



California Wildfire Mitigation Program Authority Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Location: 715 P Street, 2nd Floor

Conference Room 2-302 (A) Sacramento, CA 95814



Board Members Present

Frank Bigelow, Board Chair, Deputy Director, Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation and Fire Engineering & Investigations, CAL FIRE

Robert Troy, Vice-Chair, Assistant Director, Interagency Recovery Coordination, Cal OES

Daniel Berlant, Board Member, State Fire Marshal, CAL FIRE

CWMPA Staff Present

J. Lopez, Executive Director (Virtual)

Jordon Boyer, Staff Manager

Sarah Glenn, Program Coordinator

Kenneth Jacobs-DeLeon, Program Coordinator

Shawn Oberbruner, Program Coordinator

Cal OES Staff Present

Ron Miller, Branch Chief, Hazard Mitigation Assistance

Matthew Delgado, Supervisor I, Hazard Mitigation Special Projects

Angelica Quezada, Sr. Grants Management Analyst, Hazard Mitigation Special Projects

Brandon Gresham, Sr. Grants Management Analyst, Hazard Mitigation Special Projects

Will Watson Sr. Grants Management Analyst, Hazard Mitigation Special Projects

CAL FIRE Staff Present

John Morgan, Assistant Deputy Director, Community Wildfire Planning and Risk Reduction

Mike Wink, Staff Chief, Wildfire Risk Reduction

Heather McCulley, Deputy Chief of Wildfire Preparedness

Randy Northup, Assistant Chief, Home Hardening Program

Justine Grafton, Analyst II, Home Hardening

Will Brewer, GIS Analyst, Home Hardening

Carrie Lewis, Analyst II, OSFM Support Services

Danh Dao, Analyst I, OSFM Support Services

CDI Staff Present

Peter Streit, Investment Officer, California Organized Investment Network

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME – 10:01 AM

- a. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM and welcome remarks provided by Board Chair F. Bigelow.

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

- a. Roll call and quorum established with the following Board Members present.
 - F. Bigelow – Present
 - R. Troy – Present
 - D. Berlant – Present
 - A. Browning – Absent
 - D. Halberstadt - Absent

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Review and approval of Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2026. No public comments received.

Motion: R. Troy moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2026.

D. Berlant seconded the motion.

Action: All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Receive CWMP Pilot Program update (Information item)
 - Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Special Projects Unit (SPU) Update
 - Matthew Delgado, Staff Services Manager I, Hazard Mitigation Special Projects
 - i. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Expenditures as of April 30, 2026
 - 1. Update on Total Project Costs per Sub-Applicant as of April 30, 2026
 - ii. Scope of Work Modifications
 - 1. FEMA has acknowledged that “Issue” parcels are being excluded from the modified Scopes of Work
 - 2. Hazard Mitigation staff are working with San Diego County and Shasta County Fire Safe Council to complete requests for information (RFIs) from FEMA
 - 3. No timeline for completion by FEMA
 - iii. State Only Project
 - 1. Shasta County Fire Safe Council will proceed with state only construction at the conclusion of their federal grant
 - a. August 28, 2026
 - 2. San Diego County will proceed with state only work once CWMPA Board action has been completed
 - iv. El Dorado and Tuolumne Counties

1. FEMA did not provide “No-Issue” parcels or awards for either county
 2. Endangered Species Act (ESA) was misinterpreted
 - a. Non-listed species were considered
 3. FEMA issued revised ESA Compliance Memos
 4. Following up with FEMA EHP to provide REC for “No-Issues” under new ESA Compliance Memos
- CAL FIRE Update – Assistant Chief Randy Northup
 - i. California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP)
 1. Reviewing the home hardening assessment reports and providing technical recommendations for defensible space and home hardening retrofits
 - ii. Department Functions
 1. Collaborating with CAL FIRE Communications and Home Depot to produce training videos that equip employees to understand and guide customers on WUI Part 7 approved building materials
 - California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Pilot Program Update –
 - i. San Diego County/San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) – Program Coordinator, Sarah Glenn
 1. Site-Work Updates –
 - a. 28 homes complete
 - b. 4 in active construction
 - c. 5 homes to start construction in July, 2 additional to start first week of August
 - d. Expected to complete 30 homes by the end of the month
 2. General Updates -
 - a. We are in the process of closing the application portal
 - i. They currently have enough applications to get them through the end of the project
 - ii. They have also notified the HOA Board that they are at capacity to help spread the word
 - ii. Siskiyou County/Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) – Sarah Glenn
 1. Site Work Updates
 - a. Batches 1 through 4 are Complete
 - b. Batch 5 is in progress, two sites pending
 - c. Batches 6 and 7 are being scheduled
 - d. Batches 8 and 9 have been awarded and work scheduled
 - e. Total 39 Homes complete, 4 in progress
 - i. Work Progress and Spending pace are on track
 - iii. Shasta County/Shasta County Fire Safe Council (SCFSC) – Program Coordinator Kenneth Jacobs-DeLeon
 1. Site Work
 - a. 38 Homes have been completed
 - b. All No-Issue homes available have been completed

2. Closeout
 - a. POP End Date: August 28, 2026
 - i. Site work has been allowed to continue throughout the POP.
 - b. Will work with SPU to Identify the procurement documents that are required for submission.
3. Project Area
 - a. Preparing plans on how to utilize State Only Funds efficiently and appropriately.
 - i. Starting to have bid walks now, so that beginning September 1, SCFSC can begin implementation using State-only funds immediately
 - b. We are in the process of closing the application portal
 - i. They currently have enough applications to get them through the end of the project
- iv. Lake County/North Coast Opportunities (NCO) – Kenneth Jacobs-DeLeon
 1. Site Work
 - a. 69 Homes have been completed
 - b. 10 homes in active construction
 - c. 4 Going out to bid
 2. Project Area
 - a. Assessors are moving at a consistent pace and are completing assessments faster than contractors are able to complete the homes.
 - i. Continue contractor education efforts to help increase the number of bids received for sites.
 - b. A homeowner has completed the IBHS process and is ready for the final on-site inspection.
 - c. Thursday 7/16 – Buckeye fire near project area.
- v. Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services – Program Coordinator Shawn Oberbruner
 1. Project Updates
 - a. The county is actively working on developing their Scopes of Work (SOW).
 - b. 53 assessments have been completed.
 - c. 7 SOWs have been approved from prior CAL FIRE review.
 - d. CWMP and CAL FIRE continue oversight and support for published assessments and scopes.
 2. Staff
 - a. One part-time Analyst assisting with grant management.
 - b. One full-time project/construction manager.
 3. Outreach/Applications
 - a. Door-to-door outreach has begun targeting homeowners within strategically clustered areas to maximize fire safety impact.
 - b. The county is preparing to create their first RFQ for

contractors.

vi. El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience–
Shawn Oberbruner

1. Project Updates
 - a. The county is working on property assessments and developing their scopes of work (SOW).
 - b. 35 assessments have been completed.
 - c. 9 SOWs have been completed and approved.
 - d. CWMP and CAL FIRE continue oversight and support for published assessments and scopes.
 2. Staff
 - a. One full-time construction manager
 - b. Four county assessors
 3. Outreach
 - a. Door-to-door outreach has begun targeting homeowners within strategically clustered areas to maximize fire safety impact.
 - b. RFP for contractors resulted in 12 Defensible Space and 4 Home Hardening contractors.
- b. Executive Director Update – J. Lopez
- Monthly CWMP Report
 - i. Additional updates to the new automated report
 - ii. We welcome any feedback from the Board Members
 1. Reminder that this report was created by and for the Board Members
 - Insurance for Good
 - i. Surveys have gone out and responses have started coming in
 - Attended CCC 50th Anniversary Celebration
 - Met with Local Conservation Corps
 - CWMPA Logo
 1. Presented an updated logo, removed the “A” from the logo
 2. Spelling out Joint Powers Authority along with the full name, California Wildfire Mitigation Program Joint Powers Authority
 3. Will bring to a vote for approval at the next Board Meeting
 - California Department of Aging
 - i. Met with leadership at the California Department of Aging, provided them with the data regarding the number of CWMP Participants over 65
 - ii. Will continue working with them to provide resources to participants over 65
 - Received Insurance GSRMA Certificate
 - CWMP Pilot Program Projects (Pending)
 - i. State Funding \$13 Million
 1. ~\$6 million Committed to Siskiyou County for HMGP Grant ~\$24 million
 - a. Received RFI from FEMA regarding project alternatives, met with Cal OES Technical Assistance, SPU, and Sub-

- recipient, and submitted a response
- 2. ~\$7 million Committed to Riverside County for HMGP Grant
~\$26 million
 - a. Cal OES Technical Assistance Branch reached out to FEMA for an update
- 3. 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.
- 4. Update: 13 million reverted per 2025-26 State budget
 - ii. SB-946 Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: exclusions: wildfire mitigation payments. (2023-2024)
- Discussion and Action regarding future utilization of SB 85 funds
 - i. CWMPA Staff Recommendation: For current HMGP Funded CWMP Projects, at the conclusion of their respective period of performance, continue with State Only home hardening projects with balance of previously committed SB-85 dollars until all dollars are utilized, or the SB-85 liquidation period is reached.
 - 1. Vice-Chair Troy requests a briefing on the current project POP End dates and their statuses
 - a. Would also like the briefing to include a table with the projects and their pertinent dates
- c. Review and Consider Revisions to the CWMP Meeting Schedule
 - This item was moved to the next meeting

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. F. Bigelow, the nation's preparedness is at a level 5, there are fires all around us; so as far we have not experienced any significant fires in California. We have sent assistance to Colorado.
- b. R. Troy, We are watching the entire west and receiving mutual aid requests from our neighbors. We are providing assistance across the country and technical assistance throughout the state. Grateful to the team for continuing to work through things beyond our control and continued reporting and transparency.
- c. D. Berlant, expressed appreciation for the team working through an uphill effort and the additional steps to overcome. Looking forward to the update regarding timelines and developing plan B for any potential loss of funds.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Mike Milton submitted public comment via email, comment was read aloud during the meeting.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 10:59 AM

The Next CWMPA meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., CAL FIRE Aviation Management Unit, Placer Conference Room, 5411 Luce Ave, McClellan, CA 95652