

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-25

WHEREAS in March 2019, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to catastrophic wildfire risks created by forest conditions, facilitating the completion of high-priority forest management projects through suspensions of various permitting and environmental review provisions; and

WHEREAS because of these conditions, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection developed the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) in 2019, to streamline environmental review of vegetation management projects through reliance on a programmatic environmental impact report covering 20 million acres of the State, resulting in 106 projects approved to date; and

WHEREAS on March 1, 2025, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to the catastrophic wildfire risks that continue to exist in California due to the increasing whiplash between periods of extreme rain and extreme drought that have caused accumulation of fuels in the State's landscapes, to further accelerate the completion of critical fire management projects through the suspension of various statutory, regulatory, and administrative requirements and creation of a streamlined project approval process; and

WHEREAS earlier today I signed AB 100, which appropriates more than \$100 million to specified conservancies for activities related to wildfire and forest resilience; and

WHEREAS ensuring that projects funded by this appropriation are covered by the suspensions and streamlined project approval process created by my March 2025 State of Emergency proclamation will maximize the effectiveness and accelerate implementation of the forest management activities funded by this appropriation; and

WHEREAS certain statutory, regulatory, and administrative requirements, including, but not limited to, studies, publication periods, and season-specific surveys, significantly impede State and local agencies' ability to immediately permit and implement necessary projects to protect the lives and property of Californians; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified or referenced in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the catastrophic wildfire risks created by landscape conditions within the jurisdiction of the conservancies covered by this Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, to the extent not already applicable, the suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements specified in Paragraph 2 of my State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 1, 2025 shall apply to any wildfire safety project funded by the appropriation in Section 24 of Assembly Bill 100 (2025), subject to the procedures, conditions, and criteria specified in Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of my State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 1, 2025.



I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 14th day of April 2025.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH. D
Secretary of State