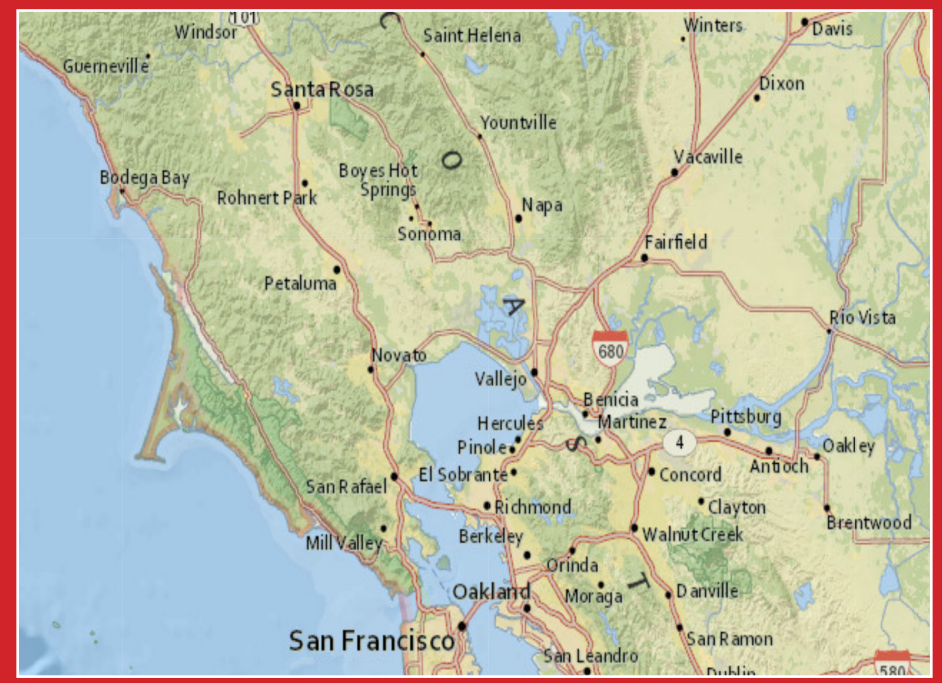


GETTING TO KNOW WILDFIRES

in CALIFORNIA



In 2019,

200 THOUSAND
people were mis-
placed or affected

4.6 MILLION
acres were burned

90 THOUSAND
buildings were
damaged, threat-
ened or destroyed

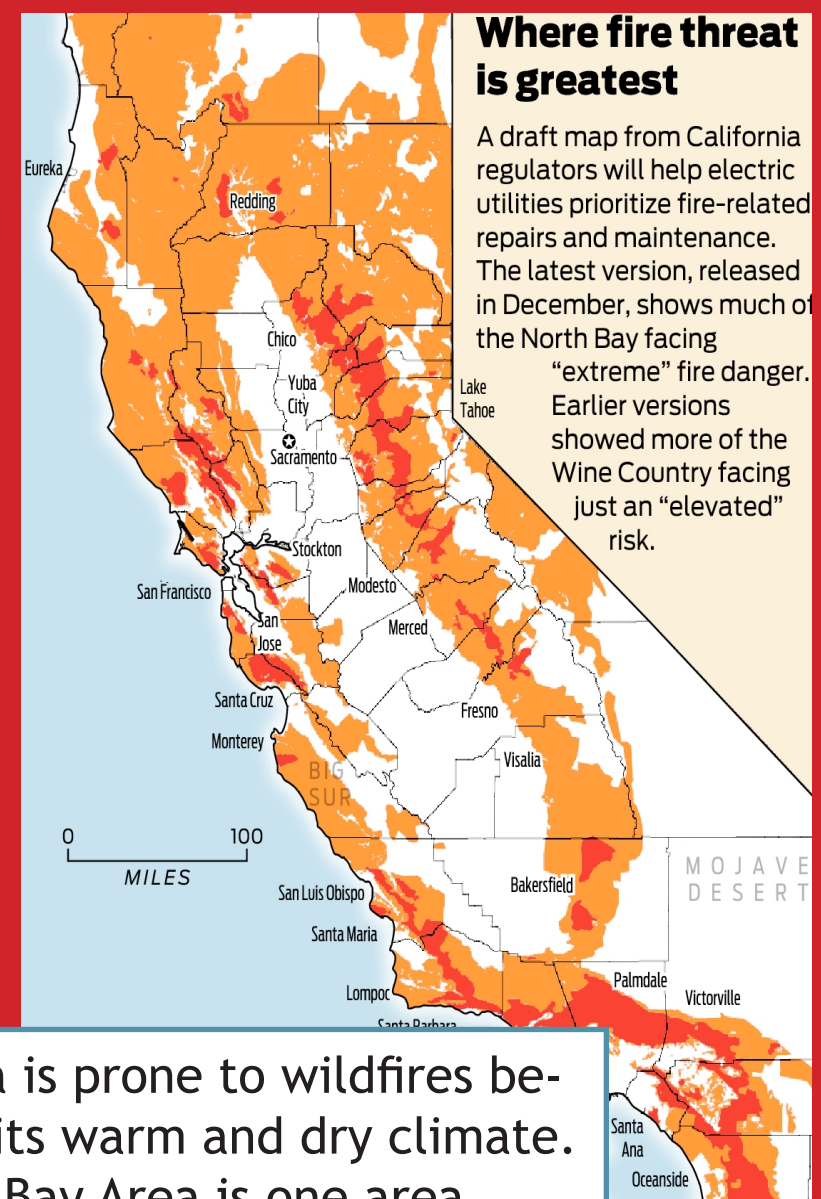
THOUSANDS
of animals displaced

WILDFIRES CAUSE...

CLIMATE CHANGE “Wildfires release large amounts of carbon dioxide, black carbon, brown carbon, and ozone precursors into the atmosphere. These emissions affect radiation, clouds, and climate on regional and even global scales.”

POOR HEALTH “Outside of the fire itself, the main health concern in wildfire conditions is smoke, which produces particulate matter, a mix of gases and microscopic pieces of solid matter. The particles can penetrate deep into the lungs, increasing the risk of respiratory diseases and asthma, as well as heart problems.”

ECONOMIC LOSSES Wildfires result in thousands of dollars in property damage and ecosystem deterioration, which negatively affect the economy



California is prone to wildfires because of its warm and dry climate. Northern Bay Area is one area where wildfires happen most often

TAKE ACTION

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- Remove dead vegetation around your home
- Store flammable liquids in metal safety cans
- Keep the exterior of your house free from debris
- Avoid using wood materials on your property
- Create an Emergency Plan and prepare emergency kits for the family

Currently, “Cal Fire is clearing brush near highways and removing dead trees from communities” to prevent future wildfires.

Increased funds for better forest management and the enforcement of using fire-resistant material in homes and buildings such as asphalt shingle roofs can prevent urban areas from catching on fire.

As local Bay Area California residents, we live with the risk of experiencing a wildfire every single day. I believe that education and awareness on wildfire prevention is important to save our lives, our family, our property, and our community.

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