

# ARE YOU PLANNING TO REMOVE TREES OR VEGETATION ON YOUR PROPERTY TO REDUCE THE RISK OF A WILDFIRE?

Various agencies are prepared to work with you to make your project a success! Please read the information below and get the permits you need.

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

CAL FIRE oversees state and federal forestry assistance programs while implementing the California Forest Practice Act on non federal timberlands. This allows for the coordination of timber harvesting and fuel reduction processes to reduce fire risks and improve ecosystems. Programs available for individual and corporate landowners include; reducing fuel loads, creating defensible space, improving health and productivity of private forest land, and improving vegetation management.

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management>

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

If your tree removal, vegetation cutting, or clearing project involves any of the activities in the photo below, you may need a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement **prior** to starting. This applies to any watercourse that is wet or dry without water present. Please also note that sensitive species may live within your work area and require protection.

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Environmental-Review>

## Department of Conservation - California Geological Survey (CGS)

The CGS Forest and Watershed Geology Program provides information and advice about landslides, erosion, sedimentation and other geologic hazards that may affect water quality and fish habitat. Many activities related to those in the photo below can change the stability of the land which can be dangerous to both people and natural resources. Please visit the website below for more information about how you can avoid geological hazards.

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fwgp>

## Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs)

The RWQCBs are the primary water pollution control and prevention agencies for the state. In that role, the RWQCBs issue permits, conduct inspections, and in some circumstances take enforcement actions to address activities that cause or may cause pollutants to discharge into streams, lakes, or wetlands, or impact riparian vegetation. To protect yourself, your property and the environment, please contact the RWQCB in your area.

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