

June 30, 2014

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
THE NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

PROCLAMATION
SUSPENDING BURNING PERMITS
AND OTHER USES OF OPEN FIRE

Due to the extreme menace of destruction by fire to life, improved property, or natural resources caused by critical fire weather and acute dryness of vegetation; and/or fire suppression forces being heavily committed to control fires; and, under authority vested in me by the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as per section 4423.1 of the Public Resources Code, I hereby declare a **high fire hazard** and **suspend**, except within incorporated cities, the privileges of burning by permit and other uses of open fire in the geographic area described as:

ALL STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA LANDS WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL.

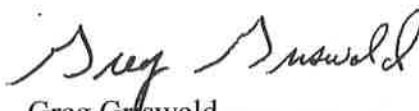
In addition to suspension of open burning, the following restrictions also are hereby applied in the area cited above:

1. Forest management, hazard abatement, and other industrial-type permitted burning is suspended.
2. Previously issued residential burning permits within State Responsibility Area and Local Responsibility Areas under contract to CAL FIRE in the counties listed above will no longer be valid.
3. Use of campfires is restricted to within established campfire facilities located in established campgrounds open to the public or to private property if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent the campfire from spreading to the wildland vegetation.

In accordance with section 4423.2 of the Public Resources Code, state rangers or other authorized agents of the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection may issue restricted temporary burning permits whenever it can be shown that burning or use of open fire is essential for reasons of public health, safety, or welfare.

See also: San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances SEC. 33.101.5 NO SHOOTING – PERIODS OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD.

This order shall become effective at **0800** hours on **June 30, 2014** and remain in effect until I formally terminate this proclamation.


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CAL FIRE Director Orders Burn Bans Across 31 Million Acres *Record Setting Drought Conditions Have Increased Fire Danger*

Sacramento - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Director Ken Pimlott issued an order to suspend open burning across 31 million acres of State Responsibility Area in California. The suspended burning order is part of CAL FIRE's continued efforts to mitigate the increased threat of wildfire due to the state's drought emergency.

"The increase in fire activity this year, coupled with record-setting drought conditions, requires us to take every step possible to prevent new wildfires from starting," said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director. "In support of the Governor's Drought State of Emergency, I am ordering each of the 21 unit chiefs and six contract county chiefs to issue local proclamations suspending burning on State Responsibility Area lands in their respective jurisdictions, effective no later than July 1, 2014."

The process of geographically specific burn bans will allow for greater flexibility to cancel individual bans locally during the fall months if conditions warrant. The localized proclamations will include suspension of all residential burn permits, forest management, hazard abatement, and other industrial-type permitted burning. Campfires may still be allowed in designated campsites. For information, visit your nearest CAL FIRE station - <http://calfire.ca.gov/contacts/index.php>.

CAL FIRE has already responded to 2,118 fires this year, a nearly 70% increase in the average number of fires for the same time period. Residents are urged to visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org for tips on how to prepare their homes and family for wildfire. The website also links to important water saving tips, a resource critical to the control of wildfires.

Governor Brown has called on all Californians to reduce their water use by 20 percent and prevent water waste – visit saveourH2O.org to find out how everyone can do their part, and visit drought.ca.gov to learn more about how California is dealing with the effects of the drought.

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