

# Burn Area Recovery Task Force (BARTF) Report San Bernardino County Cajon/Walker/Martin Fires



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### **Executive Summary**

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### **Purpose**

This BARTF report will summarize the major issues and proposed emergency measures of the BAER Teams in addition to identifying issues from other sources. The Cajon, Martin Ranch, and Walker Fires were three of the numerous Southern California wildfires included in the Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-1731-CA. The report is organized by Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC-6) watersheds. Threats to human health and infrastructure will be discussed under each HUC-6 watershed identified within the fire perimeter and areas covered in the Post-Fire Hazard Awareness Maps. Proposed emergency protective measures identified will be evaluated along with any issues that may impede the progress of these measures. Potential funding sources will be discussed and gaps in funding will be identified.

Information has been derived from the BAER report, the USDA-Forest Service Burned-Area Report, local government requests for public assistance, and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding lists.

### **Introduction**

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No sensitive species were identified at risk within the fire perimeter. However, environmental permits may be required for many of the proposed projects identified in the BARTF report. Many of these proposed projects can be completed under emergency conditions or under the waiver process identified in State Executive Order (S-13-07). Projects that do not fall under these classifications would need to follow the regular permit process (see Environmental Permitting Requirements Appendix).

For any cultural resource concerns refer to the Archaeological Appendix.

## ***Cable Creek -- Cajon and Martin Ranch***

### **Background**

The Cajon and Martin Ranch Fires are located in San Bernardino County within the community of Devore.

### **Analysis**

One structure, Ye Olde Britt Fireplaces and Barbecue Islands (an office building for a fireplace company), was identified by the BAER report (Martin Ranch Fire) to be at risk from flooding and potential debris flows.

### **Potential Emergency Protective Measures**

- Remediation options identified by the BAER report included channel clearance improvements on the Meyers Canyon wash area.
- The BAER report recommended that employees should not occupy the building during heavy rain events.
- The BAER report determined that the risk to life was low; therefore it is unlikely that it would qualify for NRCS funds. It has not been identified by NRCS as a project.
- Notification to wetland permitting agencies for stream bed work should occur prior to conducting emergency work for all projects within streams.

***Lower Chino Creek***

The BAER report found no values of risk within the Walker Fire perimeter.

**Table 1 – Possible Funding Source**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Funding Sources</b>
X	X	FEMA/OES Public Assistance Emergency Work (Cat A & B)
	X	FEMA/OES Public Assistance Permanent Work (Cat C-G)
	X	406 Hazard Mitigation
	X	404 Hazard Mitigation
X		Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
	X	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
	X	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
	X	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
X		California Disaster Assistance Act
		Other funding:

**Appendices**

- Appendix A – Environmental Permitting Requirements
- Appendix B – Archaeological
- Appendix C – Descriptions of State and Federal Program Funding
- Appendix E – Preliminary Suggested Projects