



2010 BAY AREA FIRE WEATHER COOPERATORS MEETING

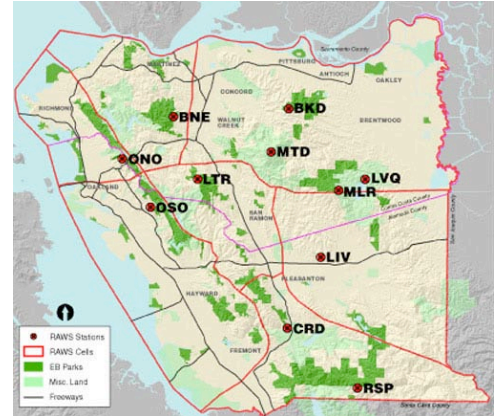
The 2010 Bay Area Fire Weather Cooperators Meeting held on April 29th expanded upon last year's gathering of Bay Area Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) users. The half-day session provided an opportunity for HEF members and others to share information and learn how to better use the network of existing stations. A number of RAWS users from a cross section of local, state and federal agencies requested that the East Bay Regional Park District, the National Weather Service Fire Weather Program and CAL FIRE co-host the second annual assembly of cooperating agencies in the Bay Area that use fire weather predictions.

Speakers included national, state and local representatives providing information on:

- Predictive Services from ONCC
- 2010 California Preliminary Seasonal Assessment
- Bay Area RAWS, National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) and fire weather outlooks
- National Weather Service and Red Flag Warnings
- RAWS maintenance – why, when and options for service
- Recent Research
- Agency updates on RAWS status, locations and plans

Attendees included representatives from:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Bureau of Land Management
CAL FIRE
East Bay Regional Park District
Hills Emergency Forum
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Oakland Fire Department
ONCC Predictive Services (US Forest Service)
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
(San Francisco Water)
San Jose State University
US Forest Service



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