

THE CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT

ADDRESSING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: FIGHTING WILDFIRES AND BOLSTERING DROUGHT RESPONSE

- **\$1.2 billion for new wildfire and forest resilience funds, and another \$648 million for firefighters and new firefighting equipment**
- **\$750 million in water conservation, drought response and resilience, in addition to last year's historic \$5.2 billion investment**
- **Preparing communities for extreme weather, addressing climate change as a public health crisis**

California continues to face extreme weather conditions amid a changing climate. Governor Newsom's Blueprint tackles the increasing threat of climate change by combating wildfires and confronting the drought with new investments and actions. Governor Newsom's plan dedicates new investments to increase wildfire and forest resilience, bolsters firefighting efforts, doubles down on drought response and water conservation, and supports local communities hit hardest by the climate crisis.

MORE SUPPORT FOR FIGHTING WILDFIRES:

- **Funding for firefighters:** The California Blueprint will provide \$400 million to help support firefighters throughout the state and address their increasing workload due to the historic fire seasons California continues to face year after year.
- **More firefighting assets:** The Blueprint includes a \$248 million investment for additional firefighting equipment including 4 fire hawks, 10 helitankers, and more engines, bulldozers and fire crews to fight fires. The Blueprint also includes \$175.2 million, as part of a planned \$1.1 billion investment over the next five years, for major capital outlay projects that include replacing fire stations, communication facilities, aviation bases and improvements to accommodate CAL FIRE's new helicopter and aircraft fleet.

WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE PACKAGE TO PROTECT CALIFORNIANS

- **Investing in wildfire resilience.** To address the scale and urgency of the state's wildfire risks, the Blueprint proposes an additional \$1.2 billion as part of a total \$2.7 billion multi-year investment to support critical wildfire resilience programs to increase the pace and scale of forest health activities and decrease fire risk. These projects include forest thinning, prescribed burns, grazing, reforestation, fuel breaks, and investing in new radars and technology to detect wildfires early.

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SUPPORT DROUGHT RELIEF EFFORTS, WATER CONSERVATION FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- **Investing to build climate resilient water supplies.** Last year, California committed \$5.2 billion over three years to ensure water security for all Californians. This year's additional investment of \$750 million furthers those actions to build climate resilient water supplies in the face of more extreme cycles of wet and dry.

PROTECTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES, TREATING CLIMATE CHANGE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

- **Protects Californians from extreme heat.** A multi-year investment of \$800 million to cool our schools and neighborhoods, including projects to reduce urban overheating, such as the Community Resilience and Heat Program, and the Urban Greening Program.
- **Protect from the health impacts of carbon pollution.** The Blueprint proposes a \$445 million investment over multiple years to protect Californians—particularly those in disadvantaged communities who bear the brunt of pollution—against the public health risks of carbon pollution. As part of this, California will recruit, train, and certify 25,000 new community health workers in the next three years, in areas such as climate health, homelessness, and dementia.