



# Select Committee on Wildfire Prevention

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# Historic Forest Conditions



Upper  
Yosemite  
Valley 1866



# Historic Forest Conditions



Upper  
Yosemite  
Valley 1961



# Current Forest Conditions



# Prescribed Burning with Thinning



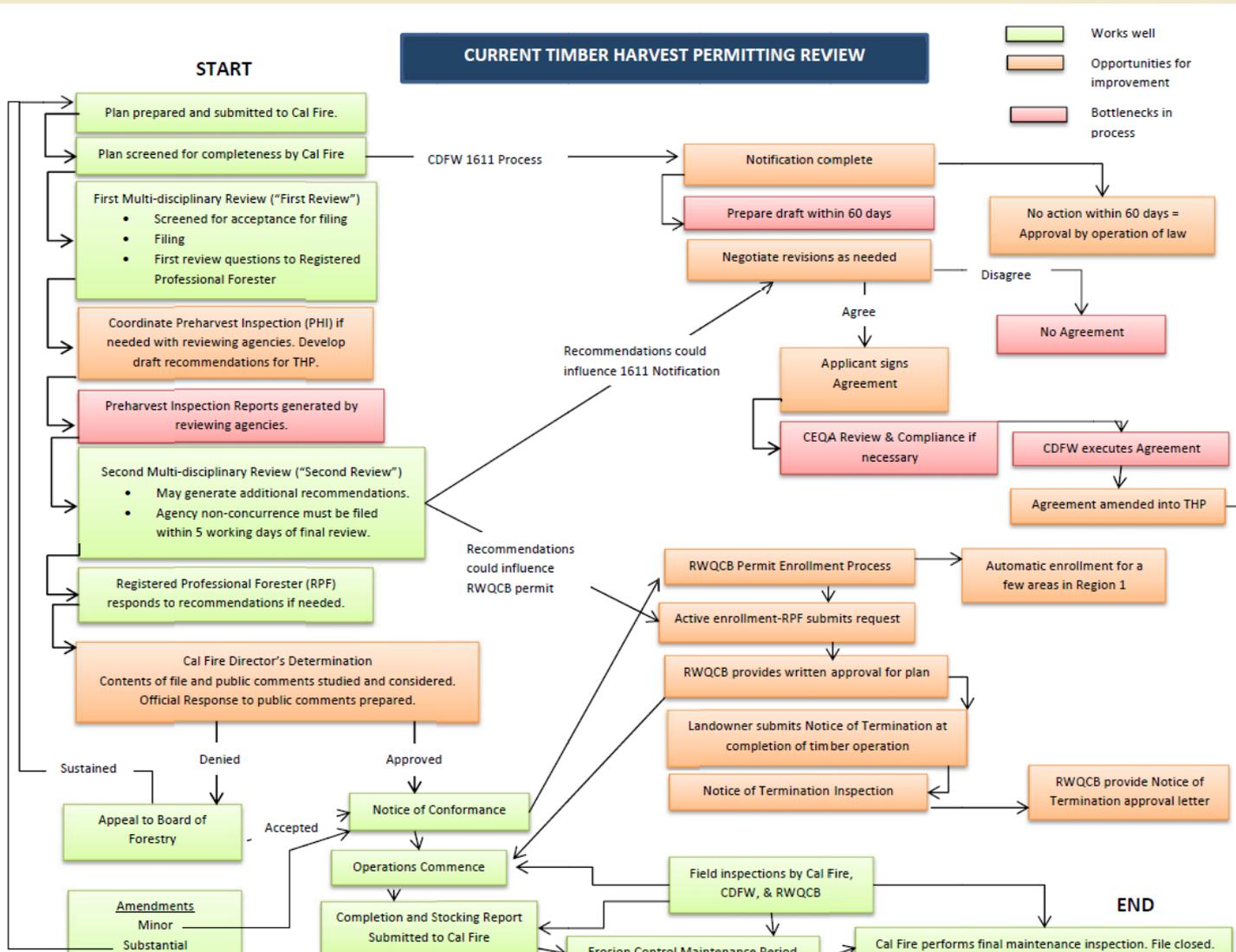
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# Permit Synchronization



# CEQA Exemption



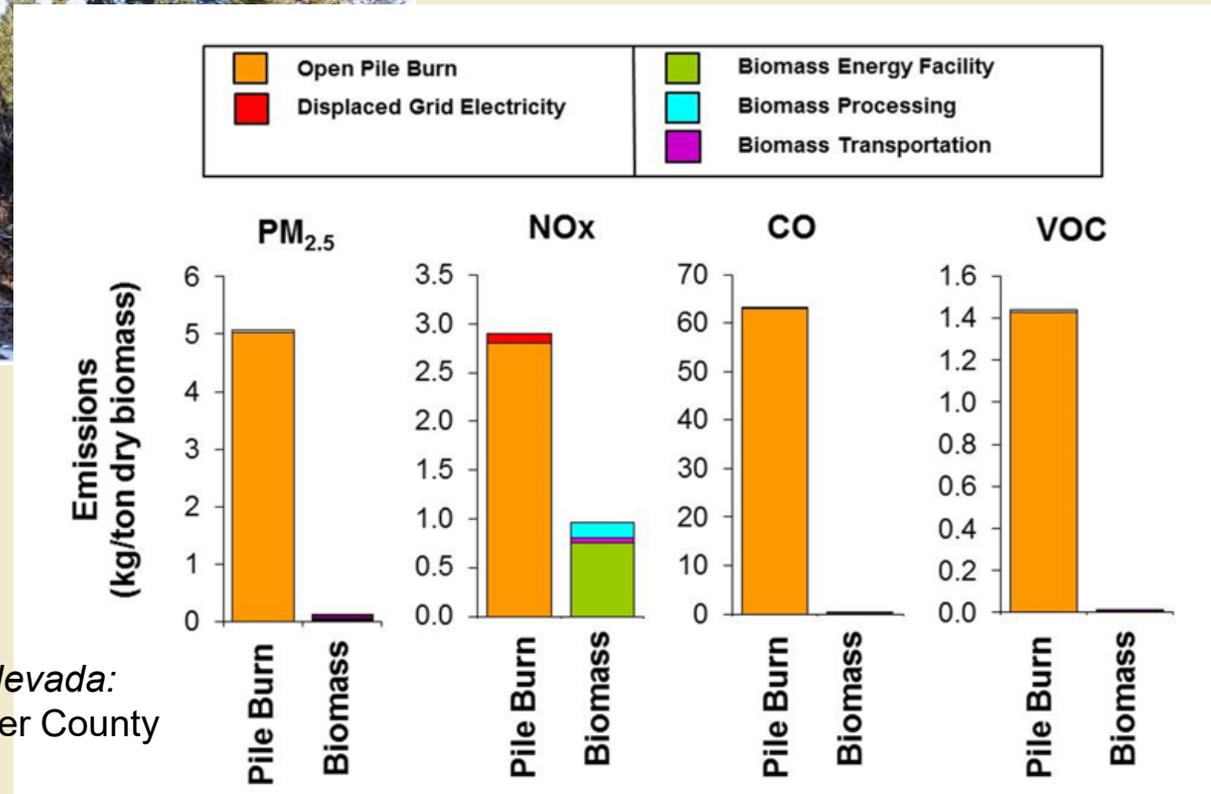
## Governor Newsom Releases Status Report on Catastrophic Wildfires Climate Change and our Energy Future June 21, 2019

“Governor Newsom has made wildfire prevention and mitigation a top priority since taking office. The Governor proactively declared a state of emergency to fast-track 35 critical forest-management projects to protect more than 200 of California’s highest-risk communities....”

# Biomass Energy



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*Forest biomass diversion in the Sierra Nevada: Energy, economics and emissions, Placer County Air Quality Management District*

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- Biomass costs more than wind or solar but still an excellent investment for this state.
- Fifty percent of the premium for biomass power is attributable to the physical work of thinning forests, something the state needs to fund one way or another anyway.
- \$200 million of annual spending would cover the transportation costs for most of 500,000 acres a year of forest thinning's.

# Agency Questions



- What do they plan to do in the next 12 months to reduce fuel loading?
- If the CEQA exemption I discussed could come to fruition, can we get to 200,000 acres of treatment under an expediated review? Is the constraint permitting or money or both?

Thank you

