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
  • CalIOES

• 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