



# PLACER COUNTY APCD DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



**APRIL 13, 2023**





# TODAY'S TOPICS

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- Cap to Cap 2023 Preview
- Incentive Update
- Fiscal Update





# CAP-TO-CAP 2023 PREVIEW

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- Finalizing preparations for Cap-to-Cap 2023
  - April 22-26, 2023
  - Co-lead for AQ Team
  - 2 main issues: Mobile Sources & Wildfire
  - Close coordination with PCWA
- Two District Directors on AQ Team
- Key meetings
  - EPA, USDA, DOE, DOT, FEMA
  - House/Senate members, multiple Committees



# CAP-TO-CAP 2023 PREVIEW



## Wildfire & Forest Management

The Sacramento region is home to 2.5 million people, and ground zero for toxic air quality from increasingly catastrophic wildfires. Megafires from drought and overgrown forests are destroying the watershed environment as well as causing this public health crisis. We urge the Federal Government to help us protect public health and the environment by investing in resilience, response, and recovery from catastrophic fire and smoke scenarios.

### Fire Resilience & Forest Health

We must expand the pace and scale of forest health projects for greater ecological value and more resilient communities:

- Streamline the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) to ease ecological forest health project implementation with expedited environmental and permitting processes.
- Support the Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023, and its commitment to landscape-scale forest restoration, community-level resilience, and workforce development.
- Leverage New Market Tax Credits and other tax code incentives to support private investment in equipment, hauling trucks, capital infrastructure, and processing facilities. This is critical to meaningfully developing business sectors that support wood utilization for energy, carbon sequestration, and building.
- Perpetuate multi-year stewardship and good neighbor authority contracts to encourage long-term forest stewardship that balances reliable supply chains with ecological forest management.
- Provide funding for community block grants to local projects that reduce fuels and install waterline facilities that help fight fires.



### Fire Response

Be responsive to avoid catastrophic scale fires while allowing for safe managed fires:

- Create a competitive grant process within the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program to fund fire responder preparedness to natural disasters. Local agencies must focus on preparedness with a particular concentration on training, equipping, and exercising. Aerial attack and fuel breaks (bulldozers and hand crews) are critical to mission success and special operations are often underfunded in the fire service.
- Ensure a prepared fire response workforce by funding Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and addressing the federal firefighter pay gap.
- Establish a mechanism for air districts to be eligible for direct reimbursement from FEMA for wildfire smoke response expenses.
- Establish a mechanism for local air districts to be reimbursed for providing staff to serve as Air Resource Advisors (ARA). Staff from local air districts currently cannot serve as due to an inability for the USFS to reimburse their costs.



### Post-Fire Recovery

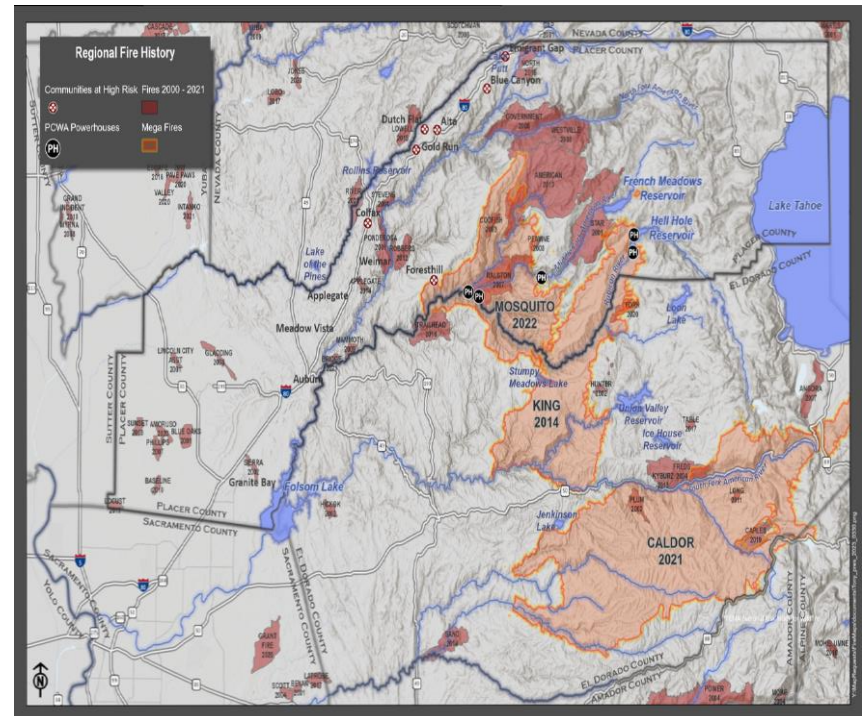
Restore forests and communities that have been ravaged by wildfires to preserve our environment, natural resources, and community value:

- Invest in post-fire recovery teams to more adequately restore federal lands devastated by wildfires, an activity which minimizes landslides and upland erosion, protecting watersheds, natural resources, and built infrastructure.
- Fund the U.S. Forest Service for multi-year projects to restore roads on their land that are failing because of the externalities of wildfire. Access to roads is critical for land management, recreation, and public safety.
- Fully leverage the National Incident Management Operations (NIMO) and Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFOR) programs.



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# INCENTIVE UPDATE - CAG

**ATTENTION  
PLACER COUNTY AG OPERATORS**

**CLEAN AIR GRANTS  
AVAILABLE NOW**  
Don't let old equipment hold you back.

**GET MONEY TO:**

- REPLACE**  
Heavy-duty diesel equipment and vehicles
- REPOWER**  
Stationary engines and agricultural pumps
- INSTALL**  
Infrastructure for EV charging or alternative fueling

**Apply by May 31st!**  
Web: [placerair.org/1739/Clean-Air-Grant-Program](http://placerair.org/1739/Clean-Air-Grant-Program)  
Phone: 530-745-2376

Learn More 



- Solicitation now open through May 31
- Multiple outreach efforts occurring
  - Ag Alert
  - County PIO
  - Ag Commission

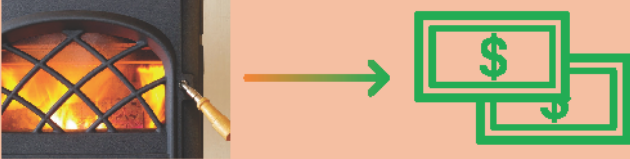


# INCENTIVE UPDATE - WOODSTOVES

## Upgrade to Cleaner Air!

CASH INCENTIVES AVAILABLE TO CHANGE OUT YOUR  
UNCERTIFIED WOOD-BURNING APPLIANCE

Old, pre-1990, wood-burning appliances waste firewood, pollute the air, and create dust inside your home. Apply now for reimbursement to upgrade to a new, clean-burning, EPA-certified appliance!



**Upgrade a:**

- Uncertified Wood Stove/Insert  
**OR**
- Fireplace (if **only** source of heat)

**And receive:**


- \$599 for an EPA-Certified Wood or Pellet Stove/Insert or a Propane, Natural Gas, or Electric Stove/Insert
- Up to \$2,000 for qualified low-income applicants

**To qualify, you MUST:**

- Receive Pre-Approval before removing the old appliance.
- Have and replace an uncertified old appliance. Removal without replacement is not eligible.
- Allow for inspection of the old appliance prior to removal.
- Obtain a building permit and use an approved installer for the new appliance within six months of pre-approval.
- Provide all required documentation, including proof the old appliance was properly disposed of or recycled.

Applications will be pre-approved on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is depleted.  
Additional program rules and restrictions apply.

**For details and to apply, call: 530-621-7501**



This program is open to Placer and El Dorado County residents and is administered by the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District.

- Next outreach event:
  - Auburn Spring Home Show
  - Gold Country Fair Grounds
- May 9-21



# FISCAL UPDATE

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- District remains on budget
  - Actual expenditures and current obligations are within approved budget.