



## **Announcement – Chief, Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Chris Keithley as Chief of the Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP), effective August 24, 2015.

Chris began his career with CAL FIRE in 1998 in FRAP. In his most recent job assignment as FRAP Program Manager, Chris provided program oversight and served as CAL FIRE's lead in the development of the Forest and Range Assessment report and other related studies. His expertise is primarily in forestry, watershed analysis, and GIS. He has served as a co-author for reports on a range of forestry and environmental issues, including CEQA and NEPA documents. He also developed GIS methods for evaluating forest conditions and environmental effects from management and natural disturbances. Chris received his Ph.D. from UC Davis (2009), where his research focused on evaluating cumulative effects and restoration potential in forested watersheds. Prior to joining CAL FIRE, Chris worked as an Environmental Consultant on a broad range of natural resource issues and spent several years as a researcher at the University of Nebraska.

Please join me in congratulating Chris on his new assignment.

KEN PIMLOTT  
Director