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**To:** State Board of Fire Services

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**Subject/Agenda Action Item:**

Fireworks Disposal Update. This regular update is for information only and no action is required.

**Recommended Actions:** NA

**Background Information:**

Health and Safety Code delegates the State Fire Marshal's Office the responsibility for the destruction of dangerous and illegal fireworks once they are seized by local fire departments and law enforcement agencies. There is currently not a funding source in place for disposal, and the existing funds have been depleted with recent disposal activity, the only source would be the General Fund.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal is working the Governor's Office, Assembly Member Lowenthal's Office, Department of Toxic and Substances Control (DTSC), the fire service, and the fireworks industry to find a solution, through statutory and regulatory process, to reduce the overall quantity of fireworks requiring disposal as well as for a more efficient overall disposal. One of the short term solutions is to adopt regulations (Title 19, California Code of Regulations) to raise the license fee as authorized by Senate Bill 839 (Calderon).