucks, 1,000 zero-emission school buses, and 1,000 transit buses, and the necessary infrastructure, on California roads, cleaning up the air in disadvantaged communities first on top of **$315 million** for clean trucks, buses and off-road equipment.

- **$650 million** to invest in consumer adoption of ZEVs, with a focus on priority populations on top of **$150 million** already proposed.
  - **$250 million** to expand the **Clean Cars 4 All**, funding to low-income Californians living in and near disadvantaged communities to scrap their old car and replace it with a new or used advanced technology car, and
  - **$400 million for consumer rebates for new ZEV purchases** through the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, with funding set aside to provide increased rebates for lower-income vehicle buyers.

- **$500 million for the Clean Transportation Program towards light-duty ZEV infrastructure** to close anticipated gaps for 2025 goals on electric and hydrogen infrastructure and to further support infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment such as transit and school buses, last-mile delivery trucks, local, regional and long-haul goods movement, transport refrigeration units and port vehicles.

- **$250 million in advanced ZEV manufacturing grants**, administered by the Clean Transportation Program. This investment may be coupled with High Road Training Partnerships to increase access to high quality jobs for workers and trained employees for employers.

- **$5 million for the ZEV Market Development Strategy implementation**, connecting Californians to zero-emission vehicle opportunities.