



Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting

January 27, 2025

CAL FIRE –

Office of the State Fire Marshal



Roll Call

Welcome!

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 - (916) 980-9352 or carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov



Roll Call / Quorum Established



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Anale Burlew



Brian Newman
Lindsay



Caroline Thomas
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Staci Heaton



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Sean McGlynn



Catherine Freeman



Don Hankins



Lisa Lien-Hagar

Approval of November 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Posted: TBD



Committee Members Present
Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Brian Newman Lindsay, Department of Conservation
Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
J. Lopez, State Board of Forestry & Fire Protection
Robert Troy, California Office of Emergency Services
Michael McGuire, State Planning & Research
Jacy Hyde, California Fire Safe Council (virtual)
Steve Hawks, Insurance Industry
Christopher Ochoa, Building Industry
Clay Kerchof, Department of Housing and Community Development (virtual)
Staci Heaton, Rural County Representatives of California
Sean McGlynn, League of California Cities
Lisa Lien-Mager, California Natural Resources Agency
Sophia Lemmo, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (virtual)

Members Absent
Anale Burlew, CAL FIRE
Yana Valachovic, California Fire Science Consortium
Lanya Quinn-Davidson, University of California Cooperative
Deborah Halberstadt, Insurance Commissioner's Office
Dave Winnacker, Local Fire Service Representative (Virtual)
Catherine Freeman, California State Association of Counties
Don Hankins, Tribal Government Representative (virtual)

CAL FIRE Staff in Attendance
Frank Bigelow, Deputy Director
Andrew Henning, Assistant Deputy Director
John Morgan, Staff Chief
Matt Damon, Staff Chief
Shane Vargas, Deputy Chief
Jim McDougald, Assistant Deputy Director
Emily Smith, Staff Chief
Jamie Sammut, Senior Staff Counsel
Madison Nicholas, Staff Services Analyst
Carrie Lewis, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Julianna Contreras, Staff Services Analyst (Virtual)
Jillian Fisher, Staff Services Manager I

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Approval of January 27, 2024 Meeting Agenda

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Agenda – Monday, January 27, 2025, 1:00 – 3:00 PM



Location: NRHQ Building
715 P Street
Room 2-302 (A/B)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Zoom Meeting Information –
Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85192423489?pwd=dnZyaUhxVFllUTFmT21nMzJYYVlxQT09>
Passcode: 462073
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Welcome
 - B. Roll Call/Quorum Established
 - C. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2024
 - D. Approval of Agenda – January 27, 2025
- 2. UPDATES**
 - A. Division Report
 - B. California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Report
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Land Use Planning Workgroup
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Wildfire Prepared Neighborhood – A Mitigation Standard for Neighborhood Scale Wildfire Resilience, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS)
- 5. ROUNDTABLE**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 7. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2025**
 - A. Third Tuesday of the month
 - B. February 18, 2025, 1:00-3:00pm
- 8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

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Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Division Report



Wildfire Preparedness

Defensible Space

- ▶ Statewide SRA Total for fiscal Year-to-Date 2024-2025
 - 154,928 inspections completed, 62% of the 250,000 goal
- ▶ Qualified Entity Program training is ongoing with upcoming classes in:
 - Butte, Mendicino, and San Diego Counties
 - Qualified Entity assessment Year-to-Date total
 - 252 assessments



Wildfire Preparedness

Burn Permits

- ▶ Year to Date – CAL FIRE issued 5,232 permits
- ▶ Since 05/01/2023 CAL FIRE has issued 148,765
- ▶ GIS has been updating the app to make the application process easier and faster for those that don't live in SRA areas
- ▶ Enabled the ability to enter multiple APN numbers on one permit
- ▶ When a permit is cancelled, the emails are more detailed for the permittee



Wildfire Preparedness

Home Hardening

- ▶ CAL FIRE staff continue to support the California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) with technical assistance on recommended retrofits. Version 2.0 of the program's Minimum Quality Standards was released to pilot communities in December.
- ▶ Home hardening and defensible space work are ongoing in Lake, San Diego, and Shasta Counties, and are on hold due to weather in Siskiyou County.
- ▶ CAL FIRE staff have begun developing the assessment application report which is the final step to rollout version 2.0 of the CWMP assessment app. The anticipated launch date for the new app is March 1st.



Wildfire Preparedness

Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program

- ▶ Concluded PSPS events over the weekend in Southern California with SCE, PG&E and SDG&E. Height of the event potentially effecting 400,000 customers. There were 33 PPS events in 2024 and we have had activated PPS's since the 1st of January.
- ▶ Working with OEIS on finalizing list for Independent Evaluators (IE) for Utility's to choose an IE to review their Wildfire Mitigation Plans. 5 out of the 6 applicants qualified for the list.
- ▶ Getting ready for WMP review to start with new 3yr plans being submitted in February.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Fire Prevention Efforts FY 24/25

- ▶ Fuel Reduction Projects:
 - Projects 469, **93.8%** of the goal
- ▶ Combined Fuel Reduction:
 - Acres treated 49,627, **49.6%** of the goal
 - Unit Projects – **28,427.3** acres
 - Northern Region: **18,745.3** acres
 - Southern Region: **9,682** acres
 - Grant Projects: **18,887.1** acres
 - CFIP Projects: **2,312.5** acres
- ▶ Prescribed Fire (also counted in fuel reduction):
 - **24,224.2** acres treated, **48.4%** of the goal

View the Webmap at [Fuels Reduction | CAL FIRE](#)



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Wildland Fuels

- ▶ Continue to work on the CalMAPPER V4 implementation plan set for release in July 2025.
- ▶ With the start of the new year, staff are working with CAL FIRE Units and Regions on the quarterly QA/QC.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Pre-Fire Planning

- ▶ CWPP Tool Kit webinar is scheduled for *Tuesday, February 18, 2025*. An outreach campaign has started including a press release and social media posts on OSFM platforms highlighting the CWPP Toolkit.
- ▶ 5 Year SRA Review (Level 5) was presented to the Board of Forestry on January 22, 2025.
- ▶ Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reporting (FTER) continues to be successful with collection on the Eaton and Palisades Fires.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

CalStats

- ▶ Collaborating with Image Trend to ensure continuity in incident reporting following successful integration of ePCR with CALFIRS in October 2024.
- ▶ Staff attended the first State Fire Marshal NERIS Training at the National Fire Academy.
- ▶ CAL FIRE has been approved as one of 165 departments nationwide to serve as Early Adopters for NERIS.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Land Use Planning

- ▶ Safety Element Assessments
 - Two (2) Safety Elements were presented to RPC at the January meeting. Cities of:
 - Red Bluff
 - Glendale



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

National Fire Protection Association Firewise USA

- ▶ Announcement of the 1000th community in good standing will come soon!
 - Firewise renewals took place the first week of December
 - Team processed over 800 renewals



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Subdivision Review

- ▶ Recently completed 4 Fire Safety Surveys in City of Palm Springs and were accepted at the January RPC meeting.
- ▶ Staff are engaged with several jurisdictions statewide.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Land Use Planning for Wildfires Course

- ▶ Scheduled four class dates in February 2025
 - 2/11/2025 – Chino
 - ~~2/13/2025 – Newbury Park (Ventura Co.)~~
 - Rescheduled TBD
 - 2/25/2025 – Santa Rosa
 - 2/27/2025 – Chico
- ▶ Planning in progress for additional dates in 2025 and into 2026.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

CWMA Statewide Clearinghouse Data Center

- ▶ Hosts a wide array of documents, research articles, best practices, and other critical resources.
- ▶ Each submission has undergone thorough review to ensure its relevance and value to wildfire preparedness, mitigation, and risk reduction.
- ▶ <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/Community-Wildfire-Preparedness-and-Mitigation/Clearinghouse-Data-Center>



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

- ▶ FY 2023-24 Wildfire Prevention Grants Award Notification on August 20, 2024
 - 94 Awards totaling just over \$90 million
 - Info is posted on the Wildfire Prevention Grants Website, and the CA State Library Grants Portal.

Use the QR code below to visit the Grants Website!

www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/wildfire-prevention-grants





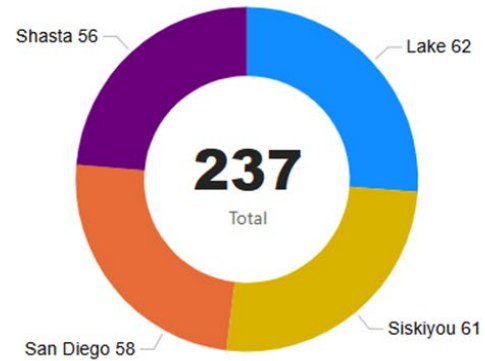
California Wildfire Mitigation Program Update

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California Wildfire Mitigation Program Update



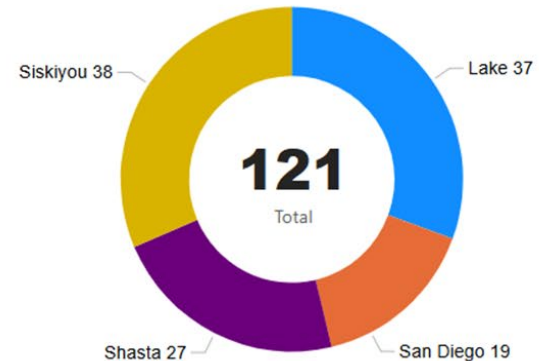
Active Applications



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Homes in Progress

Assessments Completed



14

Homes Completed





Old Business: Land Use Planning Workgroup





**Wildfire Prepared Neighborhood – A
Mitigation Standard for Neighborhood
Scale Wildfire Resilience**

IBHS

Roundtable / Public Comment

- ▶ Roundtable
- ▶ Public Comment



Next Meeting Information

February 18, 2025

1:00 – 3:00pm

CNRA Building, 715 P Street

2nd Floor Conference Room 2-221 (A-C)

Sacramento, CA 95814

Presentations:

- CWMA Clearinghouse
- Vegetation and Fuels Treatment in the Watercourse and Lake Protection Zones



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 carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov.
- ▶ 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.

