



“Every Californian has skin in the game when it comes to reducing wildfire risk. This isn’t ‘just’ a rural or suburban problem. Dense urban areas pose some of the highest risks for destruction and loss of life from wildfires, and climate change is putting urban communities at even greater risk.”

**Governor
Gavin Newsom**

“It’s no longer a fire season, we’re now calling it a fire year.”

Robert Baird, regional director for fire and aviation management, U.S. Forest Service

“It’s fine for the governor to leave it to lawmakers to come up with a specific plan, so long as he doesn’t allow them to duck the task. It’s not fair to ratepayers, the public, the investor-owned utilities and the Californians who live in high-risk wildfire areas to put this off another year.”

LA Times Editorial Board, “California can’t wait another year to fix its flawed payout system,” April 20, 2019

“Inaction is not an option. Climate change is here, and it’s threatening our communities, our energy systems, our economy and our way of life. With wildfires increasing in frequency and intensity, we’ve seen what can happen if we don’t act. The costs to human life and well-being are unacceptable.”

California Senate Leader Toni Atkins

“Under the status quo, all parties lose – wildfire victims, energy consumers, and Californians committed to addressing climate change. Victims face a great deal of uncertainty and diminished ability to be compensated for their losses and harm. Customers face rising rates and instability. California’s ability to achieve its climate goals is frustrated. Utility vendors and employees face uncertainty and likely significant losses. The bottom line is that utilities either in or on the verge of bankruptcy are not good for Californians, for economic growth, or for the state’s future.”

Report from Governor Newsom’s Wildfire Strike Force

“It often takes many years to rebuild neighborhoods and some businesses never recover. If this is our new normal, clearly more can and should be done to enhance prevention efforts and ensure sufficient resources to help communities, residents, and small businesses rebuild.”

**Alice Huffman,
President of the California State Conference NAACP**