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# California Wildfire Mitigation Program Authority

Home Hardening Initiative



CWMPA Board of Directors Public Meeting

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Call To Order and Roll Call

Welcome Message

Consent Agenda Items

- Approval of September 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes



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Discussion and Action Items

CWMP Pilot Program Update:

# Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Assistance

## CWMP Grant Expenditures

# CWMP Grant Expenditures – July 31, 2025

|                                                                 |           |    |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|
| El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience | El Dorado | \$ | 243,450   |
| North Coast Opportunities                                       | Lake      | \$ | 2,289,627 |
| San Diego County Fire Protection District                       | San Diego | \$ | 1,006,765 |
| Shasta County Fire Safe Council                                 | Shasta    | \$ | 1,142,581 |
| Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District                    | Siskiyou  | \$ | 1,109,184 |
| Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services                    | Tuolumne  | \$ | 150,385   |
| CWMP TOTAL                                                      |           | \$ | 5,941,992 |

CWMP Pilot Program Update:

**CAL FIRE**

Staffed a Home Hardening Table at the Department of Water Resources Emergency Preparedness Event

CWMP Home Ignition Zone/ Defensible Space Assessor Training

In-person Assessor Application Training with El Dorado and Tuolumne County

Continuing to support the California Wildfire Mitigation Program with technical assistance with home hardening recommended retrofits

# San Diego County Fire Protection District in San Diego County

## FEMA EHP Update -

- Submitted eight Phase II reports for “Issue Properties”, Pending FEMA Review
- Pending Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) for the additional “No-Issue” properties in the expanded area

## Site-Work Updates –

- Nine Homes Complete
- Four Homes in Active Construction
- Two Homes Going Out for Solicitation
- Seeing an increase in interest in Campo, Eight new applications for no-issues homes

CWMP Pilot Program Update:

# Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District in Siskiyou County

## Site Work Updates – Batch One – 8 Homes

- All site work is complete

## Site Work Updates – Batch Two – 7 Homes

- All site work is complete

## Site Work Updates – Batch Three – 11 Homes

- Five complete, site work continues on the remaining sites in the batch

## Site Work Updates – Batch Four – 9 Homes

- Prepping to start work

## Site Work Updates – Batch Five – 7 Homes

Contracts have been awarded

# Shasta County FireSafe Council in Shasta County

## Site Work

- 17 Homes have been completed
- 6 Homes in active construction
- 8 homes in contracting/bid stage
- Preparing first batch of 15 issue properties to submit to FEMA

## Cost Share Reduction

- A homeowner who had had exit the program due to their high cost share has re-enrolled after the new cost share cap reduced her share to an affordable level.

## Project Area

- SCFSC attended a town hall in Lakehead
  - Will be presenting homeowner testimonials at Firewise communities to raise interest
- Collaborating on outreach materials
- Media Event is today October 21, 2025.

# North Coast Opportunities in Lake County

## Site Work

- 34 Homes have been completed
- 8 SOW in progress
- 6 homes in active construction
- 8 going out to bid

## Staff

- All NCO team members attended the Assessor training in El Dorado October 15, 2025
  - Entire team is now fully trained and certified

## Project Area

- Contract bids are getting more competitive
  - Faster completion times, lower costs
- Sharing contractor contact information with El Dorado Team
  - El Dorado will receive bids from contractors with CWMP experience

# Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services

## EHP Update

- There are no “no-issue” properties in the project area at this time.

## Staff

- One full time Assessor and Project Manager.
- Have completed project training and can now view submitted applications.
- Home assessors completed training on October 17 and are ready to start assessments.

## Outreach/Applications

- CWMP and CAL FIRE attended the town hall meeting on August 26, 2025.
- Over 100 attendees
- 60+ applications are in queue ready to be reviewed/assessed.

CWMP Pilot Program Update:

# El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience

## EHP Update

- 74 No Issue Properties

## Staff

- Full time construction manager and 4 assessors have been hired.
- CAL FIRE assessor training for El Dorado County took place on October 13-15, at two applicant's homes, and assessments are being completed.
- The CWMP, OES and other communities were in attendance.

## Community Outreach

- CWMP and CAL FIRE presented at their town hall meeting on September 8, 2025.
- Currently have 20+ applications ready to be reviewed/assessed.

# CWMP Pilot Program Update: El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience



# CWMP Authority - Executive Director Report

- CWMP Monthly Status Report
- Support to Local and State Wildfire Home Hardening Efforts
  - Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council
  - Oregon State Fire Marshals Office
  - Altadena damaged and undamaged homes retrofits
  - LA County Incidents: Historic Structures Hardening Guidance
  - LA County Incidents: Recovery Support Strategy or Rebuild Support Strategy Rebuild & Long-Term Recovery Task Force - County/State/Fed
- Wildfire Home Hardening and CWMP Program Presentation to:
  - CAL FIRE - IBHS Wildfire Prepared Home Demonstration
  - Community Wildfire Mitigation Training: RCD Santa Monica Mountains
  - Wildfire Resilience in California; Palo Alto
  - CWMP HIZ/DSA Training
  - Cal Poly Wildland-Urban Interface FIRE Institute Advisory Council Meeting
  - Altadena Wild: Wildfire Home Hardening Site Visit
- Coordination with
  - Team Rubicon

# 2025-2026 Legislation

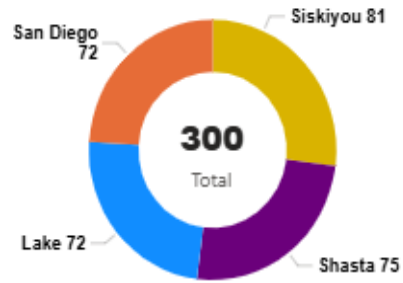
- **SB 470**, Laird. Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing. There are no new requirements. The amendments provided by SB 470 extend the sunset dates in 3 sections related to the remote and teleconference rules that were implemented after COVID 19. The existing remote and teleconference meeting rules now extend through January 1, 2030, and do not expire this January 1, 2026.
- **SB 616**, as amended, Rubio. Community Hardening Commission: wildfire mitigation program.
  - Vetoed.
- **AB 441**, as amended, Hadwick. Wildfire prevention: Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development: wildfire mitigation program.
  - pending in the California State Senate.
- **AB 1531** as introduced, Committee on Emergency Management. Office of Emergency Services: comprehensive wildfire mitigation program.
  - passed and signed into law. This bill would require, on or before July 1, 2026, the Department of Insurance to be added as an ex officio nonvoting member to the California Wildfire Mitigation Program Board created pursuant to the joint powers agreement..

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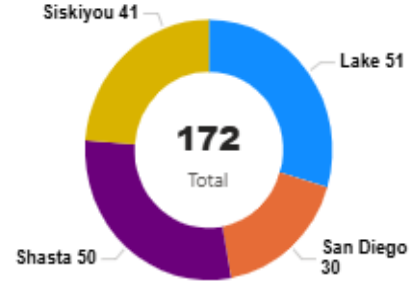
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September 15, 2025

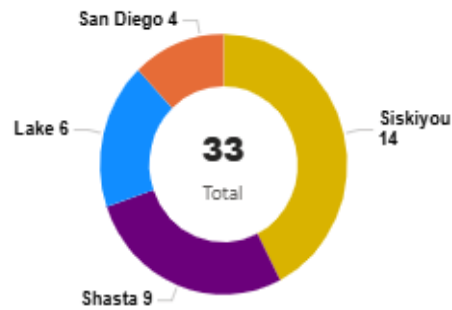
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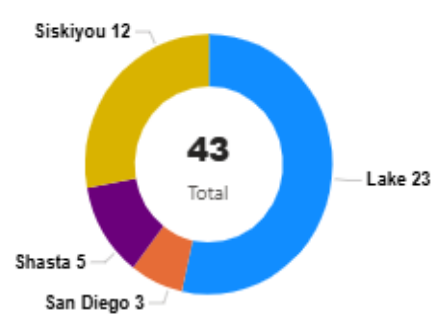
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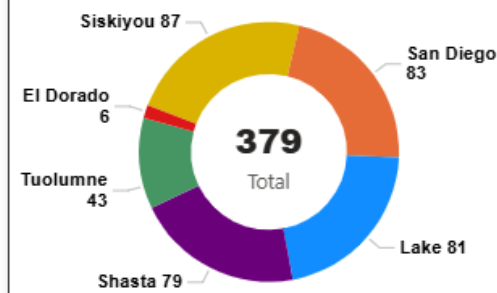
## Homes in Progress



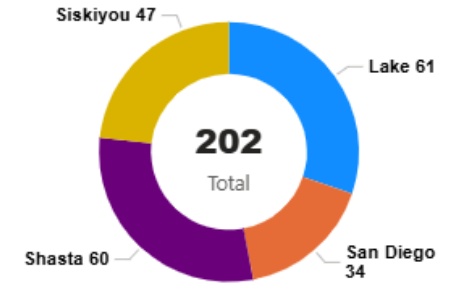
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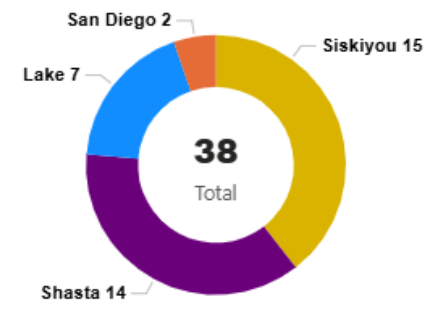
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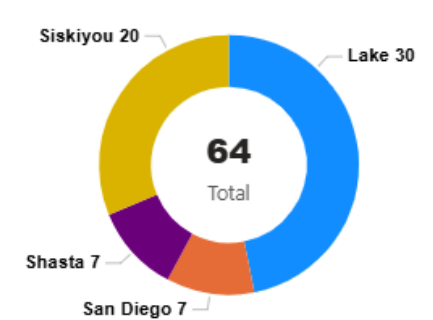
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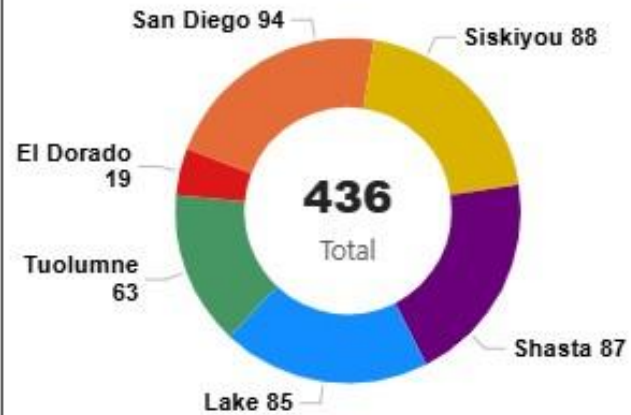


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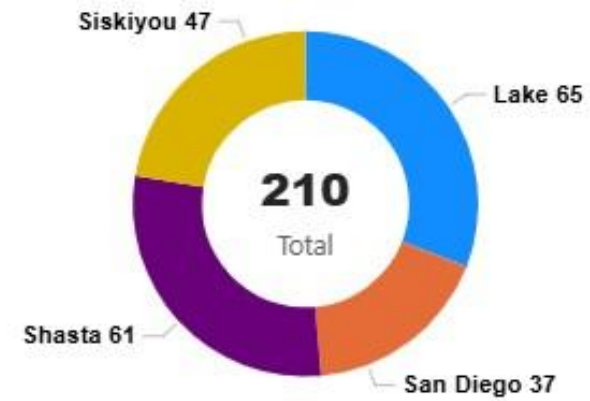


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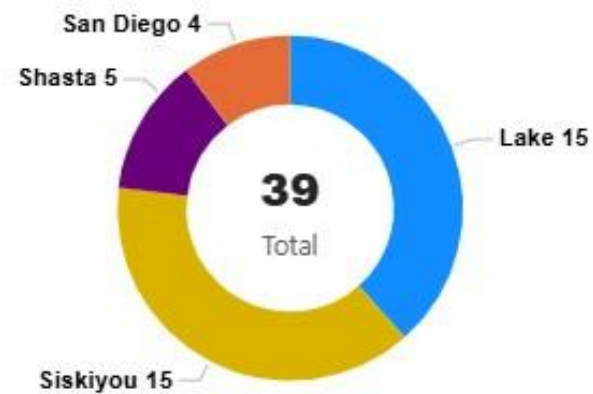
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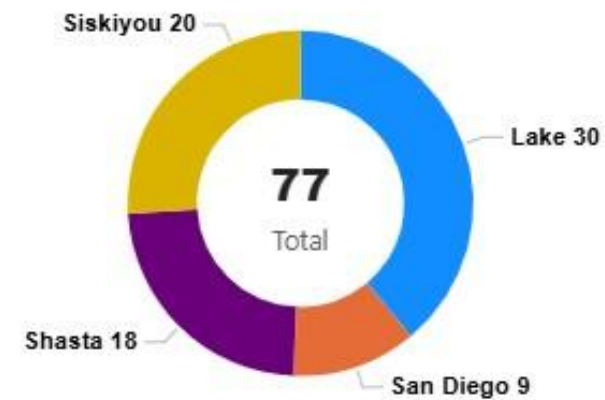
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### Homes in Progress



### Homes Completed



# CWMP Pilot Program Next Steps

- **CWMP Funding Budget Act 2022** (AB-179) Funding \$13 Million
  - ~\$6 Million Committed to Siskiyou County for HMGP Grant ~\$24 million
  - ~\$7 Million Committed to Riverside County for HMGP Grant ~\$26 million
  - Both Projects submitted to FEMA on 11/21/2024 utilizing funding opportunity DR-4699-CA (California Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides) FEMA Review will take ~7-12 months.
  - Under CWMPA Review

**SB-946**, Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: exclusions: wildfire mitigation payments.(2023-2024)

- **Proposition 4**
  - Grants under the Home Hardening Program to retrofit, harden, or create defensible space for homes at high risk of wildfire in order to protect California communities

# CWMP Pilot Program Next Steps

- **SECTION 1. Section 91510 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:**
  - 91510. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 91500, \$135,000,000 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of Emergency Services for a wildfire mitigation grant program. The Office of Emergency Services shall coordinate with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in administering these moneys. The grant program shall assist local and state agencies to leverage additional funds, including matching grants from federal agencies. Funds may be used to provide loans, rebates, direct assistance, and matching funds for projects that prevent wildfires, increase resilience, maintain existing wildfire risk reduction projects, reduce the risk of wildfires to communities, or increase home or community hardening. Projects shall benefit disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, or vulnerable populations.

# CWMP Authority - Executive Director Report

## **Assembly Bill No. 38:** Prescribed Disclosure Notice

- This bill, on or after January 1, 2021, would require the seller of any real property located in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to provide a prescribed disclosure notice to the buyer, if the home was constructed before January 1, 2020, of information relating to fire hardening improvements on the property and a list of specified features that may make the home vulnerable to wildfire and flying embers and which features, if any, that exist on the home of which the seller is aware.
- **The bill, on or after July 1, 2025,** would require the disclosure notice to also include the State Fire Marshal's list of low-cost retrofits. The bill would also require a seller who has obtained a specified final inspection report to provide to the buyer a copy of that report or information on where a copy may be obtained.
- [Bill Text - AB-38 Fire safety: low-cost retrofits: regional capacity review: wildfire mitigation.](#)



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# CWMP – Shasta County Highlights

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Pam Bates: Shasta County Fire Safe Council

# Roles and Responsibilities – SCFSC and Partners

- SCFSC: Project Management, Construction Management (SOWs, bids, contractor oversight, inspection), contracting, grant and finance management.
  - 3 SCFSC staff dedicated to the project (PM, CM, Project Assistant).
- WSRCDC responsibilities: Outreach, education, application processing, assessments, SOWs and Site-specific checklist.
  - 3-4 RCD staff
- Our model - a small core team, with tightknit relationships with local agencies and contractors. Very efficient, scalable, and can adapt when needed.

# Successes:

- Homeowners extremely happy with results, appreciative of personal attention and education. Have helped them with WF Prepared Home certification, sale of homes.
- Strong team of contractors, have become very specialized, experts in implementing MQSSs.
- 17 homes completed to date, 14 more will be completed or in contract by Nov 15 (for a total of 31)
- Time from Assessment to HH completed: 8 weeks
- Can work on multiple homes simultaneously
- Average total cost per home: **\$45,300**
  - Average cost for Defensible Space: \$4,700
  - Average cost for Home Hardening Construction: \$40,600
- Cost share cap has been effective in retaining program participants, homeowners know what to expect (e.g., reduced from \$6337 to \$3000).

# Challenges

- Homeowners in our area are hesitant to participate in “government” programs.
- Homeowner confusion between our program and other CAL FIRE and FEMA projects in the area, bad experiences with PG&E.
- Remoteness of homes and limited access (slows implementation, increase costs)
- Number of parcels limited to No-Issue Parcels currently. This causes distrust of the process (not first in, first served; upset that there are “flags” on their property, no timeline as to when we can work on their home)
- Dispersed No-Issue Parcels reduces the development and effectiveness of Fire Resilient Communities.
- Implementation blocked due to FEMA review delays

# Successes:

## Before



## After



# Before



# After





After



# CWMP Board of Directors Public Meeting

## Meeting Schedule

- Next meeting is November 18, 2025
- 715 P Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 2-221, Sacramento, CA 95814

## Board Member Comments

## Public Comment

## Adjournment

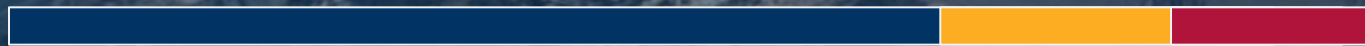


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