



The California Forest Watershed Alliance (CAFWA) is a nonpartisan, urban-rural coalition representing water interests, local governments, the conservation community, agriculture, and the forestry sector, created to promote the restoration and improvement of California's forested watersheds.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Healthy forests matter, not just to those living in and around those forests, but to all Californians who rely on clean water, clean air and recreational opportunities. The impacts of forest wildfires on our water, energy, environment and economy are felt by Californians throughout the state. It is imperative that we significantly increase efforts to improve forest health and resilience. The diverse members of CAFWA are working together to seek new ways to promote proactive, science-based, and ecologically sound forest management practices that will reduce the risk of destructive megafires. Our goal is to protect our forests, our natural resources, and our local economies by accelerating the pace and scale of forest restoration.

SOLUTIONS

1. Build a diverse, urban-rural coalition to advocate for increasing the pace and scale of ecologically based active management in California's forests and watersheds.
2. Communicate the importance of California's healthy forests by emphasizing the multiple values that they provide, especially with respect to water resources.
3. Pursue increased funding and new funding sources for forest management from federal, state, and private sources.
4. Advocate for policy and legislative reforms that will promote ecologically sound forest restoration.
5. Develop and promote on-the-ground projects to improve forest health and resilience, prioritizing landscape-scale restoration.
6. Advance monitoring and research to improve the state of scientific knowledge to better direct future land management decisions.

MEMBERS

**Rural County Representatives
of California**
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**California Farm Bureau
Federation**
www.cfbf.com

**Association of California
Water Agencies**
www.acwa.com

California Forestry Association
www.calforests.org

**The Nature Conservancy,
California Chapter**
www.nature.org/camegafires