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# California Wildfire Mitigation Program Authority

## Home Hardening Initiative

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## CWMP Board of Directors Public Meeting

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Call To Order and Roll Call / Quorum Established

Welcome Message

Approval of July 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Agenda Review





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Old Business

# Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Assistance Update

- HM – Special Projects Unit Staffing Update
- Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grant Expenditures
- Engage California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Portal
- CWMP Framework

# HMA Grant Expenditures

(as of June 30, 2024)

<b><u>Sub-Applicant</u></b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>
San Diego County Fire Protection District	\$138,348
Shasta County Fire Safe Council	\$ 237,410
North Coast Opportunities, Lake Co.	\$ 411,219
Tuolumne County	\$ 62,466
El Dorado County	\$ 3,960
Shasta Valley RDC, Siskiyou Co.	\$ 81,322

# Engage CWMP Portal

- General Enhancements Pushed to Production
  - CWMP Application and Site record improvements
    - Subrecipient Review stage improvements
    - Includes EHP metrics to be reportable earlier in the application process
    - FEMA Review process improvements
    - General tracking and workflow updates

# CWMP Framework

- Version 1 Draft Status
  - Additional technical reviews
  - Restructuring and formatting
  - Additional Appendix reviews
  - Citations/reference reviews



# CAL FIRE Update

Participated in the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) and Southern California Edison (SCE), Mitigations that Matter training in Oxnard on August 13-15th.

CAL FIRE staff developed a new assessment application template, presented the concept to our assessors, and received their feedback.

Participated in continued discussions with IBHS about aligning CWMP retrofits and the Wildfire Prepared Home standards.



# CWMP Update: Shasta County Fire Safe Council in Shasta County

## Tri-party and Master Agreement

- Have been completed.
- Able to move forward on No Issue Properties
- Will be sending out revised copies to contractors
- Focus on Dspace on No issue properties with the possibility of expanding into Oak

## Homeowner Visits

- Preparing for D Space work at 3 homes in Whitmore (batched)
- Nesting Bird Season ends August 31
- Contacted 2 homeowners with previous bids and are reviewing the SOW

## FEMA

- Waiting for Biological Analysis
- Expected to be completed by the end of this month

# CWMP Update: San Diego County Fire Protection District in San Diego County

## Site-Work Updates – Dulzura No-Issue Property (1)

- Vegetation Management work is complete.
- Home Hardening-
  - Kickoff Meeting was 7/17/2024, Bird Survey was 8/2/2024, Construction Started 8/6/2024

## Site-Work Updates – Campo No-Issue Properties (2)

- Vegetation Management – 1<sup>st</sup> Property Bird Survey 8/19, start 8/20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Property Bird Survey 8/21, Start 8/26
- Akilah Met with HOA, they were very receptive
  - In September they will conduct Assessment with HOA Board to explain the retrofits.
  - They will develop a standard materials list for the HOA for consistency throughout the development.
  - Akilah will hold a Q & A with homeowners and start working with them on Applications.
  - They have already received 2 more applications for no-issue homes in Campo.

# CWMP Update: San Diego County Fire Protection District in San Diego County



Re-screening Window Screens



Removing the Combustible Skirting



# CWMP Update: San Diego County Fire Protection District in San Diego County



Metal Flashing where the deck meets the wall



New Deck and Porch built with Fire Treated Lumber





# CWMP Update: San Diego County Fire Protection District in San Diego County



New Crawl Space and Electrical Panel Door built from non-combustible  
Hardie Board

# CWMP Update: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District in Siskiyou County

## Site Work Updates

- Six of Eight Tri-Party Agreements have been signed by homeowners.
- Exemption for Profitable Tree Removal approved 8/19.
- Site Work is now being scheduled.

## Project Ramp Up

- Eight more projects prepped for quotes.

# CWMP Update: North Coast Opportunities in Lake County

## Project ramp up

- 3 homes have been completed
- 6 homes are in active construction
- 6 recent home assessments
- 3 upcoming contractor walkthroughs

## Next steps

- Community meet & greet for homeowners and contractors
- CWMP completed home walkthrough

# CWMP Update: Tuolumne County

## EHP Phase I Update

- Phase I deliverables have been submitted to FEMA and are under review

## Preparing to fly RFP for Construction Manager

- ~September

## Canyon Fire

- Evacuation orders for the area surrounding the fire
- Project area was included in evacuation order



# CWMP Update: El Dorado County

## Project Manager

- CWMP staff hosted an onboarding meeting July 17th
- Beginning work on major programmatic documents

## EHP Phase I

- SMEs continue to work on completing the Phase I deliverables

## Next Steps

- CWMP staff will continue providing programmatic and technical support
- Expecting to submit EHP Phase I deliverables to FEMA by end of the year

# CWMP Executive Director Update

- Legal Counsel: Consideration and approval of contract processing and payment method for contract with Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong, LLP to serve as CWMP General Counsel
- Legislative Report
  - The report submitted to Cal OES and CAL FIRE leadership for review.
    - 1. Upon Cal OES and CAL FIRE Leadership approval the report will go to the Governor's Office for Approval.
    - 2. Once it is approved by the Governor's Office it will come back to the Board for approval.
    - 3. Upon final Board approval the report will be submitted to the legislature.
  - Cover Letter from Cal OES and CAL FIRE Directors
- NAPA County Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant and others.

## State Legislation Update

**SB 946:** McGuire. **Passed. 2024-08-15.** The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, in conformity with federal income tax law, generally defines gross income as income from whatever source derived, except as specifically excluded, and provides various exclusions from gross income.

This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2029, provide an exclusion from gross income for amounts received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, as a California qualified wildfire loss mitigation payment, as defined.

**AB 2469, Passed. 2024-08-15.** Committee on Emergency Management. Emergency Management Assistance Compact: California Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Program.

This bill would *require an additional joint powers authority report to be submitted by July 1, 2028, and would* extend the program's repeal date to July 1, ~~2030~~. 2029.

## State Legislation Update

**AB 2983**, Rodriguez. **Passed. 2024-08-15.** This bill would require, on or before ~~January 1~~, *July 1*, 2025, the Department of Insurance to be added to the California Wildfire Mitigation Program Board created pursuant to the joint powers agreement. The bill would also require this joint powers authority, when reviewing projects or proposals, to assess the extent to which the project or proposal would increase the availability of insurance policies covering damage from fire, as specified.



## State Legislation Update

**AB 2416**, Connolly. **Passed. 2024-08-15.** Residential property insurance: wildfire risk.

Existing law generally regulates classes of insurance, including property and fire insurance. Existing law creates the Department of Insurance, headed by the Insurance Commissioner, and prescribes the department's powers and duties. Existing department regulations prohibit an insurer from using a rating plan that does not take into account and reflect specified wildfire risk mitigation, including property-level building hardening measures.

This bill would require the department, on or before ~~December 31, 2027,~~ *January 1, 2030*, and every ~~3~~ *5* years thereafter, to ~~evaluate~~ *consider* whether or not to update its regulations to include additional building hardening measures for property-level mitigation efforts and communitywide wildfire mitigation programs. ~~For its first evaluation,~~ *As part of this consideration*, the bill would require the department to consult with specified agencies to identify additional building hardening measures to consider, as well as to develop and implement a public participation process during the evaluation.

## State Legislation Update

**SB 867**, Allen. Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.

**Proposition 4** (November 5, 2024, Ballot) Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands From Climate Risks. Legislative Statute. A new Bond for Natural Resources and Climate Activities. Proposition 4 allows the state to sell a \$10 billion bond for natural resources and climate activities.

Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention (\$1.5 Billion). All of this money would support activities to improve the health of forests and reduce the risk of severe and destructive wildfires. This would include thinning trees in forests that are overgrown and clearing vegetation near where people live. Money would also be used for other activities, such as helping homeowners make their properties more resistant to wildfire damage.

## Bringing our communities together

Meetings scheduled for first Thursday of each Month

## CWMP Projects Implementation

- Provide Subject Matter Expert Support to each community organization
  - Deck Retrofit
- Collection of expenditure data per property

## CWMP Alignment Update

- Headwaters Economics, Wildfire Retrofit Report
  - Retrofitting a Home for Wildfire Resistance Costs and Considerations  
[Retrofitting a Home for Wildfire Resistance](#)
- California Department of Insurance, Safer from Wildfires Program
- California Department of Housing and Community Development, ReCoverCA Programs
- Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS), Wildfire Prepared Home Designation





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New Business



# Selection of Board Officers, Chair and Vice Chair

- **CWMP JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT** (CAL FIRE & Cal OES)
  - SECTION 3. CWMP
    - C. Meetings of Board
    - D. Officers; Duties: Related Subjects
      - (1) The Board may elect from among members of the Board a chairperson and vice chairperson of the CWMP. By resolution, the Board shall appoint a Secretary of the CWMP.

# Next Steps for the Demonstration Project

- **CWMP Funding Budget Act 2022** (AB-179) Funding \$13 Million
  - Siskiyou County
  - Riverside County

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## Meeting Schedule

- Next meeting September 17, 2024, starting at 10:00 AM and ending at 12:00 PM.
- Location: 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room 2-221, Sacramento, CA 95814

## Board Member Comments

## Public Comment

## Adjournment



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