California Statewide Fire Summary

Friday, May 16, 2014 – 10 a.m. update

Note: This morning crews were able to contain 3 more of the wildfires leaving 5 active wildfires. All in total, over 20,000 acres have burned in the last few days.

Yesterday, Santa Ana winds continued to challenge firefighters battling ten major wildfires burning in California. Over 2,600 firefighters are on the frontlines fighting the fires and were successful yesterday at containing two major wildfires. Firefighters are making good progress on the remaining eight large wildfires that in total have charred over 10,000 acres. In just the past four days CAL FIRE has responded to over 120 new wildfires, almost all which were kept relatively small.

As drought conditions continue to worsen in California, CAL FIRE was aided in this latest round of heightened fire activity with an additional 300 seasonal firefighters that had been hired due the Governor's Drought State of Emergency. These additional firefighters combined with CAL FIRE prepositioned resources in Southern California all aided in the quick response to the San Diego wildfires. CAL FIRE also activated its agreements with the US Marine Corps to add nearly 20 additional helicopters to augment CAL FIRE and other fire department's air fleets.

Winds have shifted across much of Southern California bringing wind onshore with cooler temperatures and higher humidity. This shift will aid firefighters in their battle to contain the remaining wildfires. Several Red Flag Warnings for high fire danger have been extended however for parts of Tulare, Kern, Los Angeles and Ventura counties due to gusty winds. The winds are expected to diminish by Friday evening.

This week's burst of large wildfires is a reminder of just how dry conditions are in California. CAL FIRE is urging all Californians to ensure they are ready for wildfires by visiting www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

Fires of Interest:

CAL FIRE Incidents

Cocos Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

Village Drive and Twin Oaks Road, San Marcos CAL FIRE/San Marcos Fire/Elfin Forest Springs Fire

- * 3,018 acres 10% contained *UPDATED
- * Evacuations in effect
- * A CAL FIRE Incident Management Team has been assigned

Bernardo Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

southwest of Rancho Bernardo CAL FIRE/San Diego City Fire/Rancho Santa Fe Springs Fire

- * 1.548 acres 90% contained
- * All evacuations have been lifted

Miguelito Fire, Santa Barbara County (more info...)

off Santa Miguelito Canyon Road in Lompoc Santa Barbara County Fire/CAL FIRE

- * 632 acres 95% contained
- * Full containment expected later today

Highway Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

off Old Hwy 395 and I-15 in the Deer Springs area

- * 380 acres 100% contained
- * All evacuations have been lifted

Fiddler Fire, Shasta County

Off Perla Rd & Fiddlers Rd in Igo

* 40 acres - 100% contained

Local Incidents

Poinsettia Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

Carlsbad Fire Department off Poinsettia Ln & Alicante Rd in Carlsbad * 400 acres - 100% contained *UPDATED

River Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

Oceanside Fire Department
North River Rd & College Blvd, Oceanside
* 105 acres - 100% contained *UPDATED

Federal Incidents

Tomahawk Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

Camp Pendleton Fire Department
Eastside of Camp Pendleton, west of Fallbrook

- * 6,300 acres 23% contained
- * CAL FIRE is assisting

Pulgas Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

Camp Pendleton Fire Department

Northbound I-5 at Las Pulgas Rd, north of Oceanside

- * 8,000 acres 5% contained
- * CAL FIRE is assisting

Freeway Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

Camp Pendleton Fire Department

Northwest side of Camp Pendleton at the Naval Weapons Station

* 56 acres – 100% contained *UPDATED