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NEW: Megafire Action Celebrates Key Wildfire Bills Passing Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 894, SB 973, and SB 1079 are part of the “Joint Megafire Prevention Package” – the most comprehensive package aimed at mitigating destructive megafires in California history

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Today, Megafire Action-sponsored Senate Bills 894, 973, and 1079 advanced out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, marking a critical step toward strengthening California’s wildfire resilience. The bills now head to the full Assembly for a vote. Megafire Action released the following statement:

“California is on the cusp of delivering a major win on wildfire prevention,” said **Eric Horne, California Director of Megafire Action**. “With these bills clearing Assembly Appropriations, lawmakers are one step closer to putting proven solutions into action — making homes and communities more resilient, strengthening local preparedness, and accelerating firetech deployment. Now it’s time for the full Assembly to act and send this package to Governor Newsom’s desk.”

What these bills will do:

[SB 894 \(Allen\): Wildfire Mitigation Affordability Act](#), which State Treasurer Fiona Ma and Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis are co-sponsoring, establishes a Wildfire Resilience Loan Program, modeled on the State Treasurer’s successful GoGreen energy financing platform. Through a loan-loss reserve that de-risks private lending, the program can offer below-market interest rates to a broader set of consumers without requiring a property lien, leveraging more than eight dollars of mitigation investment for every dollar invested in the program. SB 894 represents an opportunity for the legislature to take immediate action on a concept highlighted by the recently released **[SB 254 Natural Catastrophe Study](#)** — “Piloting a State-supported loan loss or loan guarantee program would provide security or guarantee to capital lenders lending low-cost loans to homeowners.” **This bill is supported by the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Personal Insurance Federation of California, Consumer Watchdog, California Chamber of Commerce, California Credit Union League, City of Los Angeles, Environmental Defense Fund, The Nature Conservancy, and many other groups.**

[SB 973 \(Becker\): Wildfire County Coordinator Program](#) establishes a statewide framework that pairs standardized, state-led guidance for assessing wildfire risk and prioritizing the mitigations that matter with locally delivered implementation capacity. Importantly, the bill codifies and expands the Wildfire County Coordinator Program, a proven initiative delivered in partnership between CAL FIRE and the California Fire Safe Council since 2021 and a critical component of California's recently updated [Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Action Plan](#). **It is co-sponsored by California Fire Safe Council, and supported by dozens of local fire safe councils, California Forward, FireWERX, Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, The Nature Conservancy, and many other groups.**

[SB 1079 \(Stern\): Fire Innovation Unit Act](#) builds on Governor Newsom's leadership in providing cutting-edge technologies to frontline personnel by codifying a new [Fire Innovation Unit](#) (FIU) to give California a formal mechanism to identify firefighter needs, source technologies, prototype solutions, and move successful technologies from pilot to scale across three programs. **This bill is supported by California Fire Safe Council, California Forward, California Special Districts Association, Pacific Forest Trust, FireWERX, Orange County Fire Authority, The Tahoe Fund, and many other groups.**

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