
CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Board Members Present

Robert Troy, Board Chair, Assistant Director, Recovery, Cal OES

Daniel Berlant, Board Vice-Chair, Deputy Director of Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation, CAL FIRE

Mike Richwine, Board Member, State Fire Marshal, CAL FIRE

Edward Westfall, Board Member, Deputy Director, Response, Cal OES

Cal OES Staff Present

J. Lopez, CWMP, Executive Director

Anne Nguyen, Senior Counsel

Jacy Hyde, Branch Chief, Hazard Mitigation

Jennifer Hogan, Assistant Director, Recovery

Lisa Long, Special Projects Manager, Hazard Mitigation (*Virtual*)

Brian Doss, AGPA, Hazard Mitigation Special Projects (*Virtual*)

Lisa Rice, Consultant (*Virtual*)

Liston Conrad, Consultant (*Virtual*)

Makeda Johnson, AGPA, Recovery

CAL FIRE Staff Present

Steve Hawks, Assistant Deputy Director

Jim McDougald, Staff Chief

Frank Bigelow, Staff Chief

Dennis O'Neil, Assistant Chief (*Virtual*)

John Morgan, Deputy Chief

Kara Garrett, AGPA

Justine Grafton, Analyst

Will Brewer, GIS Analyst

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME – 10:08 AM

- a. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM; welcome remarks provided by J. Lopez and Chairperson Troy.

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

- a. Roll call and quorum established with all four Board Members present.
 - R. Troy – Present
 - D. Berlant – Present
 - M. Richwine – Present
 - E. Westfall – Present

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. Review and approval of Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2022.

Motion: M. Richwine moved to approve Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2022.

D. Berlant seconded the motion.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. No public comments received.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Monthly Program Status Report for the Home Hardening Pilot Program (*Informational Only*)
 - Jacy Hyde provided an update on existing projects within CWMP Demonstration Communities.
 - i. San Diego County (Dulzura, Potrero, & Campo)
 - 1. Completing EHP Surveys, results expected to be sent to Cal OES in early November 2022. EHP Deliverables to be submitted to FEMA by mid-November 2022. Obligations from FEMA expected by late January 2023 for initial batch of homes.
 - 2. Total Project Goal & Cost – 500 Homes (\$23,528,600)
 - a. Goal to complete 25 homes in first year
 - b. 22 Homeowner Applications submitted for Dulzura
 - c. 9 Home Assessments completed
 - i. Assessments were completed using an older version of app, updates may be needed.

3. San Diego County requested to expand proposed project area to include an additional 175 homes. Board members to vote on project expansion request at future board meeting.
 - a. Original Project Area – 1,564 Homes
 - b. Proposed Expansion
 - i. Dulzura – +66 Homes
 - ii. Campo – +25 Homes
 - iii. Potrero – +84 Homes
 - ii. Shasta County (Whitmore)
 1. Submitted Phase I EHP Deliverables to FEMA on September 30, 2022. Working to finalize consultations with various partner agencies. Obligations expected by end of 2022/early 2023.
 2. Total Project Goal & Cost – 500 Homes (\$23,542,135)
 - a. Goal to complete 25 homes in first year
 - b. 24 Home Assessments completed
 - i. Assessments were completed using an older version of app, updates may be needed.
 - iii. Lake County (Kelseyville/Riviera)
 1. Expect to submit Phase I EHP Deliverables to FEMA by end of November 2022.
 2. Total Project Goal & Cost – 500 Homes (\$22,182,530)
 - a. Goal to complete 25 homes in first year
 - b. Interested Applicants – 76
 - i. Lake County joined program later than other two demonstration communities, County has not yet launched their applications.
- b. Local Community Selection Criteria for Funding (*Informational Only*)
- Jacy Hyde presented on the current CWMP Local Community Selection Criteria being used. CWMP staff completed a statewide analysis at a county level to determine a ranked list. The statewide analysis conducted utilized Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) data and other climate and wildfire risk criteria. After the initial approach, Counties are taking the lead in identifying potential project areas that meet the social vulnerability and wildfire risk requirements.
 - Board Members to decide at a future meeting if need to establish additional baseline metrics to be used as criteria in the CWMP Community Selection Process. CWMP staff to explore incorporating a critical infrastructure component to assist with determining future community eligibility.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on outreach to new Demonstration Communities – Tuolumne & El Dorado (Informational Only)

- Jacy Hyde provided an update on current outreach efforts with Tuolumne County and El Dorado County.
 - i. Tuolumne County (Ponderosa Hills/Mira Monte)
 - 1. Potential Parcels – 415
 - 2. Application received by Cal OES, pending submission to FEMA.
 - 3. Census Tract Data
 - a. Total SVI Score – 0.4216
 - i. Poverty – 12.6%
 - ii. Age 65 or Older – 19.3%
 - iii. Disability – 17%
 - iv. Limited English – 0.2%
 - v. No Vehicle – 4.8%
 - 4. Projected Costs
 - a. Total – \$19,655,200
 - i. Federal – \$17,689,680 (90%)
 - ii. State Match – \$1,965,520 (10%)
 - ii. El Dorado County (Weber Creek)
 - 1. Potential Parcels – 525
 - 2. County working to develop application and determine final budget.
 - 3. Census Tract Data
 - a. Total SVI Score – 0.4493
 - i. Poverty – 6.7%
 - ii. Age 65 or Older – 22%
 - iii. Disability – 17.7%
 - iv. Limited English – 0.7%
 - v. No Vehicle – 9.5%
 - 4. Projected Costs
 - a. Total – \$24,705,882
 - i. Federal – \$22,235,294 (90%)
 - ii. State Match – \$1,270,588 (~5%)
 - iii. County Match – \$1,200,000(~5%)
 - 1. El Dorado County has proposed the use of County funds to pay the local match for homeowners that do not meet the CWMP LMI criteria.

- b. Staff recommendations and next steps for the Home Hardening Demonstration Community Pilot Program (*Motion Required*)

Motion: M. Richwine moved to approve adopting Tuolumne County demonstration projects and allocating state funding to be used as a local match for HMGP.

D. Berlant seconded the motion.

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

Motion: E. Westfall moved to approve adopting El Dorado County demonstration project and allocating state funding to be used as part of the local match for HMGP.

D. Berlant seconded the motion.

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

VII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- a. Third Tuesday of each month starting at 10:00 AM and ending at 12:00 PM.
- b. Next meeting is November 15, 2022. Board Meeting will be held at the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room 2-221 located at 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- c. Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:
 - December 20, 2022

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Board Members requested CWMP staff reach out to building officials, contractor associations, labor associations, and other stakeholders to ensure situational awareness and to assist in identifying potential obstacles.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 11:39 AM

Motion: D. Berlant moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 AM.

E. Westfall seconded the motion.

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