

CAL FIRE 2015-16 ENACTED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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- *Hiring and Training* – \$9.192 million (\$7.277 General Fund, \$332,720 Special Fund, and \$1.583 million Reimbursements), and position authority for 28.0 limited-term positions and 21.0 limited-term temporary help positions through June 30, 2017, to address the hiring and training needs resulting from the increased length of fire season.
- *Drought 2015* – One-time funding of \$61.798 million (\$59.408 million General Fund and \$2.390 million SRA Fund), and 373.0 temporary help positions through December 31, 2015, to address heightened fire conditions brought on by drought conditions, as authorized and detailed in the Governor’s January 17, 2014, Drought Declaration.
- *Tanker 81 Airframe Replacement* - A total of \$9.627 million General Fund between FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 for the replacement of Tanker 81 that crashed on October 7, 2014 and for an exclusive use Large Air Tanker that will temporarily replace Tanker 81 until such time as the new tanker is operational.
- *Butte Fire Center* – Funding over three fiscal years, starting in FY 2015-16, to reopen the Butte Fire Center with California Conservation Corp (CCC) members who will provide fire suppression and support for other emergency incidents, along with fuels reduction and fire prevention work.
 - In FY 2015-16, CAL FIRE is requesting \$3.1 million General Fund to make the camp habitable for CAL FIRE staff and CCC members, to purchase vehicles and for other one-time operating cost items, and for 8.0 Fire Captains that will start on May 1, 2016, allowing time for them to become typed prior to July 1, 2016, when CCC fire crews will become operational.
 - In FY 2016-17, CAL FIRE requests funding of \$3.629 million General Fund for full-year staffing of Butte Fire Center, consistent with Blue Book allocations, except for a Cook, as CCC members will take on this workload, and for all remaining one-time operating cost items, and ongoing operating costs that includes new baseline funding for deferred maintenance.
- *Public Education* – \$1.2 million State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Prevention Fund starting in FY 2015-16 for a public education campaign centered on the prevention of and preparedness for wildland fires throughout California that would target homeowners and residents of and visitors to the 31 million acres of the SRA. The funding will allow public education messages to be delivered to a

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broader audience and will complement the increased fire prevention and emergency response funding CAL FIRE has received in recent years.

- *AB 1492 Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program Implementation* – As part of a larger California Natural Resources Agency BCP, additional Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund will address AB 1492 driven program needs.
 - \$2.950 million for a two-year CFIP grant program, and additional funding for 8.0 two-year limited-term positions (2.0 Forester IIs, 3.0 Forester Is, 2.0 AGPAs, and 1.0 Senior Accounting Officer)
 - \$354,000 for 1.0 Research Manager III and 1.0 Research Analyst II to address the AB 1492 need for data development, data management, data assembly, and to develop ecological and administrative performance measures;
 - \$238,000 and 1.0 Forester I to participate in AB 1492 implementation and better accomplish the full statutory and regulatory duties of the Board.
- *AB 52* – Ongoing funding of \$130,423 Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund starting in FY 2015-15 requested for archaeological assistance from multiple institutions of higher learning (i.e. UCs and CSUs) that will be used to implement the requirements of Assembly Bill 52 (Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) related to lead agency consultative requirements with Native American tribes.
- *Fireworks* – One-time funding in FY 2015-16 of \$5 million Toxic Substances Control Account to dispose of (1) stockpiles of dangerous and illegal fireworks seized in 2014, and (2) the anticipated quantities of dangerous and illegal fireworks that will be seized over the July 4, 2015, period. A slight change to state law was made to allow flexibility in the management of seized fireworks by the OSFM.
 - A long-term statutory change will be pursued to deal with seized, dangerous, and illegal fireworks prior to the end of the current legislative session.
- *OSFM Automatic Extinguishing Systems* – \$887,734 Licensing and Certification Fund and 7.0 permanent positions, with some of the positions having a January 1, 2016, effective date, for the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to create a certification program for sprinkler pipefitters.

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- *AB 10 – Minimum Wage* – State law increases the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour starting July 1, 2014, and then to \$10.00 per hour starting on January 1, 2016. CAL FIRE’s budget was adjusted in FY 2015-16 for the \$9.00 per hour increase, and only for CAL FIRE Firefighter I UOT and cash-out the \$10.00 increase, with the base pay increase being adjusted while in FY 2015-16. The commensurate six contract counties were provided base pay, EDWC, UOT and cash-out increases for both the \$9.00 and \$10.00 increases.

In addition to these CAL FIRE budget requests, the Legislature also augmented the CAL FIRE budget:

- *SRA Fund Grant Program* – The Legislature added \$5 million SRA Fund and two positions on a one-time basis in FY 2015-16 for an SRA Fund Fire Prevention Grant program, which will be modeled on the FY 2014-15 grant program administered by CAL FIRE.
 - The grant program was only approved on a one-time basis given the Legislature’s concerns about the fund’s revenues and its ability to sustain an ongoing grant program.
 - The Board of Equalization reports there is approximately \$26.5 million in uncollected fee revenue from the FY 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 billing cycles.

Separate from the budget process, CAL FIRE was provided additional deferred maintenance funding in FY 2014-15:

- *AB 91 (Chapter 1, Statutes of 2015)* - \$3 million General Fund one-time in FY 2014-15 for deferred maintenance needs. Given the impact of the drought on many of CAL FIRE’s facilities, the funding will be used to address water shortage issues.