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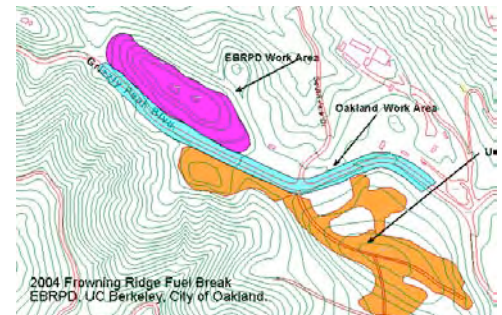
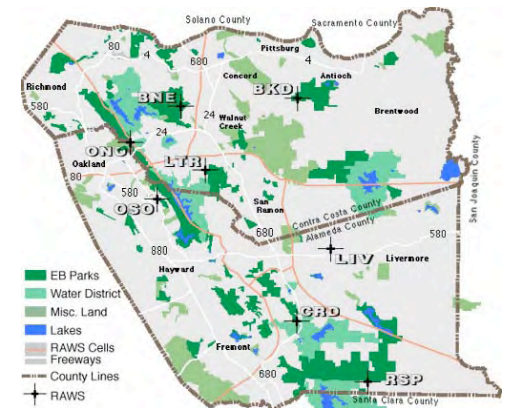
**HEF AS A MODEL FOR COLLABORATION  
DISASTER RESISTANT CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE**  
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HEF participated in the Fifth Annual Disaster Resistant California Conference held May 15–18 in Sacramento. This premier west coast disaster mitigation conference offered an exciting exploration of topics with a goal of increasing coordination between the public and private sector in implementing hazard mitigation measures in California.

Fire Chief Mark Scott, El Cerrito and Fire Chief Dennis Rein, East Bay Regional Park District, presented the HEF as a model for regional collaboration for urban-wildland interface fire mitigation. They provided history of the forum’s formation, its members and mission and highlighted the projects responsible for building the group’s success. These included:

- ❑ Installation of remote automatic weather stations (RAWS) to allow the region to better watch the weather. High fire hazard weather now triggers local of local parks, restricts activities (use of bar-b-cues and certain maintenance practices), and increases fire department dispatch and patrol levels.
- ❑ Projects coordinated across traditional agency boundaries such as the coordinated fuel removal along Frowning Ridge between the City of Oakland, East Bay Regional Park District and University of California Berkeley.
- ❑ HEF continues to partner with other community groups such as the Claremont Canyon Conservancy, private property owners, public schools and individual companies for successful fuel reduction throughout the East Bay Hills.

A copy of the conference paper can be found on the HEF web site.



*The Hills Emergency Forum facilitates a cooperative approach among eight governing organizations addressing urban wildland interface fire issues in the Oakland-Berkeley hills.*