



# California Wildfire Mitigation Program

Status Report  
July 2025



## Participating Communities

Subrecipient	County	Community
North Coast Opportunities	Lake	Kelseyville Riviera
San Diego County Fire Protection District	San Diego	Dulzura, Campo, Potrero
Shasta County Fire Safe Council	Shasta	Whitmore, Oak Run, Lakehead
Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District	Siskiyou	Mount Shasta
El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience	El Dorado	Weber Creek
Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services	Tuolumne	Ponderosa

## Total Homes

County	Lake	Shasta	Siskiyou	San Diego	El Dorado	Tuolumne
Completed	23	4	8	3	0	0
In Progress	6	6	18	4	0	0

## SB85 (2021) Amendments to Budget Act of 2020 Funding

Subrecipient	Local Match	State Match	Federal Match	Total
Lake	\$0	\$2,218,253.00 (10%)	\$19,964,277 (90%)	\$22,182,530
San Diego	\$0	\$5,882,150 (25%)	\$17,646,450 (75%)	\$23,528,600
Shasta	\$0	\$5,885,534 (10%)	\$17,656,600 (90%)	\$23,542,134
Siskiyou	\$0	\$3,598,000 (100%)	\$0	\$3,598,000
El Dorado	\$1,208,539 (4.86%)	\$1,278,166 (5.14%)	\$22,380,345 (90%)	\$24,867,050
Tuolumne	\$0	\$1,965,520 (10%)	\$17,689,680 (90%)	\$19,655,200
Total	\$1,208,539	\$20,827,623	\$95,337,352	\$117,373,514



## Application Information

County	Total Applications	Applications Pending Submission	Rejected/ Withdrawn	Active Applications
All	927	363	142	286
Lake	107	17	19	69
San Diego	294	0	93	72
Shasta	129	34	24	69
Siskiyou	98	12	6	76
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Pending County	299	299	0	0

## Homeowner Income Brackets

County	Less than 80%	80% to 120%	Above 120% to 200%	Greater than 200%
All	58	43	28	22
Lake	12	4	5	1
San Diego	21	12	5	1
Shasta	25	17	5	0
Siskiyou	10	10	13	20
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0

- All numbers relative to subrecipient reviewed active applications
- Based on Current Area Median Income (AMI) per California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
- Cost Share begins after 120% or less AMI (Red line)

Cost Share by AMI bracket

AMI Income Bracket	120% or less	Greater than 120% - 200%	Greater than 200%
Homeowner Cost Share	0%	10%	25%



## Social Vulnerabilities of Occupants

County	No Car	Preferred Language other than English	Has Disability	Age 65 or Older	Age 5 or Under
All	3	2	69	105	23
Lake	1	0	11	18	9
San Diego	0	2	29	28	6
Shasta	1	0	20	32	6
Siskiyou	1	0	13	33	2
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0

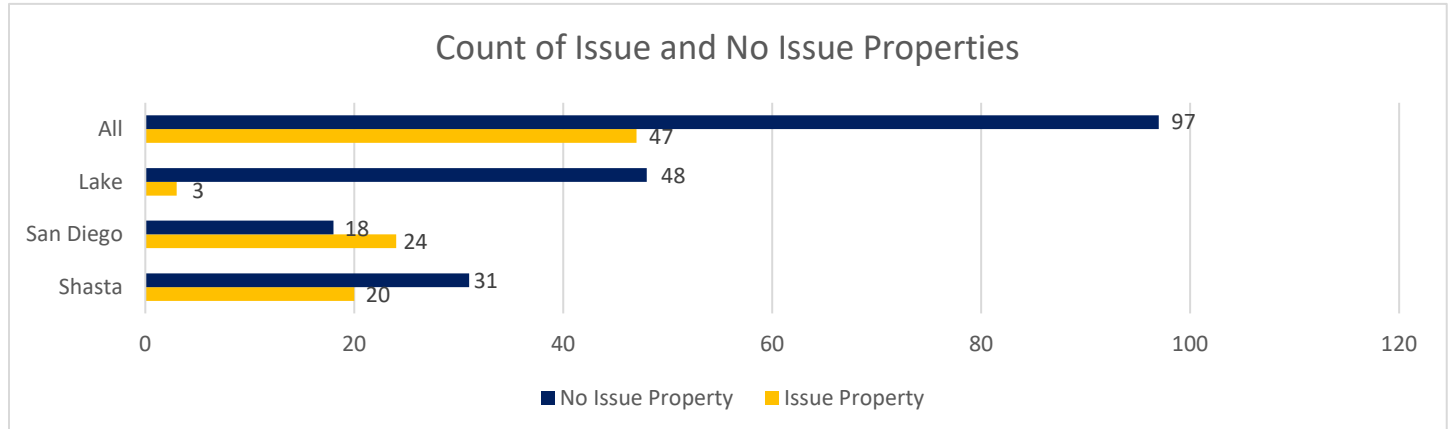
- All numbers relative to subrecipient reviewed active applications
- Optional self-identified responses

## Structure Type

County	Single Family Residence	Multi Family Residence	Manufactured Home
All	257	0	29
Lake	69	0	1
San Diego	52	0	12
Shasta	58	0	14
Siskiyou	78	0	2
Tuolumne	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0

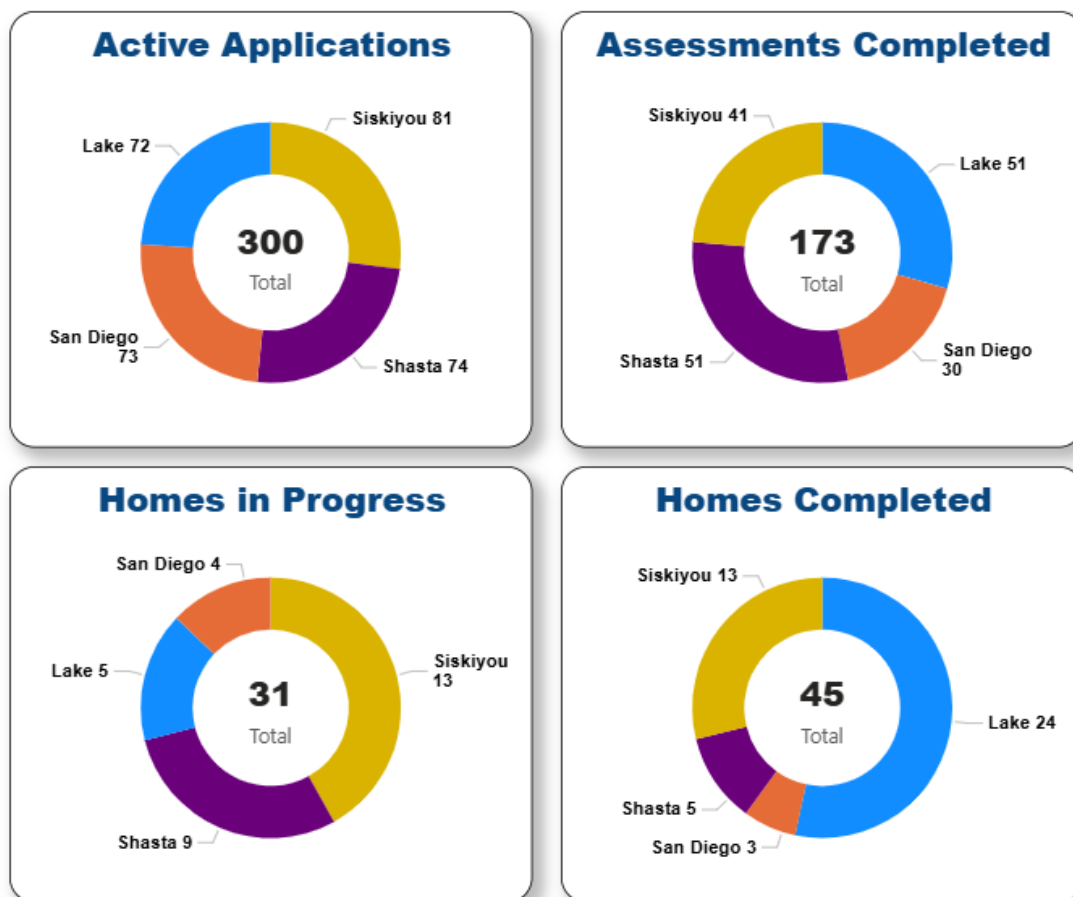
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## Issue and No Issue



- All numbers relative to subrecipient reviewed active applications
- Issue and No Issue status does not apply to non-federally funded projects

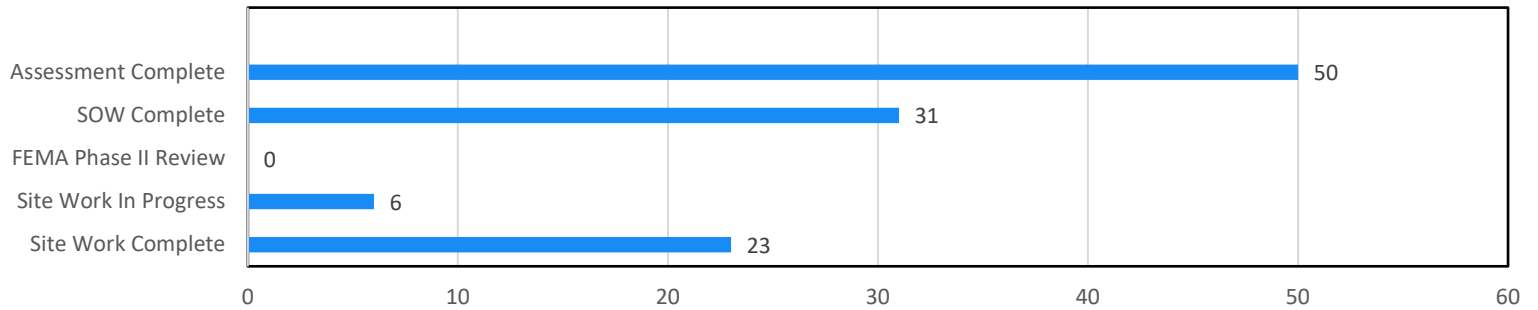
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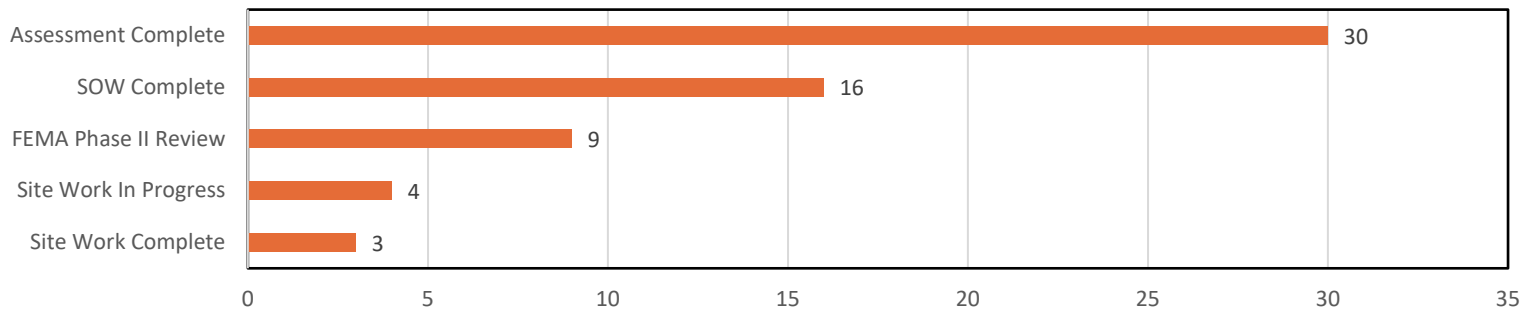
\* Siskiyou County is defensible space only



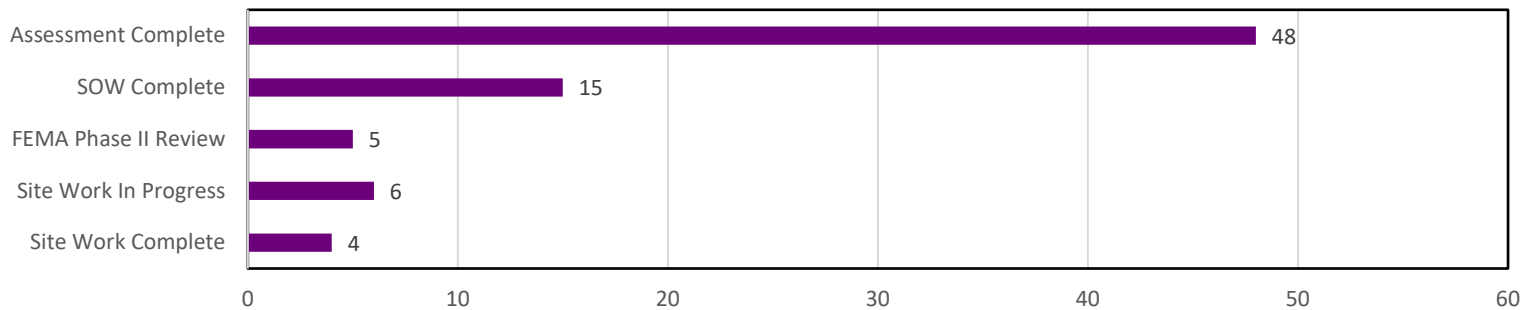
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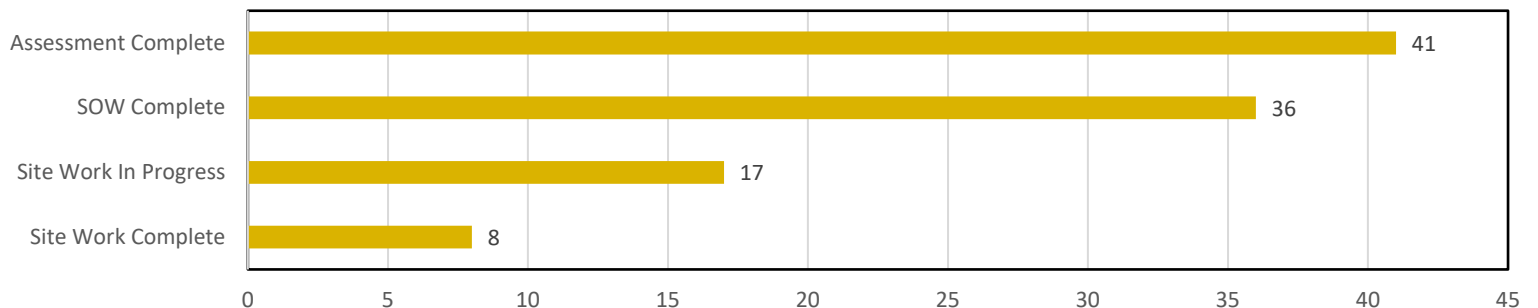
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### Shasta County Reviewed Applications by Stage



### Siskiyou County Reviewed Applications by Stage

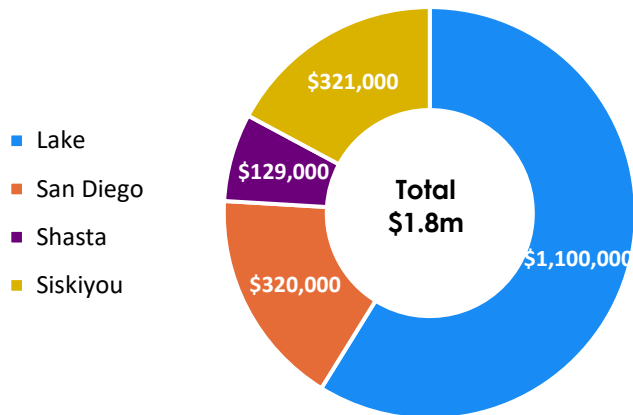




## CWMP Site Work Financial Summary to Date

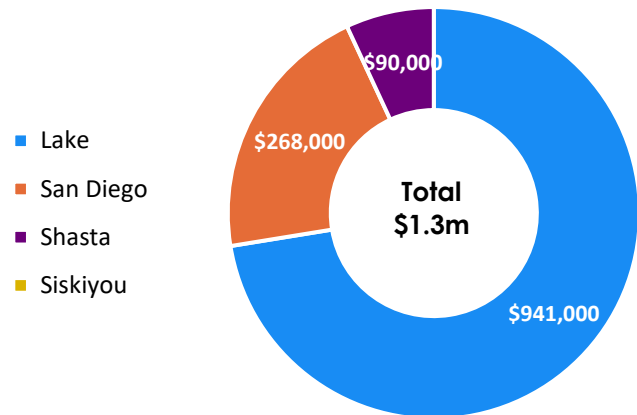
### All Site Costs

Total spent on all CWMP Sites



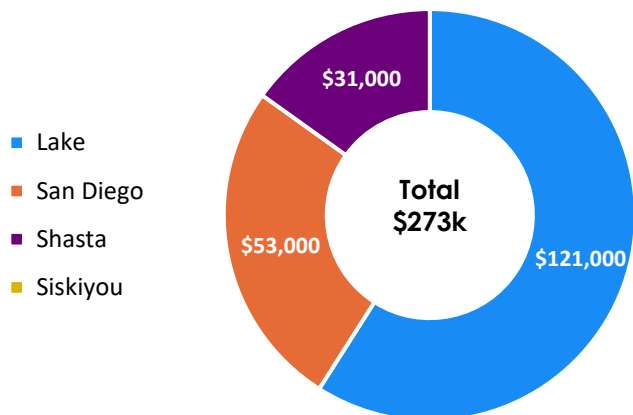
### Ignition Resistant Construction

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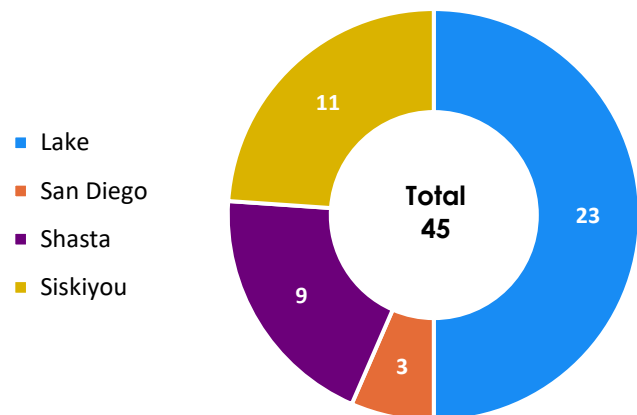
### Defensible Space

Defensible Space not specified by zone



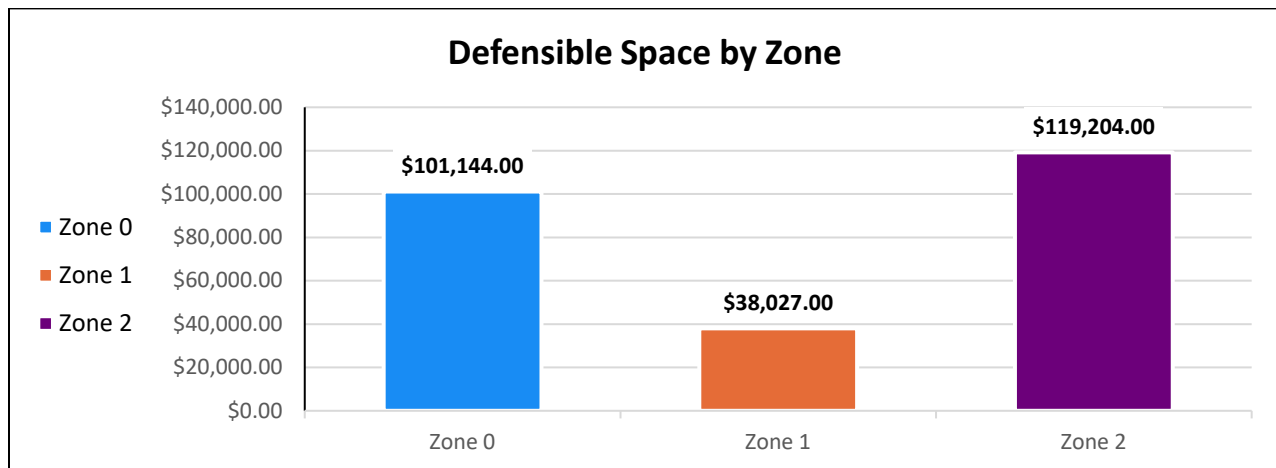
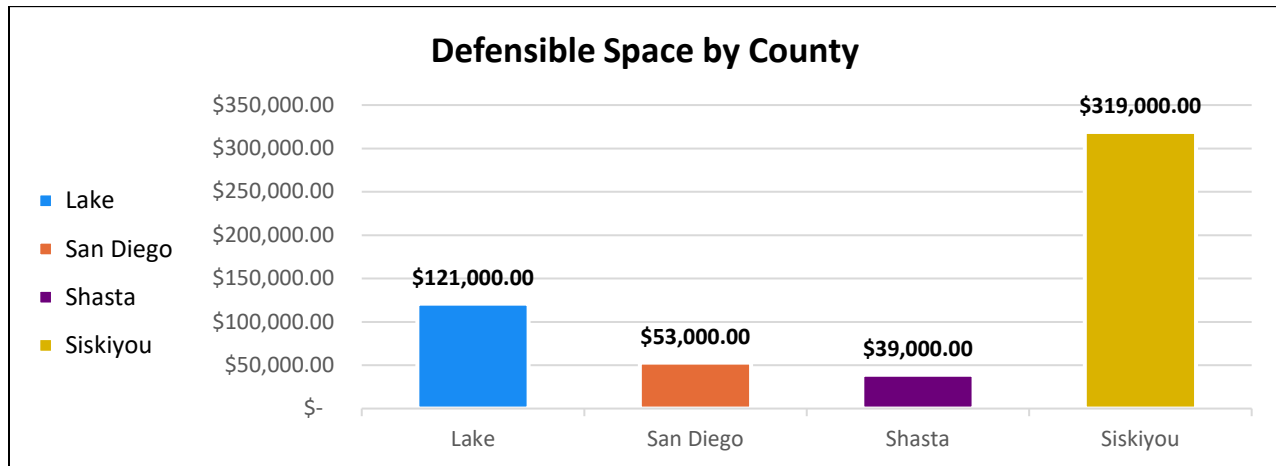
### Sites with Costs Reported

Total of



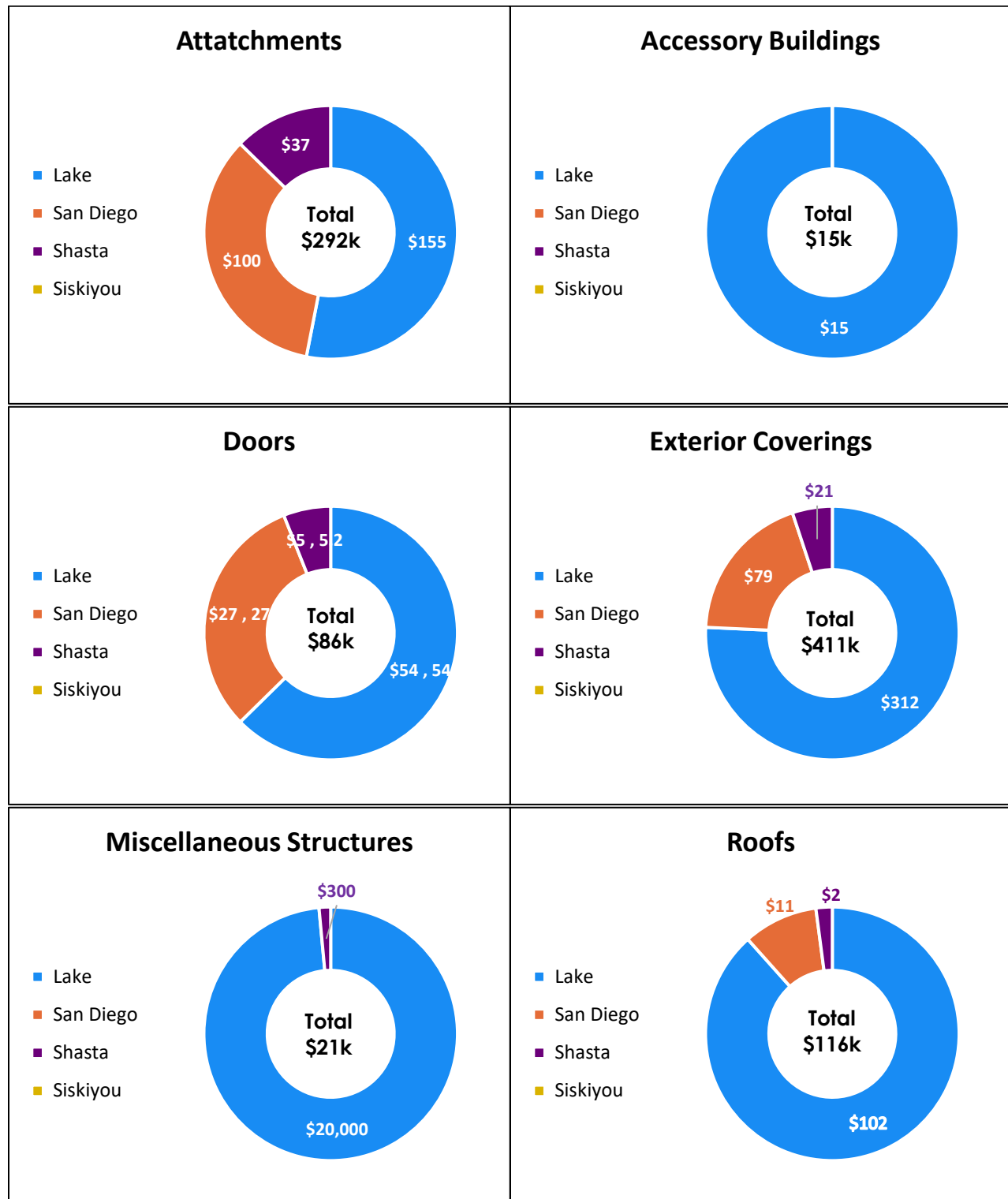


## Defensible Space

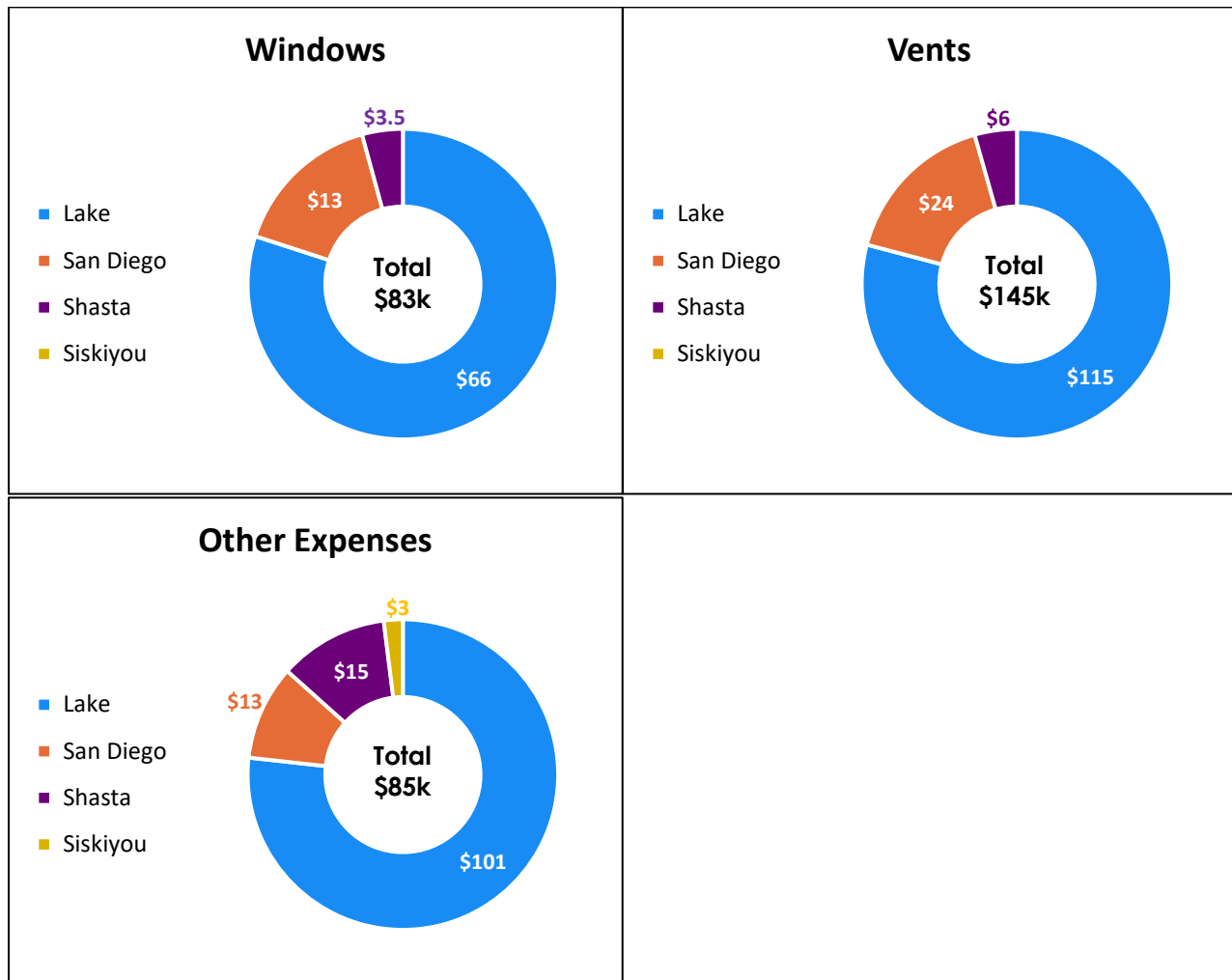




# Ignition Resistant Construction Categories Cost to Date



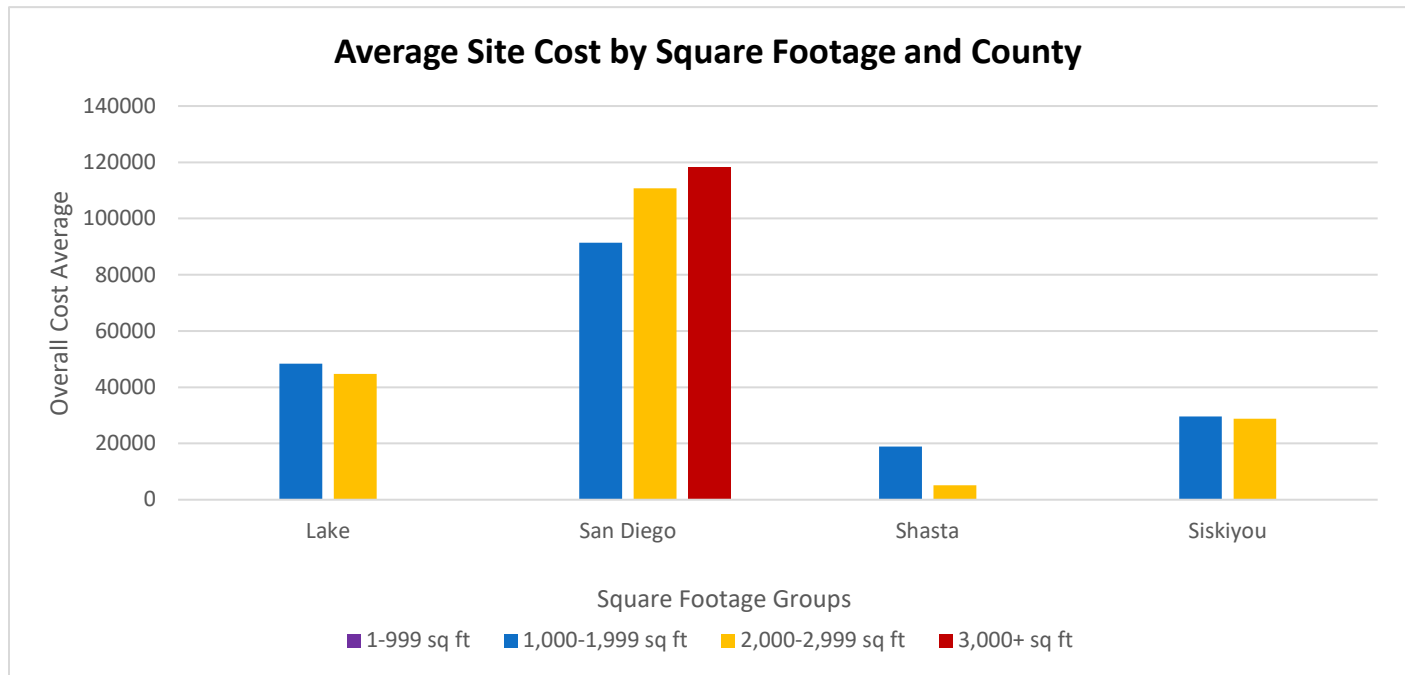
## Ignition Resistant Construction Categories Cost to date (Continued)



- All numerical values are expressed in thousands of dollars in abbreviated form
- Siskiyou project area focused primarily on defensible space
- All figures reflect site work financial data submitted by subrecipients to date, and does not represent all expenditures incurred by the communities



## Cost Averages of Total Sites to Date



- Chart displays the overall average cost per county, grouped by square footage
- Siskiyou project area focused primarily on defensible space

<b>Average Cost per Square Foot</b>	<b>\$23.03</b>
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## Cost Averages by Category to Date

Zone 0	\$10,114.39
Zone 1	\$3,802.66
Zone 2	\$11,920.36
Defensible Space – Not by Zone	\$7,788.29
<b>Defensible Space Total Average</b>	<b>\$11,799.20</b>
Attachments	\$11,672.11
Accessory Buildings	\$2,517.06
Doors	\$3,190.17
Exterior Coverings	\$15,239.33
Miscellaneous Structures	\$2,593.91
Roof	\$4,448.29
Vents	\$5,002.35
Windows	\$3,309.49
Other Expenses	\$4,730.18
<b>Construction Total Average</b>	<b>\$40,713.79</b>
<b>Grand Total Average</b>	<b>\$43,371.88</b>



**North Coast Opportunities in Lake County:**

FEMA Award: 03/17/2023, Revised Award: 08/15/2023, DR 4482-PJ0514

Total Applications	Applications Pending Submission	Rejected/ Withdrawn	Active Applications
107	17	20	70

**EHP:**

- 1,100 no issue parcels in the project area

**Staffing and Contractors:**

- 32 Contractors on the pre-qualified contractor list
- 18 General contractors
- 14 C-27 landscaping contractors
- 3 Full time home assessors during this time
- A Construction Coordinator has been hired
- Admin employee has been hired

**Assessments and Site Work Progress:**

- Homes in Active Construction: 4
- Continuing focus on cluster hardening
- SOW in Development: 9
- Completed Homes: 25

**Program Documents:**

- Documents development since 2023
- Finalization of the Master Agreement to Procure Contractors
- Finalization of Tri-Party Agreements
- SOW document and alignment with MQS documents

**Project Activities / Misc. Info:**

- NCO is under contract with new SME for EHP phase II – Completed
  - Required due to NCO contracting requirements.
- NCO sends out a monthly newsletter with program updates to interested parties
  - Over 270 recipients
- Broadcasting their second Radio ad to attract more local contractors
  - Run up a month long with up to 40+ 30 second ads about the program
- NCO holding a community meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss home hardening with the public.



**San Diego County Fire Protection District in San Diego County:**

FEMA Award: 08/29/2023: DR 4558-PA0800

Total Applications	Applications Pending Submission	Rejected/ Withdrawn	Active Applications
167	0	95	72

**EHP:**

- Development of the Phase II EHP reports; collaborating with SME's and FEMA to develop a reporting standard to implement throughout other communities.
- Biological Assessment approved for all three project areas, Dulzura, Campo, and Potrero, including the expanded areas.

**Staffing and Contractors:**

- 7 County Prevention Specialists (Will be assisting with assessments), 5 County Building Inspectors for (Permitting purposes), 3 San Diego Fire Personnel (Observers)
- 4 contractors on the pre-qualified list
- 3 General Contractors, 1 Manufactured Home (C-47)
- Quarterly RFQ for more Contractors reopen every, February, May, August, and November
- Contract amendments have been executed so all contractors can work on Manufactured Homes

**Assessments and Site Work Progress:**

- Three homes complete
- Four homes in active construction, one started last week of May, three additional started June 9
- Two homes awarded, signing Tri-Party Agreements
- Three homes out for solicitation

**Program Documents:**

- Finalization of the Tri-Party Agreement, and Master Agreement to Procure contractors.

**Project Activities / Misc. Info:**

- Pending REC for additional no issue properties
- Pending EHP Phase II for Campo Hills Issue Sites
  - 4 have been submitted to FEMA and are under review
  - 5 more to be submitted this month



**Shasta County Fire Safe Council in Shasta County:**

FEMA Award: 08/28/2023, DR 4569-PA0974

Total Applications	Applications Pending Submission	Rejected/ Withdrawn	Active Applications
131	34	24	73

**EHP:**

- 144 total No-Issue parcels in Shasta County project area:
  - 47 in Whitmore, 37 in Lakehead, 60 in Oak Run
  - 15 Issue homes are currently being reviewed by SMEs. Goal is to have reports ready for FEMA review by Oct 1, 2025

**Staffing and Contractors:**

- Current Assessors on staff (or with WSRCD): total of 7
- 24 contractors on the pre-qualified list:
  - 5 General Contractors
  - 19 Defensible Space Contractors
- Hired part-time project assistant to assist with logistics, documents, contracts, SME coordination, etc.
- Signed a contract with outside DSpace project coordinator to assist with overseeing and inspecting DSpace work and to assist with SOWs.

**Assessments and Site Work Progress:**

- Total of 15 DSpace projects have been completed to date, and of those, home hardening has been completed on 4.
- 9 more DSpace projects planned to be contracted in the next 30 days
- Contractors have been selected for Home Hardening on 6 homes. Work on these homes will begin at the end of August.
- 3 No-Issue SOWs in progress
- 5 assessments scheduled for this month, including their first in Lakehead.

**Project Activities / Misc. Info:**

- CWMP, SPU and CAL FIRE teams visited the Project area to view the first homes hardened and various completed D-space projects
- CWMP, SPU and CAL FIRE teams attended SCFSC Board meeting May 22, 2025
- Current focus is on D-space until Biological Assessment is complete



**Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District in Siskiyou County:**

Award: 05/01/2023, State Funds Only, CEQA, Defensible Space Only

Total Applications	Applications Pending Submission	Rejected/ Withdrawn	Active Applications
99	12	6	81

**EHP:**

FEMA EHP not applicable. SVRCD leveraged existing California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance.

**Staffing and Contractors:**

- 10 Contractors on pre-qualified List
- Current Assessor(s) in staff: 3. More to be trained in upcoming Assessor Training Class in mid-Spring.

**Assessments and Site Work Progress:**

- Batch One – 8 Homes – All work Complete
- Batch Two - 7 Homes – All work Complete
- Batch Three – 11 Homes – Work has started
- Batch Four – Prepping to go out for quotes

**Program Documents:**

- Scope of work and Bid Form procedures complete.
- Tri-party Agreement has been finalized.
- SOW and Bid Forms were developed to meet CWMP standards as well as SVRCD existing processes and procedures.
- Contractor Procurement

**Project Activities / Misc. Info:**

- SVRCD goal to complete Defensible Space for approximately 100 parcels. 2-year period of performance.
- Modifying the Salesforce and Assessment App to conduct D-space only assessments.
- Modifying MQS to D-Space only.
- SVRCD has conducted a training for participating contractors to teach the bidding process and explain the MQS.



**Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services:**

FEMA Award: 6/22/2023 DR 4482-PJ00966

Total Applications	Applications Pending Submission	Rejected/ Withdrawn	Active Applications
0	0	0	0

**EHP Phase I:**

- Biological Assessment has been received
- Phase I EHP has been submitted
- SMEs have provided initial reports to the county.
- FEMA is expected to take 3-6 months to complete their review and issue the initial Record of Environmental Consideration
- Phase I extension has been accepted
  - Current Period of Performance is set to expire 2/22/2026.
- Plan to submit Notice of Exemption for CEQA
  - Will be handled by their CEQA Compliance Officer

**Staffing and Contractors:**

- Have secured an office space for the Project Manager near Project Area
- One full time Analyst has been hired
  - Looking to hire one more
- Project Manager has been hired, started July 1, 2025.

**Project Activities / Misc. Info:**

- CAL FIRE attended a Home and Garden show on April 12<sup>th</sup> to provide material about Home Hardening, Defensible Space and the CWMP Project
- CWMP conducted a Project area visit April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Increasing number of calls from homeowners and contractors who are interested in applying for the program
- Plan to train local contractors on home hardening in spring.
- Created flyers for CAL FIRE Defensible Space inspectors to bring into the project area.





**El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience:**

FEMA Award: 6/29/2023, DR 4482-PJ0796

Total Applications	Applications Pending Submission	Rejected/ Withdrawn	Active Applications
0	0	0	0

**EHP Phase I:**

- Phase I Deliverables have been submitted
  - Currently 74 No Issue Properties
- Project Boundary has been finalized and expanded.
  - Includes 7 additional parcels
- SME is same firm as Tuolumne County, should streamline collaboration with FEMA.
- Architectural history and biology results are complete.
- The Phase I work with FEMA for the previous projects (Shasta, Lake, and San Diego) streamlines the FEMA approval process.
  - The new process and lessons learned have assisted to expedite the completion of Phase I

**Staffing and Contractors:**

- Project Lead started July 17, 2024
- RFQ for construction manager has been posted
  - Bid has ended with Seven submissions.
  - Evaluations have been submitted as of March 10, 2025
- Hired two defensible space inspectors who will work as home assessors.

**Project Activities / Misc. Info:**

- Beginning to review sample outreach documents to build additional informational
  - Flyers, brochures and PowerPoint presentations that will be integrated into the Public Outreach Plan.
  - Flyers have been created and have been sent.
- Working with both County of El Dorado and the City of Placerville on the MQS's and determining what will require permits and how we can expedite the permitting process for the project.
  - Adding local ordinance information to the document for both County and City defensible space measures.
- Attended a stakeholder meeting on June 26, 2025, to identify long term, landscape wide wildfire resilience across the entire Weber Creek project area. CWMP, SPU and CAL FIRE were in attendance.



## **AB179 – FY 2022-2023 \$13,000,000**

### **Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) in Siskiyou County**

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Sub application Submitted to FEMA November 21, 2024
  - 25% State Match \$5.7 million (Administration 5%)
  - 75% Federal Match \$17.1 million
  - Total funding: \$22.8 million
  - Community Level Program Impact: 400 to 500 homes

### **Riverside County**

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Sub application Submitted to FEMA November 21, 2024
  - 25% State Match \$6.6 Million (Administration 5%)
  - 75% Federal Match \$19.8 million
  - Total funding: \$26.4 million
  - Community Level Program Impact: 450 to 540 homes

## **Proposition 4**

- \$1.5 billion to be available for wildfire prevention, including reducing community wildfire risk and restoring the health and resilience of forests and landscapes. Of these funds, the bill requires:
- \$135 million be available for a wildfire mitigation grant program: 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.

**SB-946**, Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: exclusions: wildfire mitigation payments (2023-2024). **Applies to California Wildfire Mitigation Program applicants.**