

# Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting



CAL FIRE -

Office of the State Fire Marshal







## Roll Call

### Welcome!

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  - (916) 980-9352 or <u>carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov</u>



## Roll Call / Quorum Established

















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## Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- ▶ November 19, 2024
- ▶ January 27, 2025
- ► February 28, 2025
- ► March 19, 2025
- ► April 15, 2025



## Approval of May 20, 2025 **Meeting Agenda**

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#### WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 1:00 - 3:00 PM



Location: NRHQ Building

715 P Street, Room 2-221 Sacramento, CA 95814

#### Zoom Meeting Information -

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85192423489?pwd=dnZYaUhXVFliUTFmT21nMzJYYVIxQT09

Webinar ID: 851 9242 3489 Passcode: 462073

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Welcome
- B. Roll Call/Quorum Established
- C. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
  - 1) November 19, 2024
  - 2) January 27, 2025
  - February 28, 2025 4) March 19, 2025
  - 5) April 14, 2025
- D. Approval of Agenda May 20, 2025

- A. OSFM Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation Division Report
- B. California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Report

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS

A. DRAFT Charter - Neighborhood Wildfire Mitigation Validation Program Workgroup

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Land Use Planning Workgroup

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Liability Fund, CAL FIRE

#### 6. ROUNDTABLE

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### 8. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2025

- A. Third Tuesday of the month
- B. June 17, 2025, 1:00-3:00pm
- 9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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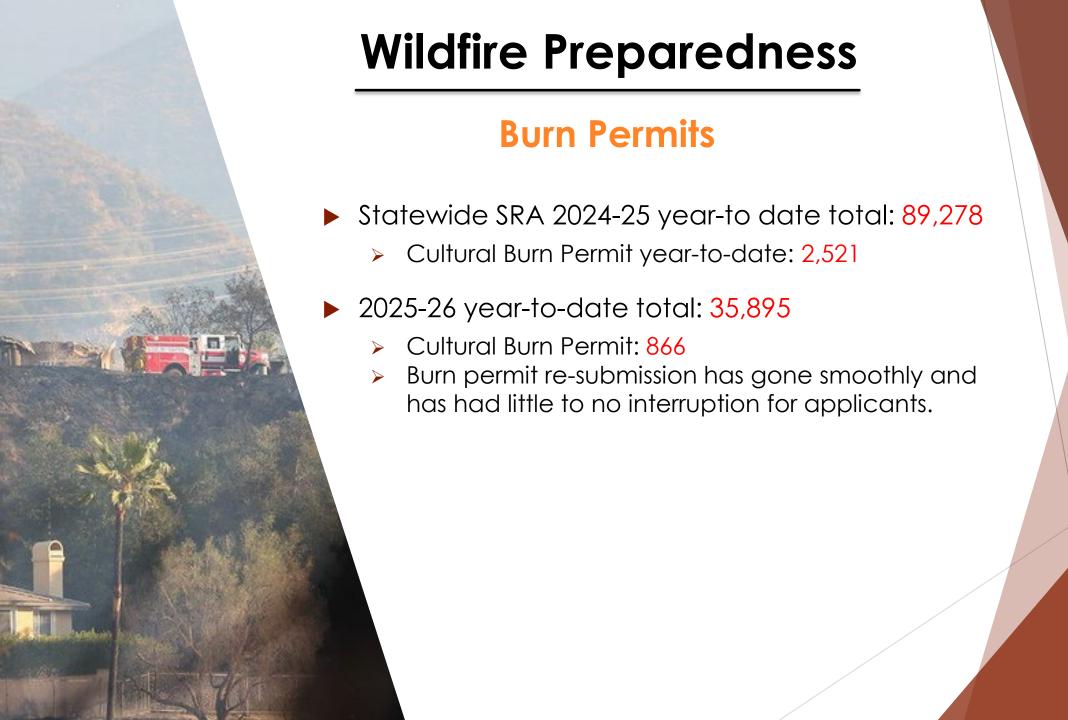


## Wildfire Preparedness

### **Defensible Space**

- Statewide SRA total for fiscal year-to-date 2024-25
  - 226,542 inspections completed, 91% of the 250,000 goal
- Qualified Entity Program training is ongoing with classes being coordinated in the following counties:
  - > Tehama
  - Glenn
  - Santa Clara
- Qualified Entity assessment year-to-date total
  - > 925 assessments







## Wildfire Preparedness

### **Home Hardening**

► Conducted the Home Ignition Zone/Defensible Space Assessor training for the California Wildfire Mitigation Program new community assessors.

▶ Development of the Wildland Urban Interface Fire Safety Building Standards Compliance training is ongoing.

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

 Released the new California Wildfire Mitigation Program assessment application v2.0 and provided training to the assessors.



## Wildfire Preparedness

## **Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program**

- Currently reviewing PG&E, SDG&E and BVES 2026-28 WMP submission.
- ► Training coming up this week for CAL FIRE DSIs in Natomas, and OEIS in Ione on May 22, 2025.
- ► Completed powerline inspection maps for 2025 in MMU, LNU, and AEU Units to inspect compliance with PRC 4292 and 4293.



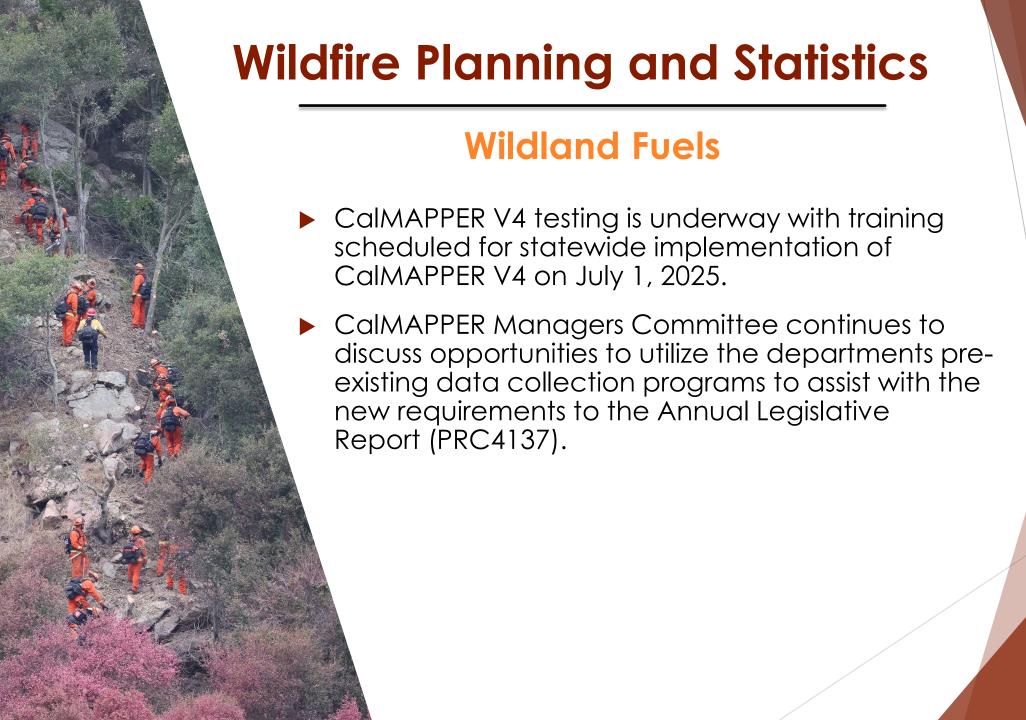
## Wildfire Planning and Statistics

## Fire Prevention Efforts FY 24/25

- ► Fuel Reduction Projects:
  - Projects 685, 137% of the goal
- ► Combined Fuel Reduction:
  - > Acres treated 92,999.4, 93% of the goal
    - Unit Projects 34,929.1 acres
      - Northern Region: 24,508.1 acres
      - Southern Region: 10,420.09 acres
  - Grant Projects: 53,791 acres
  - CFIP Projects: 4,279.4 acres
- Prescribed Fire (also counted in fuel reduction):
  - > 25,501.1 acres treated, 51% of the goal



View the Webmap at Fuels Reduction | CAL FIRE





Wildfire Planning and Statistics

### **Pre-Fire Planning**

► Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reporting (FTER) – currently updating and developing the next iteration of reporting technology. In the testing phase of the utilization of ESRI Field Maps for evaluations of fuel treatments impacted during large fires.

► Vibrant Plant Platform (VPP) – known as Land Tender is working with AEU on integrating priority project areas into the 2025 AEU Fire Plan. The San Digeo Unit (SDU) has initiated a similar process. The CWPM Fire Plan program is providing guidance.

Deadline for Unit Fire Plans submittal to CWPM Fire Plan program is June 13, 2025.





### **CalStats**

► The Statistics program is hosting a series of Webinars for Fire Departments across California about the transition to the National Emergency Responses Information System (NERIS). Two webinars have been completed with success.

The 2024 Redbook process is underway for validation and submission.





## **Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance**

## **Land Use Planning**

Safety Elements for the cities of Los Angeles and Escondido and counties of Orange and San Luis Obispo were submitted for final review to the Board at the May RPC meeting.

Fire Safety Surveys for city of Palm Springs and Sacramento County were presented at the May





# National Fire Protection Association Firewise USA

 Celebrated the 1000<sup>th</sup> community in California earlier this month – Table Mountain Rancheria in Fresno County

> First Tribal Nation to be recognized in California











# Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

# DRAFT Charter – Neighborhood Wildfire Accreditation Advisory Committee

- Vision
  - CAL FIRE led program, fill certification gap between NFPA Firewise USA and IBHS Wildfire Prepared Neighborhood
- Purpose
  - Applicability specific to California
  - Real impacts to local residents
  - Scalable design that fits with proposed legislation
  - Increased data acquisition and analysis
- Authority
  - Derived from WMAC



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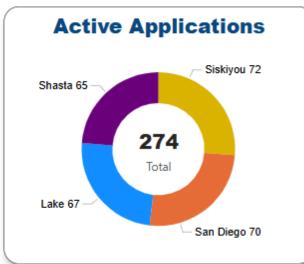
- Membership
  - Chair CAL FIRE LUPP Deputy Chief
  - Additional members TBD
- Responsibilities
  - Collaborative development of program
  - Meet at least monthly
  - Regularly report back to WMAC

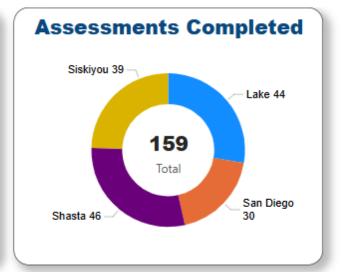


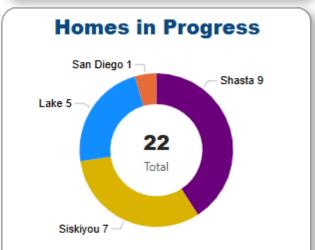




## California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report















# California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report











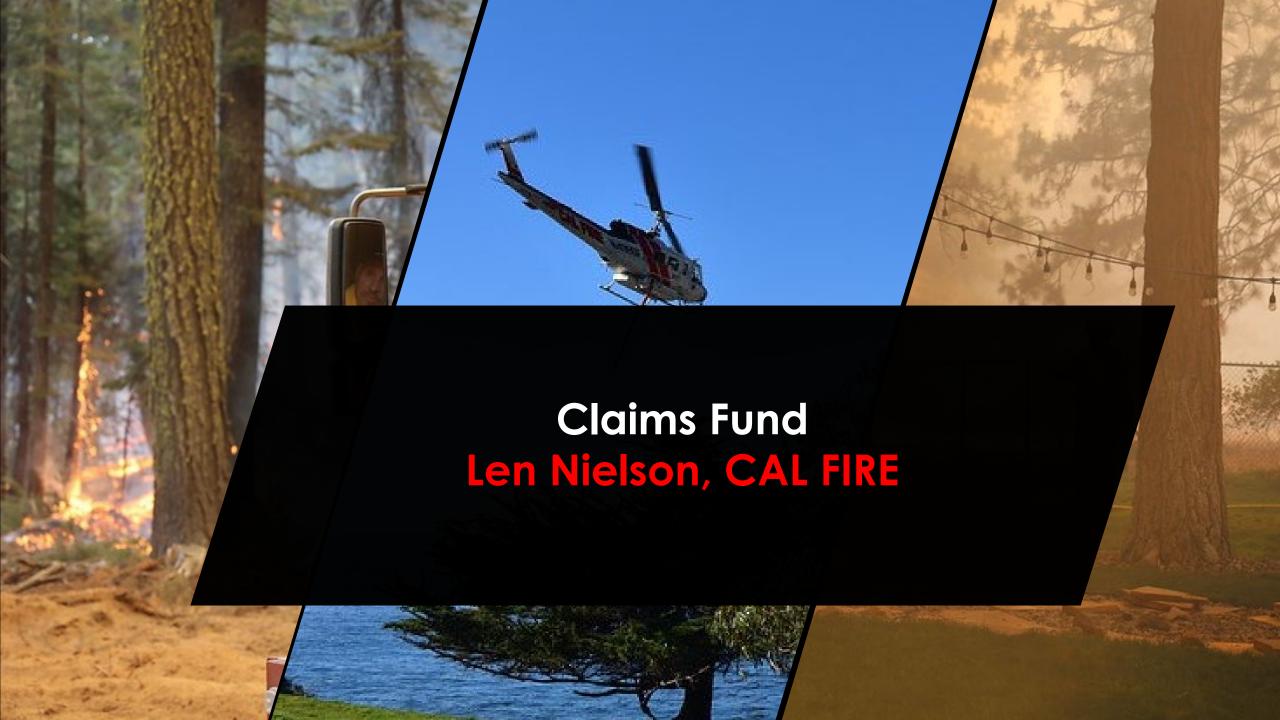
















Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program:

Prescribed Fire Claims Fund

SB 926 (2022)

Senator Dodd

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## Claims Fund legislation



- SB 332
  - Burn Boss
  - Limited liability for the "burn boss" for suppression costs.
  - OFSM to establish the curriculum for Certified Prescribed Fire Burn Boss or "CARX"
- <u>SB 926</u>
  - Dodd. Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program:
     Prescribed Fire Claims Fund

# SB 926 - Collaborative effort as directed by the Bill.

## A big THANK YOU!!!

### Contributions from:

- California Natural Resource Agency, Office of the State Fire Marshall, CAL FIRE, California Prescribed Burn Association, Insurance Commission, Fire Restoration Group, California Cattleman's Association, California Insurance Guarantee Association, Tribal Representation from members of the Indigenous Stewardship Network, Private Landowners, Air Quality, The Nature Conservancy, Santa Barbera County Fire, Mid Klamath Watershed Council, Audubon Canyon Society, Southern Sierra Burn Collaborative.
- FAQ link

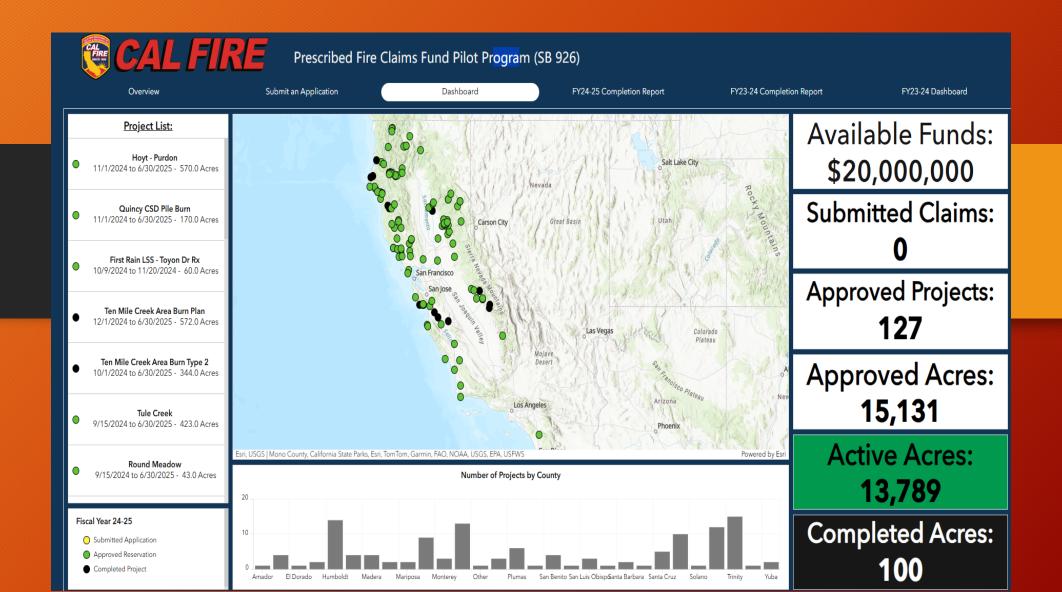
## 926 Liability Claims Fund

- Establishes \$2,000,000 for damage claims is caused from a project that was enrolled and qualified for the program.
- Entice insurance back into the market for practitioners to have liability insurance.
  - Currently two insurance companies are now offering liability insurance for prescribed fire practitioners.
- Gather data on prescribed fire and cultural burning to demonstrate the low number of escapes and damages.
- Intended for use on all lands, public and private. The burn operation shall be conducted or supervised by either a burn boss or a cultural fire practitioner.
- No cost program for Burn Bosses and Cultural Fire Practitioners.
- Associated permits for project must be obtained prior to ignition of the project to be eligible for the fund.

## What do we have completed

- The online application for the Liability Claims Fund is operational- <u>Application | Prescribed Fire Claims Fund - Main Application (arcgis.com)</u>
  - Dash board
  - Application
  - Program overview
- FAQ's -
- Instructions for enrollment.
  - Online application platform
- Claim process
- Contract with California Insurance Guarantee Association CIGA
  - Claims adjustment after claim is validated through CAL FIRE.
- Email address- <u>liabilityclaimsfund@fire.ca.gov</u>

# Questions?





## Roundtable / Public Comment

- Roundtable
- ▶ Public Comment





# Next Meeting Information

June 17, 2025 1:00 – 3:00pm CNRA Building Room 2-221

#### **Presentation:**

- Outcomes From Phase I of the County Coordinator Program - Jacy Hyde, California Fire Safe Council
- Rebuild Paradise Jen Goodlin, Rebuild Paradise





## Meeting Adjournment

- Copies of the written materials have been posted on the Office of the State Fire Marshal web site at https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/
- For information concerning the Advisory Committee Meeting, please contact Carrie Lewis at (916) 980-9352 or <a href="mailto:ca.gov">carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov</a>.
- NOTE: Items designated for information are appropriate for committee action if the committee chooses to act. The agenda order is tentative and subject to change. Agenda items may be taken out of order to facilitate the effective transaction of business. The Committee may not discuss or act on any matter raised during the public forum period, except to decide whether to place the matter on the notice and agenda of a future committee meeting.

