BACKGROUND: CLIMATE DISASTERS ARE GETTING BIGGER, MORE DESTRUCTIVE AND MORE DANGEROUS.

- Wildfire is both a cause and effect of climate change: Nearly 1/5 of all human-caused emissions come from wildfires. Meanwhile, fire season now runs year-round.
- Climate disasters keep getting worse. Wildfire risk is predicted to be up to six times worse by the end of the century. Floods, mudslides are also linked to climate extremes.
- Climate disasters directly threaten cities. Of 13 major (50k acre+) wildfires within 2 miles of a city, 11 were in California.

PROBLEM: CALIFORNIA’S WORLD-CLASS DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK IS STRETCHED TO ITS LIMITS.

- Disaster response depends on state and local agencies. Local departments supply a quarter to half of the state’s response.
- More fires ... fewer resources to respond: Half as many mutual aid engines are available now compared with a decade ago. Each year, thousands of requests go unfilled.
- More people in the path of disaster. Two million households face extreme wildfire risk; 7 million live in flood zones. Also, 11 million live near a major earthquake fault.

PROPOSAL: INVEST IN DISASTER RESPONSE THROUGH STABLE ALLOCATION OF CAP-AND-TRADE FUNDING.

- Local Mutual Aid Enhancement: Build up coordinated resources, all-risk training/equipment.
- Pre-set response capability: Build up CalOES disaster response engine fleet.
- CAL FIRE. Full backfill of revenue from repeal of SRA fee and augment E-Fund.

WHAT IT DOES:

- Better protection and safety for those in the path of climate disaster
- Shores up our world-class local-state-federal mutual aid system
- Secures funding for state wildfire response and local area wildfire risk

A SECURE INVESTMENT IN CALIFORNIA’S DISASTER RESPONSE WILL HELP SAFEGUARD OUR FUTURE WHILE PROTECTING CALIFORNIANS TODAY ... HERE AND NOW.