



## Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting

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**January 20, 2026**  
**CAL FIRE –**  
**Office of the State Fire Marshal**



A dramatic photograph of a firefighter in silhouette, facing a large, intense fire. The firefighter is wearing a helmet and a jacket. The fire in the background is bright orange and yellow, casting a glow on the surrounding area. The firefighter appears to be holding a hose or equipment. The overall atmosphere is one of danger and intensity.

# Roll Call

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## Welcome!

- ▶ If you have technical difficulties during this meeting, please contact:
  - ▶ Carrie Lewis, (916) 980-9352 or [carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov](mailto:carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov)



# Roll Call / Quorum Established



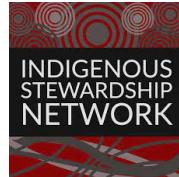
Daniel Berlant



Anale Burlew



Deborah Halberstadt



Don Hankins



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA



Staci Heaton



Clay Kerchof



RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



Lisa Lien-Mager



J Lopez



Michael Maguire



Sean McGlynn



Brian Newman  
Lindsay



UC  
CE University  
of California  
Cooperative  
Extension



OFFICE OF ENERGY  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
SAFETY



Roy Wright



Yana Valachovic



Bill Villarino



Nancy Ward



Jordan Wells



Dave Winnacker

Caroline Thomas  
Jacobs

# Approval of November 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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**WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, November 18, 2025*



**Committee Members Present**

Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Anale Burlew, CAL FIRE  
Ken DaRosa, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety  
J. Lopez, State Board of Forestry & Fire Protection  
Robert Troy, Office of Emergency Services  
Deborah Halberstadt, Insurance Commissioner's Office (virtual)  
Michael McGuire, Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation  
Jacy Hyde, California Fire Safe Council  
Steve Hawks, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety  
Lenya Quinn-Davidson, University of California Cooperative (virtual)  
Clay Kerchof, Department of Housing & Community Development  
Staci Heaton, Rural County Representatives of California  
Sean McGlynn, League of California Cities  
Jordan Wells, California State Association of Counties  
Don Hanks, Tribal Government Representative (virtual)  
Lisa Lien-Mager, California Natural Resources Agency

**Members Absent**

Brian Newman Lindsay, Department of Conservation  
Bill Villarino, California Fire Chiefs Association  
Chris Ochoa, California Building Industry Association  
Yana Valachovic, California Fire Science Consortium  
Sophia Lemmo, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

**CAL FIRE Staff in Attendance**

Vickie Sakamoto, Assistant State Fire Marshal  
Frank Bigelow, Deputy Director  
Christine McMorrow, Deputy Director  
Jim McDougald, Assistant Deputy Director  
Andrew Henning, Assistant Deputy Director (virtual)  
Jeff Hakala, Division Chief  
John Morgan, Division Chief  
Emily Smith, Staff Chief  
Chris Ramey, Deputy Chief  
Randy Northup, Assistant Chief  
Jamie Sammut, Senior Staff Counsel  
Spencer Mallinger, Battalion Chief  
Kyle O'Neil, Battalion Chief (virtual)  
Jennifer Renner, Battalion Chief (virtual)  
Kara Garrett, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (virtual)  
Mark Rosenberg, Research Data Manager (virtual)  
Jillian Fisher, Staff Services Manager I  
Carrie Lewis, Associate Governmental Program Analyst  
Justine Grafton, Associate Governmental Program Analyst (virtual)  
Danh Dao, Staff Services Analyst

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# Approval of January 20, 2026 Meeting Agenda

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**WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, January 20, 2025, 1:00 – 3:00 PM*



**Locations:**  
NRHQ Building  
715 P Street, Room 2-221  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Zoom Meeting Information –**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85192423489?pwd=dnZYaUhXVFliUTFmT21nMzJYYVlxQT09>  
Webinar ID: 851 9242 3489  
Passcode: 462073

**1. CALL TO ORDER**  
A. Welcome  
B. Roll Call/Quorum Established  
C. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025  
D. Approval of Agenda – January 20, 2025

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

**3. MEMBER ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW**  
A. Melissa Sparks-Kranz, League of California Cities

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**5. OLD BUSINESS**  
A. Neighborhood Wildfire Mitigation Validation Program Workgroup  
B. Land Use Planning Workgroup  
C. Wildfire Related Legislation

**6. PRESENTATIONS**  
A. Fire Risk to Structures and Effectiveness of Mitigation in California's Wildland Urban Interface – Dr. Michael Gollner, University of California, Berkeley; Chair, Research Advisory Board of the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA)  
B. Enhanced Resilience Sites, A Public/Private Initiative to Improve Wildfire Containment and Insurance Outcomes – Joe Nordlinger, Napa Firewise

**7. ROUNDTABLE**

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# Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Division Report





# Wildfire Preparedness

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## Defensible Space

- ▶ Statewide SRA total for fiscal year-to-date 2025-26:
  - 165,394 inspections, 66% of the goal (250,000)
- ▶ Qualified Entity Assessment year-to-date total for 2025:
  - 1,868 assessments
- ▶ Schedule of Qualified Entity classes
  - January 24–25 Tuolumne County
  - February 9–10 Butte County
  - February 24–25 San Diego County





# Wildfire Preparedness

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## Burn Permits

- ▶ 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total: 40,663
  - ▶ Cultural burn permits: 705
  - ▶ 2025 year-to-date: 90,009; Cultural Burn: 2,150
- ▶ Executive Order N35-25 has been added to application. Fire Boss and Cultural Burners are approved to commence burning.
- ▶ General updates are being applied to application for both property owners and units.
- ▶ Continued conversations with local air districts to add their permits to our application process. Monterey Bay (MBARD) are in discussions now.





# Wildfire Preparedness

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## Home Hardening

- ▶ Reviewed the home hardening assessment report and provided technical recommendations for defensible space and home hardening retrofits.
- ▶ Creating a 2025 California Wildland Urban Interface Code, Title 24, Part 7, training for CWMP subrecipient communities.
- ▶ Updated CAL FIRE and CWMP documents and websites from Chapter 7A to the new CWUI, Title 24, Part 7 language.



# Wildfire Preparedness

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## Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program

- ▶ Completing review of Liberty and PacifiCorp's WMPs.
- ▶ 21 PSPS events in 2025, average amount, but days of duration were above normal.
- ▶ 472 reported Utility Ignitions in 2025. SRA - 115, LRA - 346, FRA - 11. Below average in SRA and average in LRA.



# Wildfire Planning and Statistics

## Fire Prevention Efforts FY 25/26

- ▶ Fuel reduction projects:
  - Projects **497**, **99.4%** of the goal
- ▶ Combined fuel reduction:
  - Acres treated **36,344.8**, **36.3%** of the goal
    - Unit projects – **21,151.2** acres
      - Northern region: **15,455.8** acres
      - Southern region: **5,695.4** acres
    - Grant projects: **12,772** acres
    - CFIP projects: **2,421.6** acres
  - ▶ Prescribed fire (also counted in fuel reduction):
    - **12,926** acres treated, **25.9%** of the goal

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



# Wildfire Planning and Statistics

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## Wildland Fuels

- ▶ CalAMPPER core group continues to meet with various programs on how data would be collected in CalMAPPER V4.
- ▶ CalMAPPER V4 development and training underway with training to be held in Spring 2026.





# Wildfire Planning and Statistics

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## Pre Fire Planning

- ▶ 49 positive Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reports (FTER) for 2025.
- ▶ Vibrant Planet Platform (VPP) successfully kicked off in SLU last month.
- ▶ PFE monthly training to include a presentation from the California Fire Safe Council focusing on the Statewide County Coordinators Program and to improve coordination with unit/contract counties PFEs.
- ▶ CWPM Awareness Course for Units' Community Risk Reduction Positions held last week.





# Wildfire Planning and Statistics

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## CalStats

- ▶ At midnight on January 1, the Department officially transitioned to NERIS and has begun to use the new data schemas.
- ▶ All large fire reports for 2025 have been completed and audited for accuracy. Communications has the finalized list that will be available on the CAL FIRE website.



# Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

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## Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance Program (CWMAP) (formerly Land Use Planning)

- ▶ Program staff have been reorganized in Sacramento.
- ▶ Safety Elements on the January RPC agenda on Tuesday for the cities of Mission Viejo, Poway, Mill Valley, and the counties of Los Angeles and Alameda.
- ▶ Fire Safety Surveys for the cities of Canyon Lake and Carlsbad.





# Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

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## Intro to Land Use Planning for Wildfire

- ▶ Sign up now for classes this Spring!
  - Upcoming classes
    - Feb. 24 – Thousand Oaks
    - Feb. 26 – Lake Forest
    - Mar. 10 – Concord
    - Mar. 12 – Ukiah
    - May 12 – Tahoe City
    - May 14 – Chico
- ▶ Sign-ups and more information on Land Use Planning website and at [communitywildfire.org](https://communitywildfire.org/land-use-planning-for-wildfires-trainings-california/)
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# Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

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## National Fire Protection Association Firewise USA

- ▶ Approximately 1500 Communities in good standing
  - Staff reviewed nearly 1100 renewal applications last month.
  - NFPA is working on “rolling over” their online portal, an exact count of communities will be available soon.
  - We are quickly approaching the 1500 mark.





# Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

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## CWMA Statewide Clearinghouse Data Center

- ▶ Adding new information all the time!
- ▶ <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/Community-Wildfire-Preparedness-and-Mitigation/Clearinghouse-Data-Center>



# Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

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## Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

- ▶ Awards were announced on December 12
  - Over **\$62.7 million** in funding for **84** local wildfire prevention projects across the State, including 41 projects in low-income and disadvantaged communities.
  - Staff is working with awardees to get grant agreements signed.

Use the QR code below to visit the Grants Website!

[www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/wildfire-prevention-grants](http://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/wildfire-prevention-grants)





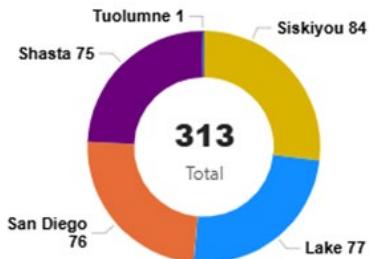
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J. Lopez

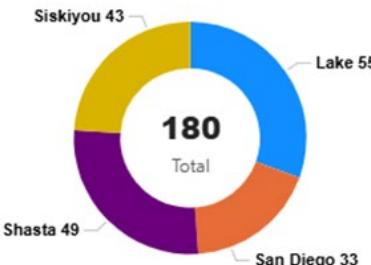


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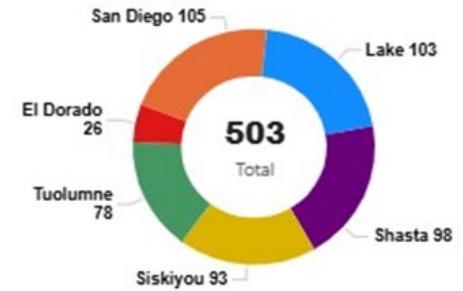
## Active Applications



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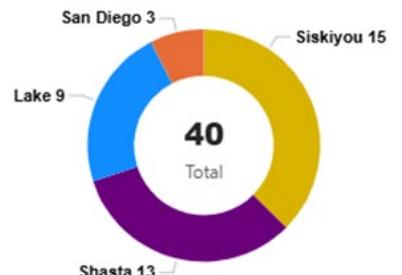
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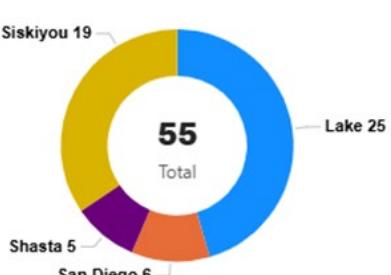
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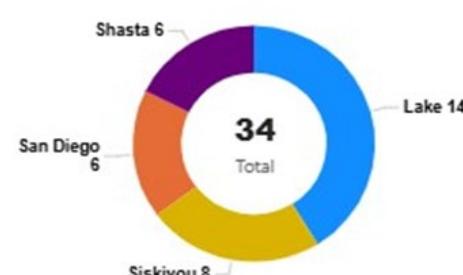
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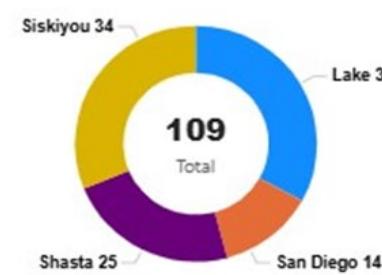
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## Homes in Progress



## Homes Completed



August 19, 2025

December 31, 2025





# California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report

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## Total Homes Completed by Year

| 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
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| 11   | 98   | --   |





# Member Organization Overview

## League of California Cities

**Melissa Sparks-Kranze**





# New Business

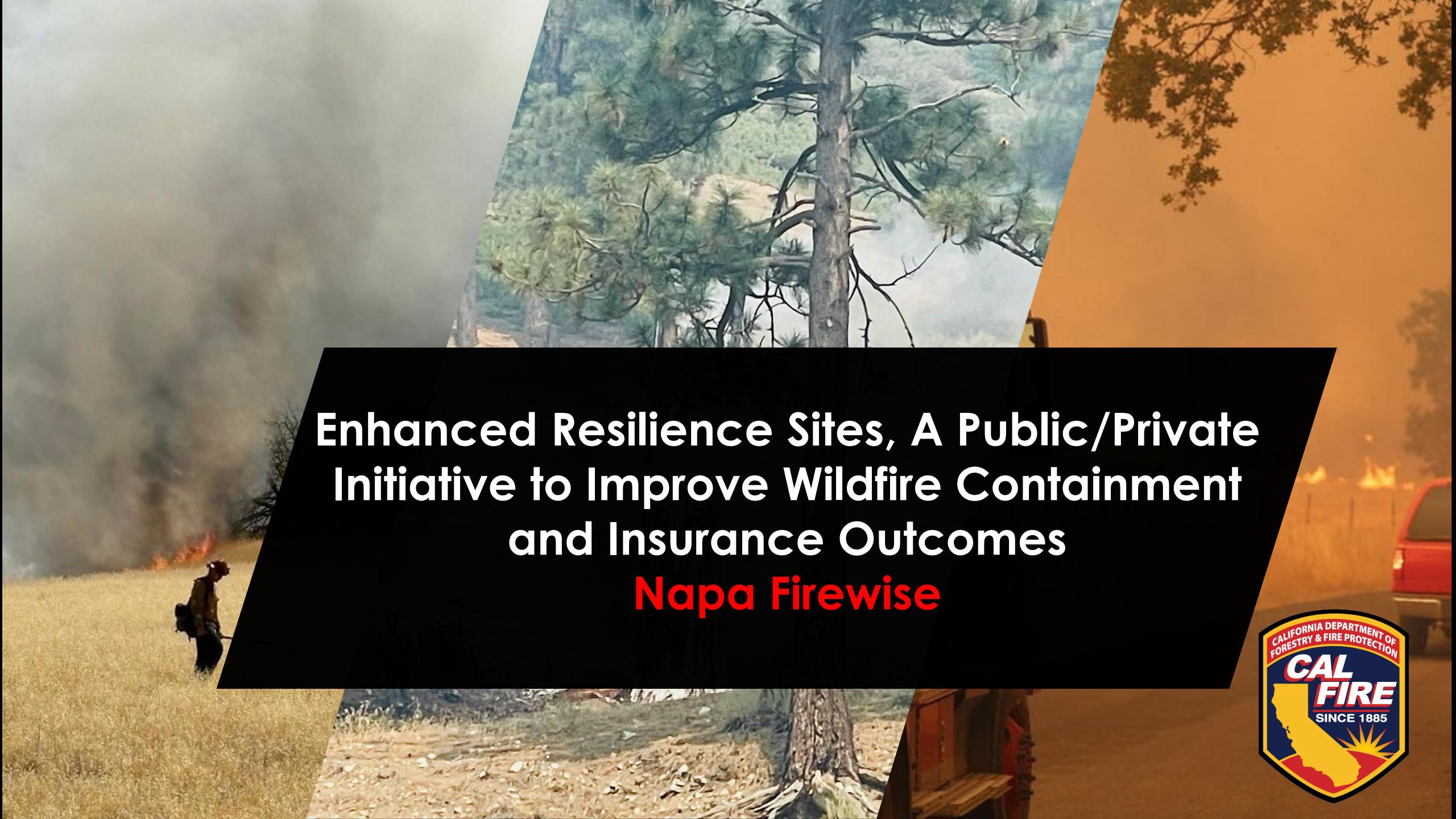




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# Enhanced Resilience Sites, A Public/Private Initiative to Improve Wildfire Containment and Insurance Outcomes

## Napa Firewise





# Fire Risk to Structures & Effectiveness of Mitigation in California's Wildland Urban Interface

**University of California Berkeley**





# Roundtable / Public Comment

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- ▶ Public Comment





# Next Meeting Information

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February 17, 2026  
1:00 – 3:00pm  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814





# Meeting Adjournment

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- ▶ 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](mailto: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.

