

Table C**Audit Objectives and the Methods Used to Address Them**

AUDIT OBJECTIVE	METHOD
1 Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.	Identified and reviewed laws and regulations for State Parks' wildfire resilience activities.
2 Determine which entities have specific responsibility for fuel modification and abatement projects within Chino Hills. Review how often these entities are expected to perform abatement of combustible vegetation and whether they are expected to provide a defensible space in which fire suppression personnel can conduct operations in the event of a wildfire.	- Reviewed maintenance logs and internal communication related to wildfire resilience activities in the park. Interviewed State Parks headquarters, district, and maintenance staff to determine what activities occur in the park and how often they occur. Interviewed State Parks district staff and reviewed the district's recent budget to identify any limitations State Parks may have when performing wildfire resilience activities. - Reviewed all permit applications which property owners submitted to State Parks for a vegetation permit to the park. Assessed the reasons the permits were not issued. Interviewed staff for perspective. - Identified and documented legal requirements for habitat and ecological conservation that relate to wildfire resilience in the park. Interviewed State Parks staff to determine any requirements for habitat and ecological conservation that relate to wildfire resilience. - Conducted two site visits to photograph and document wildfire resilience activities in the park. By comparing photographs from the site visits, evaluated and determined whether the activities and their frequency aligned with State Parks requirements for defensible spaces.
3 Determine what Chino Hill's wildfire mitigation and fuel management policies and practices are, what standards they are based on, and whether they align with key state wildfire prevention policies and plans, including the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.	- Reviewed State Parks documentation and interviewed staff to determine the park's wildfire mitigation policies and practices. - Reviewed State Parks documentation and interviewed staff to determine the process for updating the park's policies and practices for wildfire mitigation and fuel management. - Reviewed California's Wildfire Plan and other guidance from the Task Force to identify key state wildfire prevention policies and practices. By comparing State Parks' documentation to California's Wildfire Plan and other guidance from the Task Force, evaluated whether the park's wildfire mitigation and fuel management policies and practices aligned with key state wildfire prevention policies and plans. - Reviewed State Parks' template and interviewed State Parks staff to determine the standards for the park's wildfire mitigation policies and practices. - Reviewed policies and procedures for the National Park Service to identify standards and best practices relevant to the park's wildfire mitigation and fuel management policies and practices. Coordinated with a wildfire consultant to determine best practices and industry standards.
4 Identify the fuel management and abatement activities that occur in the area surrounding Chino Hills and determine which entities have conducted those activities.	- Interviewed staff at City of Chino Hills, Yorba Linda, Brea, and the three related fire districts to identify, review, and document which jurisdictions conduct wildfire resilience activities that occur in the area surrounding the park. Identified and documented what activities occurred in the past three years. - Interviewed relevant personnel at the jurisdictions to obtain their perspective on the wildfire resilience activities and determine whether there is any collaboration with State Parks on activities occurring outside the park. - Developed and refined maps depicting the following: the park and its surrounding localities, including cities and counties; fire districts surrounding the park; and SRAs and LRAs in the park.

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5 Determine which entities have responsibility for assessing the amount of wildfire fuel present within Chino Hills, how that assessment is made, and how often it is performed.	• Interviewed State Parks and CAL FIRE staff to determine which entities have responsibility for assessing the amount of wildfire fuel present in Chino Hills, how that assessment is made, and how often it is performed. • Reviewed state laws, state regulations, and CAL FIRE documentation related to severity zones to describe the criteria used to determine the zones. • Reviewed CAL FIRE's methodology, data descriptions, and intermediate data sets to describe the methodology used to create the severity zones. • Interviewed CAL FIRE staff to determine standard operating procedures, methodologies, and criteria for creating the severity zones. • Reviewed state laws and regulations to determine the requirements mandated for structures located in severity zones. • Interviewed State Parks staff to determine how State Parks uses severity zones in the planning of wildfire resilience activities.
6 Assess the coordination efforts among Chino Hills and the surrounding communities. Specifically, review and determine the following: a. What local or regional entities Chino Hills coordinates with when it performs fuel modification projects. b. Whether any local ordinances related to vegetation management require Chino Hills to abide by them.	• Interviewed State Parks staff to identify local and regional entities that State Parks coordinated with when it performed wildfire resilience activities in the last three years. Documented which entities the park coordinated with and documented evidence of their coordination. • Reviewed state law and interviewed State Parks headquarters and district staff to determine whether State Parks must comply with local ordinances regarding wildfire mitigation.
7 Review Chino Hills' Wildfire Management Plan and determine the following: a. Whether the plan incorporates a statewide interagency planning meeting and, if so, which entity is responsible for coordinating the meeting and which entities should be in attendance. b. Whether the plan specifies that campgrounds will be maintained and cleaned of weeds and, if so, whether that cleaning and maintenance has occurred at the expected intervals.	• Obtained and reviewed documentation of regular interagency planning meetings related to the park's Wildfire Management Plan in the last three years. Using the requirements stated in the Statewide IAA, determined whether the park's regular interagency planning meetings met requirements established in the Statewide IAA. • Obtained and reviewed available documentation, such as photographs, maintenance logs, and internal communication of campground maintenance. Reviewed documentation to determine whether inspections and wildfire resilience activities occurred at least annually. Researched best practices to determine whether the park should document its campground vegetation maintenance.
8 Determine which utilities have power lines within Chino Hills and the entities responsible for ensuring adequate fire prevention activities are completed in a timely manner.	• Reviewed land ownership records and interviewed Chino Hills State Park staff to determine SCE as owner of overhead power lines in the park. • Interviewed staff at the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety and SCE and reviewed documentation to document wildfire resilience activities completed by SCE in Chino Hills State Park. • Obtained and reviewed communication between State Parks and SCE to determine the extent of their collaboration.

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