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Building Wildfire Resilience in California

California Senate Bill 254: Protecting Communities, Strengthening the Grid

Confronting the Challenge Together

Wildfires have become a persistent threat across California, impacting families, businesses, and critical infrastructure. With climate risks rising, communities need robust strategies to minimize danger, streamline recovery, and ensure affordable insurance and utility rates.

California Senate Bill 254 (SB254) sets the stage for a safer future, addressing wildfire resilience head-on and empowering all stakeholders to participate in building a stronger, more reliable energy grid.

How does SB254 address wildfire resilience?

Comprehensive Assessment for Disaster Recovery
SB254 requires a thorough evaluation of California's electrical infrastructure, and wildfire risks. The California Earthquake Authority, a leader in catastrophe planning, is charged with developing strategies that safeguard communities and speed up disaster recovery.

- Identifies wildfire vulnerabilities across the grid, focusing on areas at greatest risk.
- Studies how infrastructure upgrades, such as undergrounding power lines and enhancing physical defenses, can make a lasting difference.
- Recommends new emergency response protocols to support swift recovery and minimize disruption.

Collaboration and Accountability
SB254 brings together utilities, regulators, local governments, and community organizations, so strategies are informed by on-the-ground experience.

- Large electrical corporations are held accountable for implementing safety measures and investing in grid upgrades.
- Transparent reporting ensures progress and continuous improvement.

By prioritizing wildfire resilience, SB254 helps California reduce wildfire damage and associated costs, speed up recovery after disasters, lower utility rates and build a safer energy grid and protect families, businesses, and vital infrastructure.

Assessments for wildfire risk

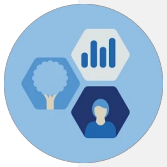
Zurich Resilience Solutions offers insights and guidance to help businesses and communities understand their risk and take action to protect their people and property in the face of this volatile reality.

- **In-house extreme weather data to identify and quantify wildfire exposure**
- **Site-specific evaluations and insights to targeted action to critical infrastructure**
- **On-site engineering assessments and tailored adaptation measures**
- **Economic impact assessments, loss estimates and economic impact scenarios**

Wildfire Risk Services

In-house extreme weather data to identify and quantify wildfire exposure

From a multi-hazard perspective, our Extreme Weather services leverage advanced in-house weather data to identify and quantify the compound impacts of heat, drought, precipitation, wind, and wildfire risks, enabling companies to comprehensively examine and understand their exposure to wildfire.



Site-specific insights to targeted action to critical infrastructure

Our Spotlight Core and Expert risk evaluation tools offer our clients site-specific data-driven insights into their wildfire risk. By identifying risk, the ZRS Extreme Weather team can enhance the resilience of critical infrastructure, key physical assessment, supply chains, and other exposed assets, as well as include informative economic impact assessments and loss estimates and loss scenarios.

On-site engineering assessments and tailored adaptation measures

By conducting detailed wildfire site risk assessments, we can evaluate existing controls and vulnerabilities at the site level and provide tailored wildfire adaptation measures, helping companies create more resilient and protected locations through on-site engineering reviews.

Zurich Resilience Solutions helps organizations understand their wildfire exposure and take action to implement physical improvements to critical infrastructure to prevent wildfires from reaching or igniting properties.

Contact a Zurich Resilience Solutions Extreme Weather Specialist to learn more.

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