

- \$45 million for activities to advance the development of offshore wind energy in federal waters off California.
- In addition, the Budget proposes \$100 million for the tax credit described in the Economic Growth, Job Creation, and Expanded Opportunity Chapter.
- The Budget also includes proposals to expedite and streamline permitting in Lithium Valley to fully realize the state's potential for geothermal energy.

## **WILDFIRE AND FOREST RESILIENCE**

The 2021 early action package and 2021 Budget Act included a combined \$1.5 billion one-time investment to restore the state's resilience to wildfires by increasing the pace and scale of forest and fuel management practices.

The Budget includes an additional \$1.2 billion (\$800 million General Fund and \$400 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) over two years to build on similar commitments in 2021 and sustain critical investments in forest health and fire prevention to continue to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. This includes funding to support resilient forest and landscapes; wildfire fuel breaks; community hardening; regional capacity; science-based management; and economic development of the forest sector (see the Emergency Response Chapter for additional detail).

## **DROUGHT**

While recent storms have brought needed rain and snowfall, California remains at risk of a continued serious state of drought with near-record low reservoir storage and negative impacts on fish and wildlife. The state continues to invest in innovative drought preparedness and response to preserve water supplies and advance long-term resilience.

The 2021 Budget included an investment of \$5.2 billion over three years to advance water resilience and drought response. This investment provides immediate assistance to struggling communities and prepares for more severe, climate-induced drought and flood conditions in the long term.

The Budget builds on this historic investment in California water infrastructure and includes an additional \$750 million one-time General Fund to support drought resilience and response, including water conservation, groundwater recharge, and assistance for small farmers whose needs have grown more acute with extended dry conditions (See the Climate Change Chapter for additional detail).