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Wildfire Preparedness Week Events Scheduled Statewide

Sacramento – Wildfire Preparedness Week is May 1 - 7, 2023. CAL FIRE and its partner agencies will host five statewide events throughout the week to raise awareness on what individuals and communities can do to help protect against the threat of wildfires. By preparing well in advance of a wildfire and taking steps now to reduce wildfire risks – both as a community and individually - we can dramatically increase our safety, the safety of our community, and the survivability of our homes.

Who:

CAL FIRE will be joined by the California Natural Resources Agency, United States Forest Service, California Office of Emergency Services, California National Guard, California Conservation Corps, and other local, state, and federal fire and emergency officials to speak about wildfire preparedness and fuels reduction projects.

What:

Wildfire Preparedness Week statewide events to raise awareness on wildfire preparedness, including how state, federal and local public safety organizations are preparing for the 2023 fire season; the importance of fuel reduction and vegetation management projects; and ways the public can prepare for wildfire now through home hardening and defensible space.

When/Where:

Monday, May 1, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Prado Helibase

[14467 Central Avenue](#)

[Chino Hills CA 91710](#)

Highlights: Diverse community response areas which include multiple wildland and local fire agency cooperative agreements, community fuels reduction projects in San Bernardino and Inyo counties, hand crews at Pilot Rock Fire Center, 3 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Camps, CAL FIRE Hawk helicopter, and the new Sawmill Demonstration State Forest.

[Event Live Stream](#)

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Santa Barbara County Helitack Base

[900 Airport Road](#)

[Santa Ynez, CA 93460](#)

Highlights: Celebrating 75 years of successful partnership between Santa Barbara County Fire and CAL FIRE. Highlighting additional fire crews, fuels crews, and the purchase of additional equipment to assist with a robust prescribed fire and fuels reduction program.

[Event Live Stream](#)

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Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Castle Air Force Base

[5050 Santa Fe Drive](#)

[Atwater, CA 95301](#)

Highlights: New CAL FIRE training opportunities, county fuel reduction projects, cooperation between CAL FIRE and partner agencies and stakeholders, and wildfire preparedness and defensible space efforts in the Merced and Madera areas.

[Event Live Stream](#)

Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Mt. Zion State Forest & Lookout

[13000 Mt. Zion Road](#)

[Pine Grove, CA 95665](#)

Highlights: The success of the Pine Acres Vegetation Management Program in protecting communities from the Butte Fire and the Electra Fire, the importance of fuel breaks and other fuels reduction projects, and cooperation between CAL FIRE and local partners in keeping our communities fire safe.

[Event Live Stream](#)

Friday, May 5, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Northern California Veterans Cemetery

[11800 Gas Point Road](#)

[Igo, CA 96047](#)

Highlights: Fuel reduction projects across Shasta and Trinity counties, the CAL FIRE Firefighter I Hand Crew Program, the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE and Shasta County, and community improvement home hardening grant availability. Additional focus on the fuels reduction work at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery, tying it in with recent fire history surrounding it.

[Event Live Stream](#)

[Press Kit Link](#)

Californians can learn about all aspects of wildfire safety and preparedness, including how to obtain local alerts, checklists for preparedness, evacuation planning, and more at

www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

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