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SDG&E's Fire Potential Index

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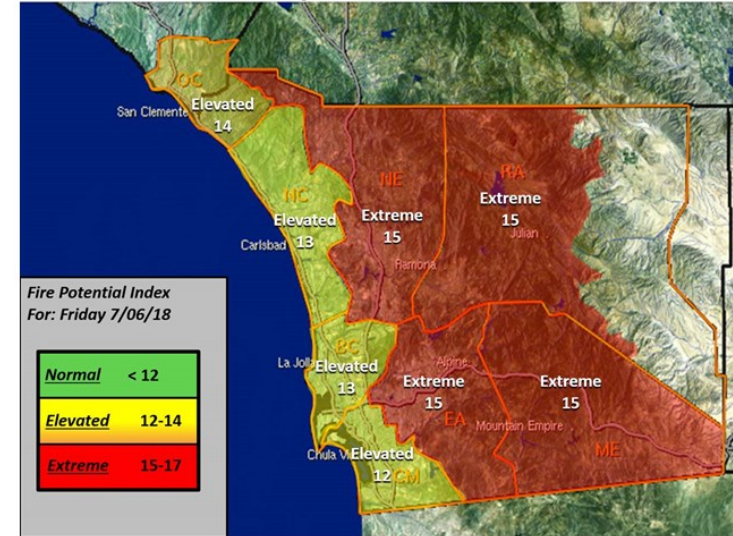
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Assessing Fire Potential: Example from July 6, 2018

- West Fire in Alpine, CA
 - 504 acres
 - 56 structures destroyed
- No Red Flag Warning
- First ever summertime “Extreme” FPI



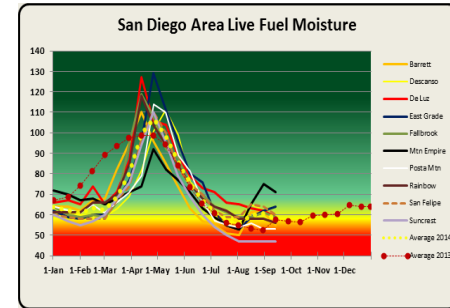
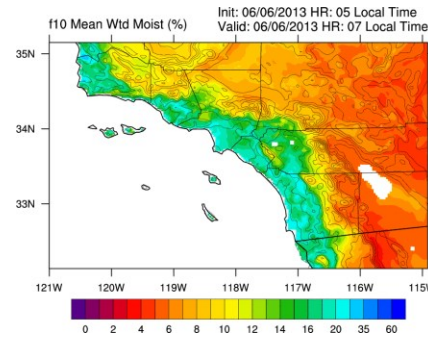
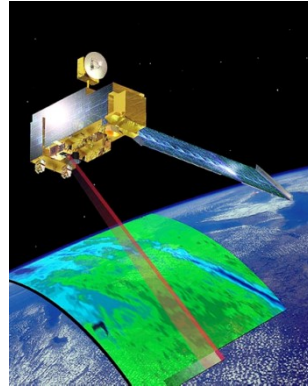
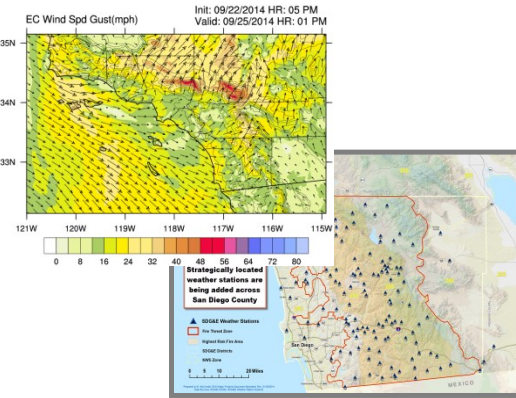
Fire Potential Index for Friday 7/06/18:



Seven Day FPI Outlook:

	Thu 7/05	Fri 7/06	Sat 7/07	Sun 7/08	Mon 7/09	Tue 7/10	Wed 7/11	Thu 7/12
ME	Elevated 13	Extreme 15	Elevated 14	Elevated 13	Elevated 12	Elevated 12	Elevated 12	Elevated 12
RA	Elevated 13	Extreme 15	Elevated 14	Elevated 13	Elevated 12	Elevated 12	Elevated 12	Elevated 12
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NC	Normal 11	Elevated 13	Elevated 12	Elevated 12	Normal 11	Normal 11	Normal 11	Normal 11
BC	Normal 11	Elevated 13	Elevated 12	Elevated 12	Normal 11	Normal 11	Normal 11	Normal 11
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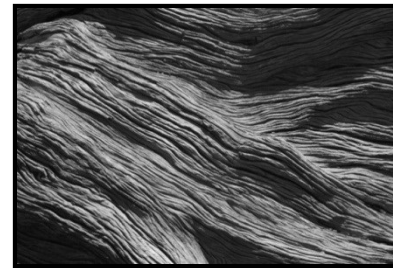
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Weather
 (wind speed & humidity)



Grasses



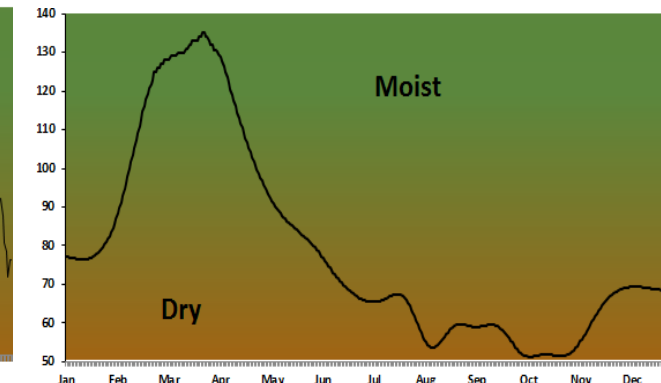
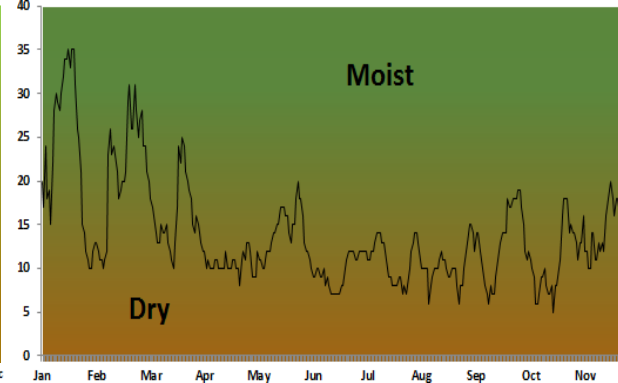
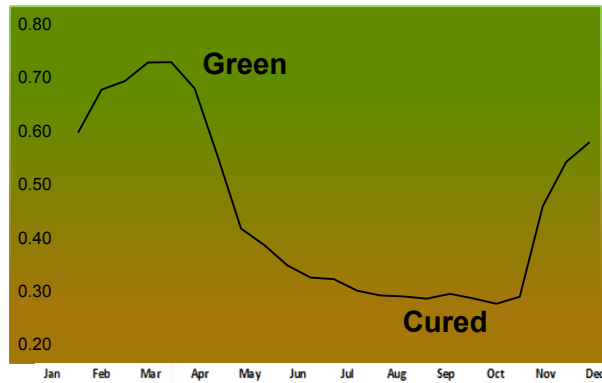
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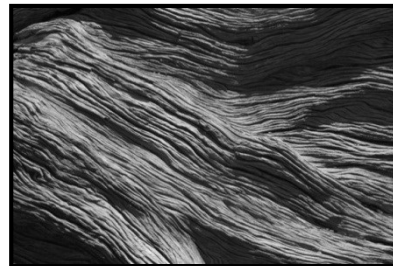
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Fuel Moisture

Fire Potential Index: Fuels Component



Grasses



Dead Fuels

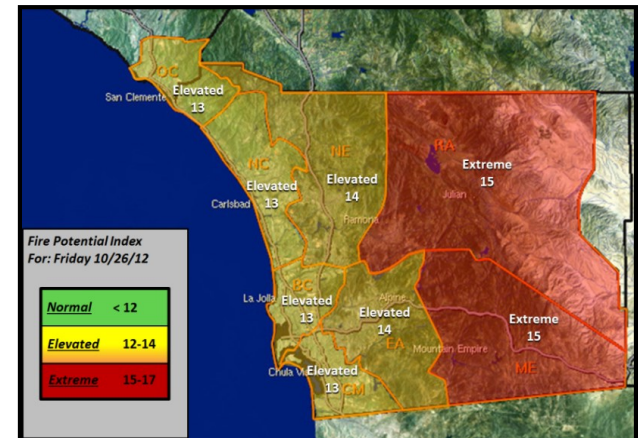


Live Fuels

SDG&E's Fire Potential Index (FPI)

- The FPI is updated daily and is used to help determine the fire prevention / mitigation measures required to perform various work activities

CONDITION	Normal Condition	Elevated Condition	Extreme Condition	Red Flag Condition (NWS)		
	Fire Potential Index 1-11 Fuel and weather conditions are no longer conducive to significant fire growth. Based on fire indices and Fire Coordinator / Meteorologist Recommendation	Fire Potential Index 12-14. The burn environment of a specific area or district has become conducive for a large wildfire within the SDG&E service territory.	Fire Potential Index 15 and above. An extreme operating condition will be declared when the burn environment of a specific area or district has become conducive for a catastrophic wildfire within the SDG&E service territory.	RFW: Relative Humidity \leq 15%, with sustained winds \geq 25 mph and/or frequent gusts \geq 35 mph (duration \geq 6 hours) Declared by NWS		
HIGH FIRE THREAT DISTRICT	Distribution	Distribution	Distribution	Distribution / Transmission		
	All reclosers will be turned off.	All reclosers will be turned off.	All reclosers will be turned off. Enable Sensitive Relay Setting at direction of EDO.	All reclosers will be turned off. Enable Sensitive Relay Setting at direction of EDO.		
TESTING	TESTING	TESTING	TESTING	TESTING		
	Distribution	Distribution	Distribution	Distribution		
No change to reclosing policy. Line will be tested by recloser action.	SGF and/or with FCP Targets: Patrol entire line or line segment before energizing. Non-SGF Targets: Patrol line segment to load-side sectionalizing device before energizing. HLT or Sensitive Relay Settings: Patrol entire line or line segment, including load-side sectionalizing device before energizing.	SGF and/or with FCP Targets: Patrol entire line or line segment, including load-side sectionalizing device before energizing. Non-SGF Targets: Patrol line segment to load-side sectionalizing device before energizing. HLT or Sensitive Relay Settings: Patrol entire line or line segment, including load-side sectionalizing device before energizing.	SGF and/or with FCP Targets: Patrol entire line or line segment, including load-side sectionalizing device before energizing. Non-SGF Targets: Patrol line segment to load-side sectionalizing device before energizing. HLT or Sensitive Relay Settings: Patrol entire line or line segment, including load-side sectionalizing device before energizing.	SGF and/or with FCP Targets: Patrol entire line or line segment, including load-side sectionalizing device before energizing. Non-SGF Targets: Patrol line segment to load-side sectionalizing device before energizing. HLT or Sensitive Relay Settings: Patrol entire line or line segment, including load-side sectionalizing device before energizing.		
	If a Distribution outage is caused by a Transmission/Substation outage, Distribution may re-energize without a patrol, at the direction of EDO Management. EDO will not consider the possibility of miscoordination on operating device, regardless of trip target. If multiple devices trip open, a patrol must be completed.	If a Distribution outage is caused by a Transmission/Substation outage, Distribution may re-energize without a patrol, at the direction of EDO Management.	If a Distribution outage is caused by a Transmission/Substation outage, Distribution may re-energize without a patrol, at the direction of EDO Management.	If a Distribution outage is caused by a Transmission/Substation outage, Distribution may re-energize without a patrol, at the direction of EDO Management.		
		Equipment Maintenance		NORMAL	ELEVATED	EXTREME
Conductor Replacement	Replacement of conductor with all activities conducted ON paved roads or improved roads with no vegetation on roadbed	✓	Must designate a Fire Patrol (Document)	Not Permitted		
Conductor Replacement	Replacement of conductor with all activities conducted Off road vehicle travel and on unmaintained roadbeds	✓	Must have Dedicated Fire Patrol and 150 gal. of water and equipment for its use	Not Permitted		
Pole Replacement / Pole hole digging	Replacement of existing power pole ON paved roads or improved roads with no vegetation on roadbed	✓	Must designate a Fire Patrol (Document)	Not Permitted		
Pole Replacement / Pole hole digging	Replacement of existing power pole Off road vehicle travel and on unmaintained roadbeds	✓	Must designate a Fire Patrol (Document) and 150 gal. of water and equipment for its use	Not Permitted		



	Thu 10/25	Fri 10/26	Sat 10/27	Sun 10/28	Mon 10/29	Tue 10/30	Wed 10/31	Thu 11/01
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