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## **Gov. Newsom Highlights California's Continued Commitment to Fighting Climate Change While Addressing Climate Impacts on Wildfire**

SACRAMENTO –At an hour-long press conference today, Governor Gavin Newsom presented the results of an administration task force report, [“Wildfires and Climate Change: California's Energy Future.”](#)

### **Statement from Kathryn Phillips, Director, Sierra Club California**

“Governor Newsom did several important things today to help advance California's fight against climate change and its impacts.

“He restated that climate change is real and provided some very compelling data that shows how seriously climate change is impacting California through wildfire. As he noted, anyone who is wondering if climate change is real just has to see what California has experienced in the last decade.

“He made it very clear that his administration remains as dedicated to addressing climate change as any previous administration. There will be no jailbreak from commitments to transition to clean, renewable energy.

“He made it very clear that he understands that one of the most effective ways to protect homes in the wildland urban interface is to do home hardening. There will be more help for low-income residents to do that. There will be no jailbreak from the very building standards that have protected homes in the wildfire areas.

“The governor also laid out guiding principles for addressing liability for wildfire, and said ‘all options are on the table about PG&E.’ This essentially signals that the big conversation about liability is about to begin again at the legislature. Buckle your seatbelts.”

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