



States. Wildfire risk is based on likelihood, intensity, exposure, and susceptibility. Ensuring the state has ample resources to fight wildfires, key among those resources being water, is crucial for the state to be prepared.

In addition, a comprehensive [study](#) completed by a multiple state agencies and higher education institutions in 2022 estimated the state will have 25 percent less water and snowpack in 50 years. Efforts by multiple state agencies, including OSE, are underway to look for new ways for the state to protect and augment its water supply. Studies such as the one contained in SM23 will continue the effort to explore new ways the state can prepare for an estimated hotter, dryer, and less predictable water future.

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