

# Annual 2022 Scott Watershed Informational Forum (SWIF)



Prescribed Fire planning and process  
Beneficial Fire Strategic Plan  
State Certified Burn Boss

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# Prescribed Fire planning and process

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# CAL FIRE RX Fire Process and Programs

**We use the Vegetation Management Program (VMP)\*\***

- California Vegetation Treatment Program
  - Programmatic Environmental Impact Report 2019 (CalVTP)
- Chaparral Management Environmental Impact Report 1981 (CMP)

**\*\*VMP – Changing the reference to CMP to better reflect the programmatic EIR**

- Grant programs
  - Fire Protection and Forest Health
  - California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)
- Other CEQA document to conduct a “Project”
  - Project is defined in CEQA



# CAL FIRE RX Fire Process and Programs

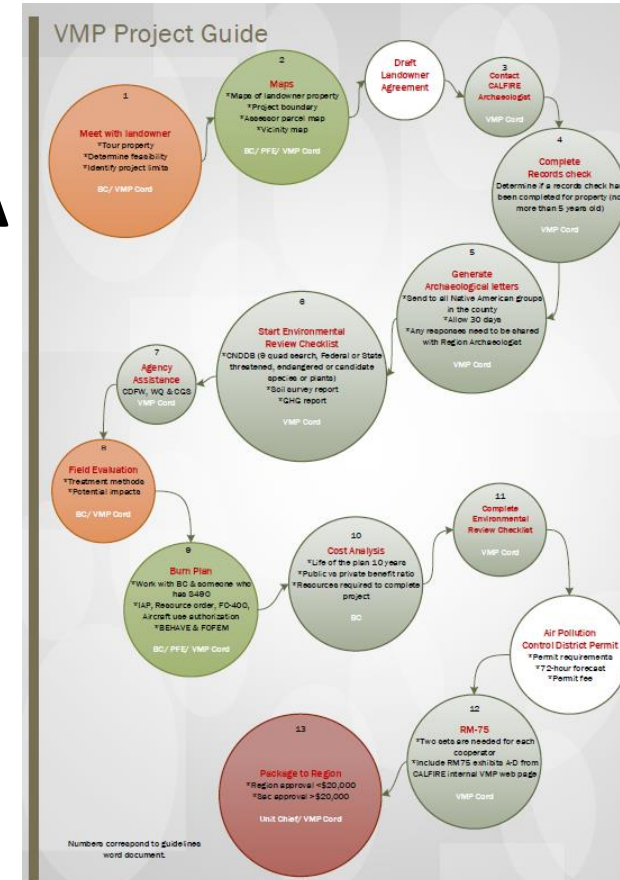
**Short version of the process:**

**Have willing partner to conduct fuel reduction on SRA land for mutual benefit.**

**Establish the right program for the “project” and CEQA documentation.**

**Approve the CEQA document – depending on the type of document and estimated cost of the project steers where it gets approved at.**

**Implement project!!!! – Report on completion and progress.**





# Beneficial Fire Strategic Plan

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# California's Strategic Plan for Beneficial Fire

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force  
– Still in Draft form–



# The Strategic plan

The Strategic plan is organized around nine key actions to build wildfire resilience

- Develop a Robust Beneficial Fire Workforce
- Empower the Private Sector
- Build Public Support
- Expand Cultural Burning and Tribal Engagement
- Facilitate Larger and Strategically Located Burns
- Use Fire Managed for Resource Benefit Where and When Appropriate
- Improve Data Collection and Utilization
- Improve Regulatory Efficiency
- Protect Public Health





# STATE CERTIFIED PRESCRIBED FIRE BURN BOSS - CARX

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# State Fire Training

## Why have this Certification program?

- Senate Bill 1260
  - Fire Prevention and Protection: Prescribed Burns
    - Public Resource Code 4477
- Strategic Plans
- Liability- insurance for RX fire
  - SB 332



# State Fire Training

## [State Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss Certification Training Standards \(CTS\)](#)

For persons seeking Certification to plan and manage prescribed fire on State or private lands.



# Burn Boss Qualification

- Gives CAL FIRE the ability to assign a proportional amount of **Liability** for the prescribed fire when CAL FIRE is a Cooperator. Example is in the [Prescribed Fire Guide Book](#).
- CAL FIRE - We have currently taught the CAL FIRE Prescribed Fire IC class three times and will be teaching it again in 2022.
- The **CA RX** Class has had one class in May of 2021 and one Beta class prior to that with mostly Cadre Members. Currently 36 people have had their Task Books Initiated.

CA RX Burn Boss training and information is on the State Fire Marshall Website:

[Welcome to State Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss \(ca.gov\)](#)



# Process for Qualified Burn Boss

## Application Requirements

Submit verification of the following documents along with this application form.

It is not necessary to submit SFT course diplomas or certifications if it is listed in your SFT User Portal.

## Prerequisites

### Coursework Requirements

IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System

S-130: Firefighter Training

S-190: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior

S-290: Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (in-person required)



# State Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss Certification – CARX - Experience

## Firing Requirements

Qualified Firing Boss, Single Resource (FIRB); Or S-219: Firing Operations and equivalent firing experience; Or

CA-219: Wildland Firefighting, Firing Operations and equivalent firing experience; Or

C-234: Ignition Operations and equivalent firing experience; Or

S-234: Ignition Operations and equivalent firing experience

## Leadership Requirements

S-131: Advanced Firefighter; Or L-280: Followership to Leadership; Or Qualified NWCG Firefighter Type 1 (Squad Boss) (FFT1); Or Equivalent experience



# Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection

## State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss

### Certification Task Book (2020)

#### Next Steps:

Take the 40 hour CA RX class

Once a candidate has successfully completed the State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss course

Apply to initiate your Task Book for the State Certified Prescribed Fire Burn Boss.



# Overview of process for Task Book Initiation

- Candidate goes to incidents to complete the Job Performance Requirements or JPR's in the Task Book.

A qualified evaluator is designated by the CAL FIRE Prescribed Fire Staff Chief or holds an equivalent or higher level Certification for prescribed fire.

Burn Boss Task book are on the SFT website:

[Burn Boss Task Book \(ca.gov\)](http://ca.gov)



# Overview of process for Task Book Initiation

- Candidate completes the CA RX course and receives diploma
- Candidate requests Task Book to be initiated from VMP Coordinator at the Region level through one of these email address:

Northern Region: [CA-RXNorthRegion@fire.ca.gov](mailto:CA-RXNorthRegion@fire.ca.gov) - Draft email address, not functioning yet.

Southern Region: [CA-RX SouthRegion@fire.ca.gov](mailto:CA-RX SouthRegion@fire.ca.gov)

VMP Coordinator verifies the candidate has received the diploma and signs the Task Book initiation page. (page 6 of 14)





# Overview of process for Task Book Initiation

## Completion

Candidate sends in the completed Task Book to  
Prescribed Fire Staff Chief at [CA-RX-TaskBook@fire.ca.gov](mailto:CA-RX-TaskBook@fire.ca.gov)

The candidate shall:

1. Complete all Job Performance Requirements.
  - Ensure that an evaluator initials, signs, and dates each task to verify completion.
2. Complete all Completion Requirements.
3. Sign and date the candidate verification statement under Review and Approval with a handwritten signature
4. Obtain their Director's handwritten (not stamped) signature on the Director verification section.
5. Create and retain a physical or high-resolution digital copy of the completed task book



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*Questions??*

