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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL ON WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND HOME HARDENING



WHAT HAS CALIFORNIA DONE SO FAR?

- CAL Fire investments have increased over the past five years:
 - **Doubled** the budget to \$4 billion annually
 - **Doubled** the CAL FIRE firefighting force to 12,000



WHAT HAS CALIFORNIA DONE SO FAR?

- Largest Civilian Aerial Firefighting Force in the World:
 - 16 FireHawk night-capable helicopters, with increased capacity to carry water
 - 20 Rockwell OV-10 tactical aircraft
 - 23 Grunman S-2T airtankers
 - 7 Lockheed C-130 Hercules airtankers
 - 3 King Air A200



WHAT HAS CALIFORNIA DONE SO FAR?

- Largest Civilian Aerial Firefighting Force in the World:
 - Highly skilled pilots and aviation support staff
 - Strategically located at 14 air tanker bases, 10 CAL FIRE helitack bases, and one CAL FIRE/San Diego County Sheriff helitack base



WHAT HAS CALIFORNIA DONE SO FAR?

- Procurement of state-of-the-art aerial fire-suppression resources:
 - Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development
 - New tech: drones and AI
 - \$20 million to prevent 90% of wildfires from getting above 10,000 acres
 - \$10 million for LYDAR for wildfire detection and response



WHAT HAS CALIFORNIA DONE SO FAR?

- Committed \$2.7 billion for wildfire mitigation, including hazardous fuel reduction in forests
- 2023 one-time increases:
 - \$118 million for an additional 503 firefighters
 - \$18 million for personal protective equipment
 - \$119 million for additional training and capital outlay projects



STILL MORE TO DO:

- Transition 3,000 seasonal CAL FIRE firefighters to year-round, full-time, permanent status
- Rollout of the \$1.5 billion from the Climate Bond dedicated to wildfire and forest resilience over the next three years
- Better coordination through SB 326, the California Wildfire Strategic Planning Act
 - Maximize investments, avoid waste.
- The Golden State Commitment: Investing In A More Fire-Safe California

