





## California Wildfire Mitigation Program

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Call To Order and Roll Call / Quorum Established

Welcome Message

Approval of January 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Agenda Review





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Old Business – Monthly Program Status Report

## **FEMA EHP Update**

#### **SME and Community EHP Transition with FEMA**

- Tuolumne County completed 2/7/24
- El Dorado County will be scheduled as soon as SME vendor is selected. RFP closed 2/16/24.

#### **SME and Community EHP Transition to FEMA**

- San Diego County Fire Department to be schedule this month
- North Coast Opportunities in Lake County to be scheduled this month.
- Shasta County Fire Safe Council in Shasta County to be scheduled this month.



## FEMA EHP Updates Cont.

#### Demo to FEMA on external CWMP Portal - End of February

#### EHP reports stored for each property

- Site Specific Checklist
- Nesting Bird Survey
- SME EHP Reports
- Home Assessment Reports
- Other property-specific information

#### Reports

Tracking pending "Issue" properties in review by FEMA.



## **FEMA Grants Update**

#### Allowable Replacements

Metal/non-combustible Sheds (if all below apply)

- Original is combustible
- A fire hazard to the primary structure
- Cannot be relocated
- More cost effective than wildfire hardening
- Total retrofits are within allotted wildfire home hardening budget



## FEMA Grants Update Cont.

#### Allowable Replacements

Metal/non-combustible firewood enclosures (if all below apply)

- Original is combustible or nonexistent
- Cannot be moved to required distance from primary structure due to lot size
- Must provide complete protection from flame and embers
- No temporary measures, tarps or fabric allowed
- Total retrofits are within allotted wildfire home hardening budget



## FEMA Grants Update Cont.

#### Allowable Replacements

## Wheelchair accessible ramps (if all below apply)

- Home Assessment Report recommends replacing deck or stairs
- Homeowner needs an ADA accessible ramp in place of stairs
- The ADA ramp is non-combustible
- Total retrofits are within allotted home hardening budget

#### Other replacements need to be reviewed by FEMA

- Provide required ordinance
- Best course of action based on latest fire research



## **Engage CWMP Portal**

#### DR-4407 PJ0512 - Phase II Buildout

#### Completed

- Ability to collect multiple unique mobile assessments per property
- MuleSoft import of key data points to SF (lat/long & foundation type)
- FEMA tab

#### In Progress

Demo for CWMP Board to be scheduled

### Developing

- Contractor's tab redesign for better user experience and functionality
- Cost per mitigation measure
- Site Closeout Documentation uploads (FEMA requirements)
- Reports and Dashboards
- Ability of the community user to delete draft homeowner applications



# Cal OES - Hazard Mitigation Assistance Update Budget

SB 85 Encumbrances	\$21,924,000
San Diego County Fire Department (25% state match)	\$5,882,150
Shasta County Fire Safe Council (25% state match)	\$5,885,534
<ul> <li>North Coast Opportunities (Lake Co.) (10% state match)</li> </ul>	\$2,218,253
Tuolumne County (10% match state match)	\$1,965,520
• El Dorado County (5.14% state match)	\$1,278,166
Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (Siskiyou County) (100% state funds)	\$3,598,000
• Admin	\$1,095,277
• Balance	\$1,100

\*liquidate \$16M by 3/31/25



## CAL FIRE Update

Conducted a CWMP HIZ/DSI Assessor Training for San Diego County Fire Department on February 14-16th for 17 pilot community assessors.

Continued our CWMP Assessment Application review.

Attended North Coast Opportunities in Lake County contractor pre-quote walk-through on January 25<sup>th</sup> in Kelseyville



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

### Home Assessor Training

- Working with Western Shasta Resource Conservation District and CAL FIRE
- Tentatively Scheduled for Mid March

### Community's Progress on No Issue Properties

- Actively processing additional no issue properties
- Most recent property assessed on 02/12

#### Contractor Selection for FSC's First Home

- Contractor has been selected; Bid came in around 46k
- First Home is No Issue
- Will Require Nesting Bird Survey (Required for all homes when work is Feb-Aug)

### Tri Party Agreement is in development



## CWMP Update: San Diego County Fire Department in San Diego County

#### EHP Phase I for the Expanded Area

- Deliverables have been submitted to FEMA, currently under review.
- Tribal consultations expected to conclude within two to four weeks.

#### Contractors

- Two Contractors for Manufactured homes on the Qualified list.
  - One has signed the Master Agreement (MA), One is still reviewing the MA.
- They will be opening the RFQ again to get more qualified contractors and they are conducting targeted outreach to contractors about the program to increase participation.

#### No-Issue Properties

- Preparing to go out for contractor quotes on no-issue property in Dulzura.
- Conducting outreach to no-issue properties in Campo to increase participation.



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

## Scope of Work (SOW) and Bid Form Development

- Initial SOW form developed, in review for finalization.
  - Next Step, conduct QA once final.
- Initial Bid form developed, in review for finalization.

## Applications and Assessments

- Continuing to review and approve incoming homeowner applications.
- Finalizing internal QA process for reviewing Assessments.



# CWMP Update: North Coast Opportunities in Lake County

#### Home Walkthrough With Contractors

- January 25<sup>th</sup>
- 7 contractors attended
- NCO staff provided a briefing and answered contractor questions
- CWMP staff were on hand to observe

#### Contractor Update

- Bids submitted on or before February 8th
- Winning bid selected

#### EHP Phase 2 Vendors

- Winning bid selected
- Awaiting signed contract

#### Staffing

• Hiring additional community coordinators

#### Site Work Date

Mid to late March 2024



## CWMP Update: Tuolumne County

## FEMA Meeting

- County staff and SMEs met with FEMA
- Taking a proactive approach to communications

## Administration

- Developing internal processes
- Establishing a project staff worksite



## CWMP Update: El Dorado County

## EHP Phase I contract is receiving bids

- Process opened January 3rd
- Bidding extended to February 16th
- Reviewing bids



# Upcoming CWMP Projects Siskiyou County and Riverside County

### **AB 179 Allocation**

Local Programs TBD

Administration (5%)

\$13,000,000

\$12,350,000

\$650,000

\*encumbrance, expenditure, or liquidation by 6/30/27



# Upcoming CWMP Projects: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District in Siskiyou County

- 1. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
  Notice of Interest (NOI) Submitted: February 16, 2024
  - 25% State Match \$5.7 million (Administration 5%)
  - o 75% Federal Match \$17.1 million
  - o Total funding: \$22.8 million
  - Community Level Program Impact: 400 to 500 homes
- 2. State Funds Only: \$5.7 million (Administration 5%)
  - o Total funding: \$5.7 million
  - Community Level Program Impact: 50 to 70 homes



# Upcoming CWMP Projects: Riverside County

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Project Proposal Submitted: October 2023
  - 25% State Match \$6.6 Million (Administration 5%)
  - o 75% Federal Match \$19.8 million
  - o Total funding: \$26.4 million
  - o Community Level Program Impact: 450 to 540 homes
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## **CWMP**

 Consideration for engagement of Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong, LLP as CWMP General Counsel









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## Next steps

Reminder Form 700 for CWMP Board Members and Staff

Bringing our current communities to work together and share experiences.

## Wildfire Home Hardening (AB179, \$13M):

- Siskiyou County: Sub-Application
- Riverside County FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC): Letter of Commitment



## CWMP Update: Reports

### **CWMP Framework**

- Existing Draft Document Update
- Chapter Assignments
- Request Extension for FEMA Grant PJ512 to 2026 (end of Period of Performance)

## Legislative Report

- Obtained Report Format
- Developing Outline



## Next steps: Project Sustainability



#### Alignment with:

- California State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, Goal 2. Strengthen Protection of Communities
- 2018 Strategic Fire Plan for California, Goal # 4 Increase fire prevention awareness, knowledge and actions implemented by individuals and communities to reduce human loss, property damage and impacts to natural resources from wildland fires.
- Department of Insurance Safer from Wildfires Program
- Insurance Information Institute
- Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) Wildfire Prepared Home Certification
- Headwaters Economics
- Cal Poly Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Institute



#### Organize and Educate Communities

- California Fire Safe Council
- NFPA Firewise
- Fire Adapted Communities
- California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Risk Reduction Community List



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## Meeting Schedule

Next meeting March 19, 2024

**Board Member Comments** 

Public Comment

Adjournment









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