

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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CAL FIRE Declares Burn Ban in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, San Benito, Monterey and Western San Joaquin Counties

Felton – The Unit Chief’s for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Units in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, San Benito, Monterey and Western San Joaquin Counties have declared, until further notice, a suspension of all open burning within State Responsibility Areas and Local Responsibility Areas under contract to CAL FIRE in those counties.

Agriculture, land management, fire training, and other industrial-type burning may proceed if a CAL FIRE official inspects the burn site and issues a special permit to specifically exempt a burn from this ban. Campfires are allowed in designated campgrounds, or in established facilities on private property with permission of the landowner and jurisdictional authority. Persons burning under any special permit must also check with their regional air quality management district for addition regulations and requirements.

Experience has shown that open burning suspensions effectively aid in preventing fire escapes and significantly reduces the risk and occurrence of large fires. This is especially important as these areas are currently experiencing low cumulative rainfall, low humidity’s, dry fuel moisture levels and increased fire activity.

CAL FIRE reminds everyone that it is their individual responsibility to use fire safely and to prevent fires that destroy lives, property and our wildland. **Be Fire Safe!**

Anyone with questions about this declaration is urged to contact the nearest CAL FIRE facility. Attached is the official proclamation.