

Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery

Scope of Work

Per statute, the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery (Commission) will examine issues related to catastrophic wildfires associated with utility infrastructure. As a key deliverable, the Commission will seek comment and expert testimony to produce a report with the following elements:

1. Assessment of the status of utility liability for damages caused by wildfires in California in light of climate change, and related recommendations on the equitable distribution of these costs;
2. Impact of changes in liability on the commercial and residential insurance markets, and related recommendations on mitigating the impact of these changes on communities;
3. Recommendations on a fund to assist in the payment of damages associated with catastrophic wildfires.

In seeking to address the complex issues around catastrophic wildfires, the Commission will be mindful of additional policy areas that play a key role in preventing, responding to, and exacerbating wildfires, many of which are the subject of other related state proceedings. These include the impacts of related policies such as land use planning; forestry and vegetation management; and the long-term issue of California's increased fire risk due to climate change risk.