

# AFTER THE FIRES: FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE, RECOVERY, AND HAZARD MITIGATION

- Federal and State Disaster Declarations
  - October 2017 Fires (DR-4344)
    - 245,000 acres over 9 counties
  - December 2017 Fires (DR-4353)
    - 300,000+ acres over 5 counties
- The Immediate Response:
  - Helping fire victims
  - debris removal
  - watershed protection



# Congressional Response to 2017 Disasters (Hurricanes and Fires)

- The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (H.R. 1892)
  - FEMA: \$23.5 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund
  - USDA & NRCS: \$3.2 billion
  - FEMA's federal Cost Share increased from 75%-90% for wildfires
  - Tax Relief- charitable contribution limits



# FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- Program Purpose- help people in communities reduce their losses from natural hazards
- Mitigation Grant Programs set up to fund “any sustainable action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from future disasters.”
- Climate Change Context- recognition of “serial” nature of natural disasters (fire, erosion, flood, drought) in FEMA guidance
- Two Solicitations for Proposals Underway- CalOES
  - North Bay Fires: \$5 million cap per proposal
  - Southern CA Fires: \$3 million cap



- State of California and Local Government Response
- State Support for Fire Response and Recovery
  - CalOES
  - CalFire- \$1.8 billion for firefighting, with a \$469 million emergency expenditure to cover the Oct-Dec. firefighting costs
  - Climate Resiliency & Greenhouse Gas Reduction \$
  - Northern California Four County Effort

