

# Cal Fire State Responsibility Area (SRA)

## Fees

In 2011, Gov. Brown approved Assembly Bill X1-29 which imposed an annual fee assessed to rural residents living in "State Responsibility Areas." The charge per habitable dwelling (levied at a rate of \$152.33/structure) is supposedly to cover fire prevention services. Structure owners within the boundaries of a local fire protection agency will receive a reduction of \$35/structure. The fee is billed annually per the State's fiscal calendar (July 1 to June 30).

The California Farm Bureau Federation, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) and other organizations argue that this fee places an undue burden on rural residents.

Update: Following the approval and enactment of Assembly Bill 398, on July 25, 2017, the SRA Fire Prevention Fee is suspended until January 1, 2031. All SRA fees assessed to homeowners in previous years are still in effect and fee payers are still responsible for payment on bills generated prior to July 1, 2017, including overdue fees, fines and penalties. No new bills will be issued for periods on or after July 1, 2017.

Cal Fire has committed to provide the same level of fire prevention services and programs in accordance with State law. The California Farm Bureau Federation will be monitoring the dissolution of the fee and the subsequent fire prevention services offered closely.