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State Operations Center Coordinating Resources to Fight Summer Fires

SACRAMENTO – Today the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services has activated the State Operations Center (SOC) in support of the Inland Regional Operations Center (REOC) and local regions due to fires currently burning throughout Northern California.

On Saturday, August 2, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., declared a state of emergency in 11 California counties: Madera, Modoc, Butte, Siskiyou, Mendocino, Shasta, Amador, El Dorado, Humboldt, Lassen, and Mariposa.

As of August 2, 2014, FEMA has approved four Fire Management Assistances Grants (FMAG) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to extinguish the Bald, Day, Eiler, and Oregon Gulch fires.

"We welcome FEMA's approval of Governor Brown's request for assistance," said Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci. "Fires like the Day and Bald Fires can put a strain on resources, particularly at a time when dry conditions due to the drought, above normal temperatures and winds have increased the wildfire threat significantly."

An FMAG, provided through the President's Relief Fund on a cost-share basis, will enable local, state and tribal communities responding to the fire at the request of incident commanders to apply for a 75-percent reimbursement of costs related to mobilization, demobilization, travel and labor. Equipment and supply use, administrative activities and other fire-related costs are also eligible for reimbursement. Responding local, state and tribal communities are responsible for the remaining 25 percent of their costs.

"We recognize that the prolonged dry period and lack of rain has elevated the fire risk throughout California and monitoring the situation throughout the state very closely," said Ghilarducci. "We remain prepared to help our local, state and federal partners."

Additional information is available at:

Fire Management Assistance Grants - <http://bit.ly/10v6hjJ>

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