



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Wildfire Technology Innovation Summit

### 1. What is the Wildfire Technology Innovation Summit?

The state's first Wildfire Technology Innovation Summit will take place on March 20-21, 2019 in Sacramento, California. The Summit will gather thought leaders and practitioners from state and local governments, academia, industry and others to inform and engage each other about the challenges of wildfires and tools that can help us better manage these devastating disasters.

The Summit is designed to initiate an ongoing dialogue between the technology industry, academic researchers, utilities and government on the needs and tools to address wildfire challenges. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from leading experts, practitioners and entrepreneurs and to discuss innovative technologies, strategies and practical tools.

### 2. When and where is the conference?

The Summit will be held on March 20-21, 2019 on the campus of CSU, Sacramento located at 6000 J Street, Sacramento, California.

### 3. How much does it cost to attend the Summit?

The fee to attend the two-day event is \$125 for individuals and \$50 for students. The fee will help cover part of the conference expenses. Sponsorship dollars will cover the remaining expenses.

Information on sponsorships is available on the website. Questions can be directed to [firetechsummit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:firetechsummit@cpuc.ca.gov).

### 4. What will the fees be used for?

The registration fee will help to cover some of the costs associated with the Summit such as meals for the attendees. Sponsorships will cover the remaining expenses.

Funds will be administered by CSUS – CCE/Conference & Training Services. Interested sponsors should contact Hitomi Amundsen at (916) 278-2682 or [amundseh@csus.edu](mailto:amundseh@csus.edu).

### 5. How much is the cost of the Summit?

The estimated cost of the 2-day conference is about \$125,000.

### 6. What will the leftover funds be used for?

Any remaining funds from the Summit will be used for a future conference or wildfire-related convenings and projects. As the state's first convening on tools and effective management for

wildfire challenges, the Summit will kickstart ongoing collaboration between U.S. and international experts to work on strategies that would significantly reduce the risk and impact of devastating wildfires. The established collaborative will identify, share and propose innovative policies and best practices that will produce tangible results.

**7. Who is hosting the Wildfire Technology Innovation Summit?**

The Summit is co-hosted by five entities: CalOES, CPUC, UC San Diego, CSU Sacramento and IBM, who make up the Steering Committee and will develop the conference agenda, secure speakers and coordinate logistics.

**8. How can I participate in the conference as a speaker?**

Interested persons who would like to participate may submit an abstract on the topic and how it relates as well as add benefit for Summit attendees. Speaking requests will be evaluated by the Steering Committee to determine if it meets the following guiding principles:

- Ability to contribute substantively to the discussion;
- Proven expertise in their field;
- Direct role in developing or implementing policy, industry or technical solutions going forward; and/or
- Offering a unique perspective.

Please submit abstracts and speaker bios to [firetechsummit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:firetechsummit@cpuc.ca.gov).

**9. Can press attend?**

Yes. Members of the press should contact Terrie Prosper at [terrie.prosper@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:terrie.prosper@cpuc.ca.gov) about attendance at the Summit.