



Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting

October 20, 2026

CAL FIRE –

Office of the State Fire Marshal



Roll Call

Welcome!

- ▶ If you have technical difficulties during this meeting, please text:
 - Carrie Lewis – (916) 980-9352



Roll Call / Quorum Established



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Jordan Wells

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- ▶ July 21, 2026
- ▶ August 18, 2026
- ▶ September 15, 2026



Approval of October 20, 2026 Meeting Agenda



WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING *Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 1:00 – 3:00 PM*

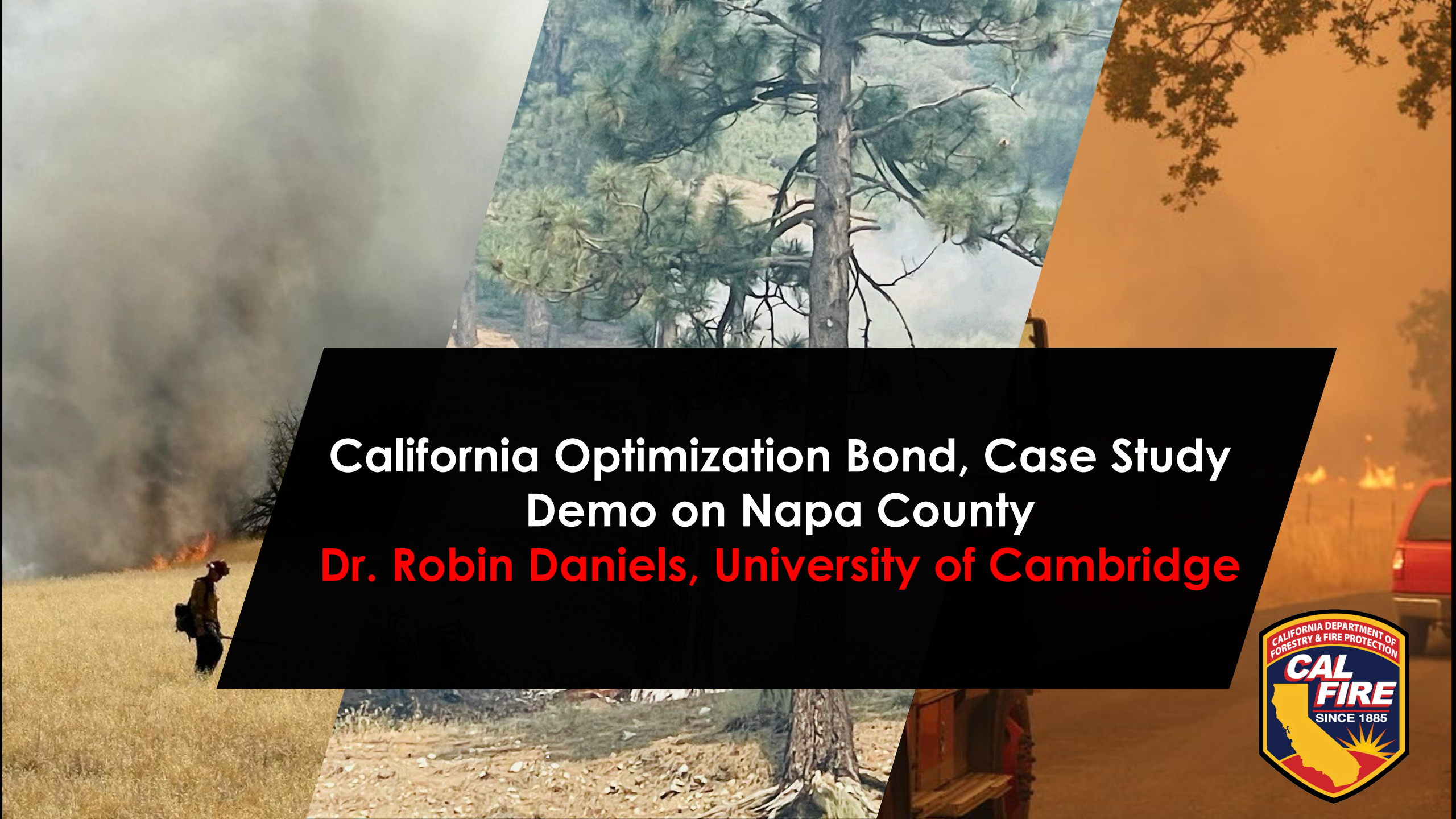


Location:
Natural Resources Headquarters Building
Rooms 2-221 A-C
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA

Zoom Meeting Information:
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Welcome
 - B. Roll Call/Quorum Established
 - C. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
 - July 21, 2026
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 - September 15, 2026
 - D. Approval of Agenda – October 20, 2026
2. **PRESENTATION**
 - A. California Optimization Bond, Case Study Demo on Napa County – Dr. Robin Daniels, University of Cambridge
3. **UPDATES**
 - A. OSFM Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation Division Report
 - B. California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Report
4. **ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW**
 - A. The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts – Sophia Lemmo
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Neighborhood Wildfire Mitigation Validation Program Workgroup
 - B. Land Use Planning Workgroup
7. **PRESENTATION**
 - A. California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA), The Work They Do & Their Role – Dana Moore, CUEA
8. **ROUNDTABLE**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
10. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2026**
 - A. Third Tuesday of the month
 - B. November 17, 2026, 1:00-3:00pm
11. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**





California Optimization Bond, Case Study Demo on Napa County

Dr. Robin Daniels, University of Cambridge





Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Division Report

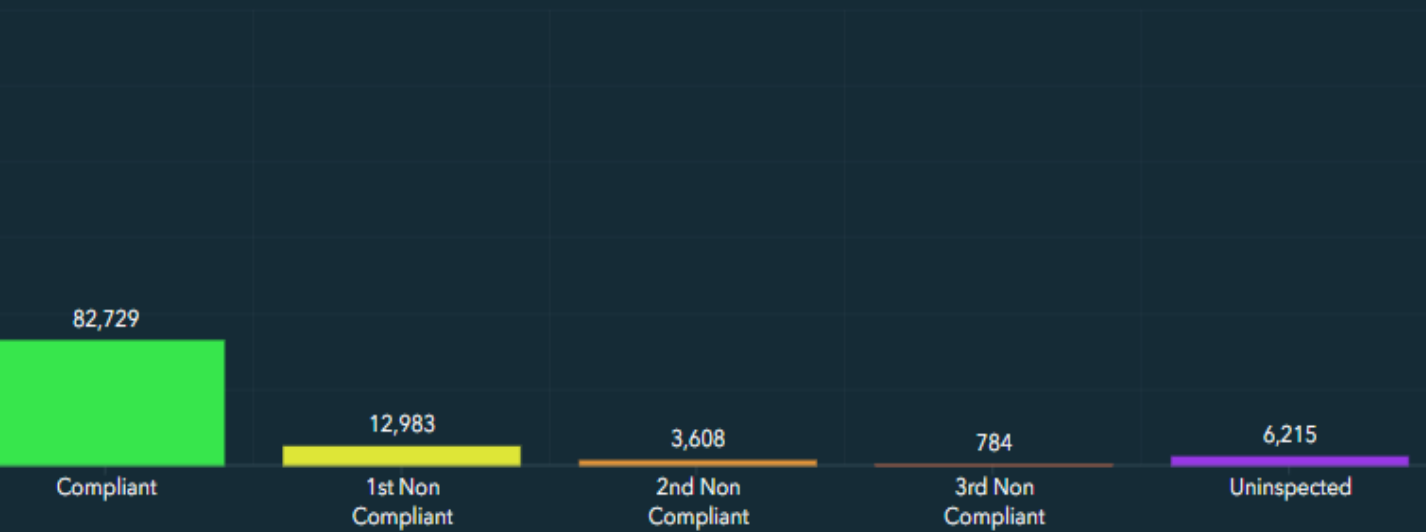


Wildfire Preparedness

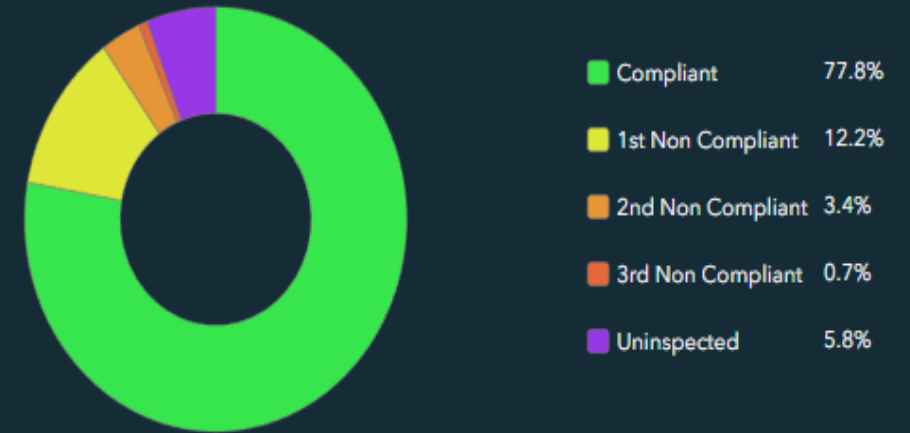
Defensible Space

- Statewide SRA total – 106,319 inspections

Inspection Status



Inspection Status





Wildfire Preparedness

Defensible Space

- ▶ Qualified Entities Training scheduled classes
 - Sonoma, November 5-6
 - Inyo, November 9-10
 - Alameda, December 8-9
 - Santa Clara, December 10-11
- ▶ Delivered class in San Bernardino County
 - 25 Students from fire safe councils, Firewise USA communities, resource conservation districts, local fire protection districts and fire departments, and local conservation districts.



Wildfire Preparedness

Home Hardening

- ▶ Assisting with BCPs for CA legislative bills that support wildfire mitigation.
- ▶ Coordinating with CalOES to finalize program details for Prop 4 Home Hardening Grant Program.
- ▶ Two CALBO trainings in October on WUI Part 7.
- ▶ Providing CWMP with technical recommendations for home hardening retrofits.



Wildfire Preparedness

Burn Permits

Total Applications Submitted

353,729



Total Applications Approved

334,080

Cultural Burning

Applications Submitted

8,430



Applications Approved

7,602

Acreage & Tonnage

Total Acres Approved

1,319,613



Total Tons Approved

91,535



Wildfire Preparedness

Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program

- ▶ Public Safety Power Shutoffs continue to be initiated by utilities due to current weather patterns.
- ▶ Finishing Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) guideline updates with Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety for next year's WMP submissions.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Wildland Fuels Reporting

Fire Prevention Efforts FY 26/27

- ▶ Fuel reduction projects:
 - Projects: 191, or 38.2% of the goal
- ▶ Combined fuel reduction:
 - Acres treated: 8,115.8, or 8.1% of the goal
 - Unit projects: 7,621.5 acres
 - Northern region: 4,761 acres
 - Southern region: 2,860.5 acres
 - Grant projects: 429.8 acres
 - CFIP projects: 64.5 acres
- ▶ Prescribed fire (also counted in fuel reduction):
 - 5,694.7 acres treated, or 11.4 % of the goal

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



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Pre-Fire Planning

- ▶ Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reports (FTE): Since 2024, 170 positive impacts have been documented. For 2026, we have recorded 41 positive impacts, with additional reports pending approval.
- ▶ Vibrant Planet Platform (VPP): Statewide deployment remains on schedule. Phase 1 and 2 training is complete for 15 units and 3 contract counties. Final Phase 3 training is now underway for the remaining 6 units and 3 contract counties.
- ▶ Annual DPA review kicked off October 1 which is the deadline for all units and contract counties to submit recommended DPA changes.
- ▶ Fire Plan is hosting the 2nd Annual Fundamentals of the Fire Plan Program Workshop in Natomas, November 2-6. This workshop is designed for newer Fire Plan staff from the units and contract counties who have less than 18 months of experience.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

CalStats

- ▶ NERIS secondary schemas are expected to become available in CAL FIRE's First Due system this week, enabling personnel to complete the remaining fire reporting fields for 2026 incidents.
- ▶ CalStats is working with contract counties to review and validate 2026 SRA wildland fire activity using the new Contract County Wildfire Dashboard.
- ▶ CalStats is providing historical fire incident data to support law enforcement's project with USC, using AI and ALERTCalifornia camera imagery to identify probable wildfire ignition areas and validate the approach.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Intro to Land Use Planning for Wildfire

- ▶ These are free, all-day, in-person trainings that are open to land use planners, fire marshals, fire chiefs, fire mitigation specialists, building officials, and other professionals from government agencies and the private sector who engage in planning, policy development review and/or approval activities in California.
 - October 27 – Chino Hills
 - October 29 – Escondido

For more details and to sign up, visit:
<https://communitywildfire.org/land-use-planning-for-wildfires-trainings-california/>



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

National Fire Protection Association Firewise USA

- ▶ Currently 1,792 communities in good standing
 - More applications in the queue.
 - The renewal process has begun and will continue through to the first part of the new year.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

- ▶ Fiscal Year 2025-26 grant solicitation
 - **\$70 million** in grant funding for community-focused wildfire prevention and resilience projects.
 - Funding via Proposition 4 California Climate Bond.
 - Eligible projects include: hazardous fuel reduction, wildfire education, and planning.
 - Local unit and region review has been completed, Sacramento level review is underway.

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 (CWMP) Report

J. Lopez



California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report

Sites Assessed

478

Total

Sites In Progress

38

Total

Sites Completed

193

Total

As of October 15, 2026

Figures above reported by Local Program Partners



California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report

- ▶ California Department of Insurance
 - **Safer From Wildfire benefits to CWMP program participants**
- ▶ Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety
 - **Wildfire Prepared Home designation to CWMP program participants**



California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION


**WILDFIRE
PREPARED**
HOME

THIS DESIGNATES THAT THE RESIDENCE OF

LOCATED AT

HAS BEEN AWARDED A
Wildfire Prepared Home™ Base
on 04/12/2024

DESIGNATION ID: EXPIRATION: 04/11/2027



VALIDATION QR CODE
Follow this link to verify the
designation details and current standing

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California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report

FEMA Period of Performance Extensions Expirations

- ▶ Shasta County Fire Safe Council – August 28, 2026
- ▶ North Coast Opportunities:
 - Lake County – February 1, 2027
 - Tuolumne County – February 1, 2027
 - El Dorado County – February 1, 2027
- San Diego County Fire Protection District – July 11, 2027





Organization Overview

California Fire Science Consortium

Yana Valachovic

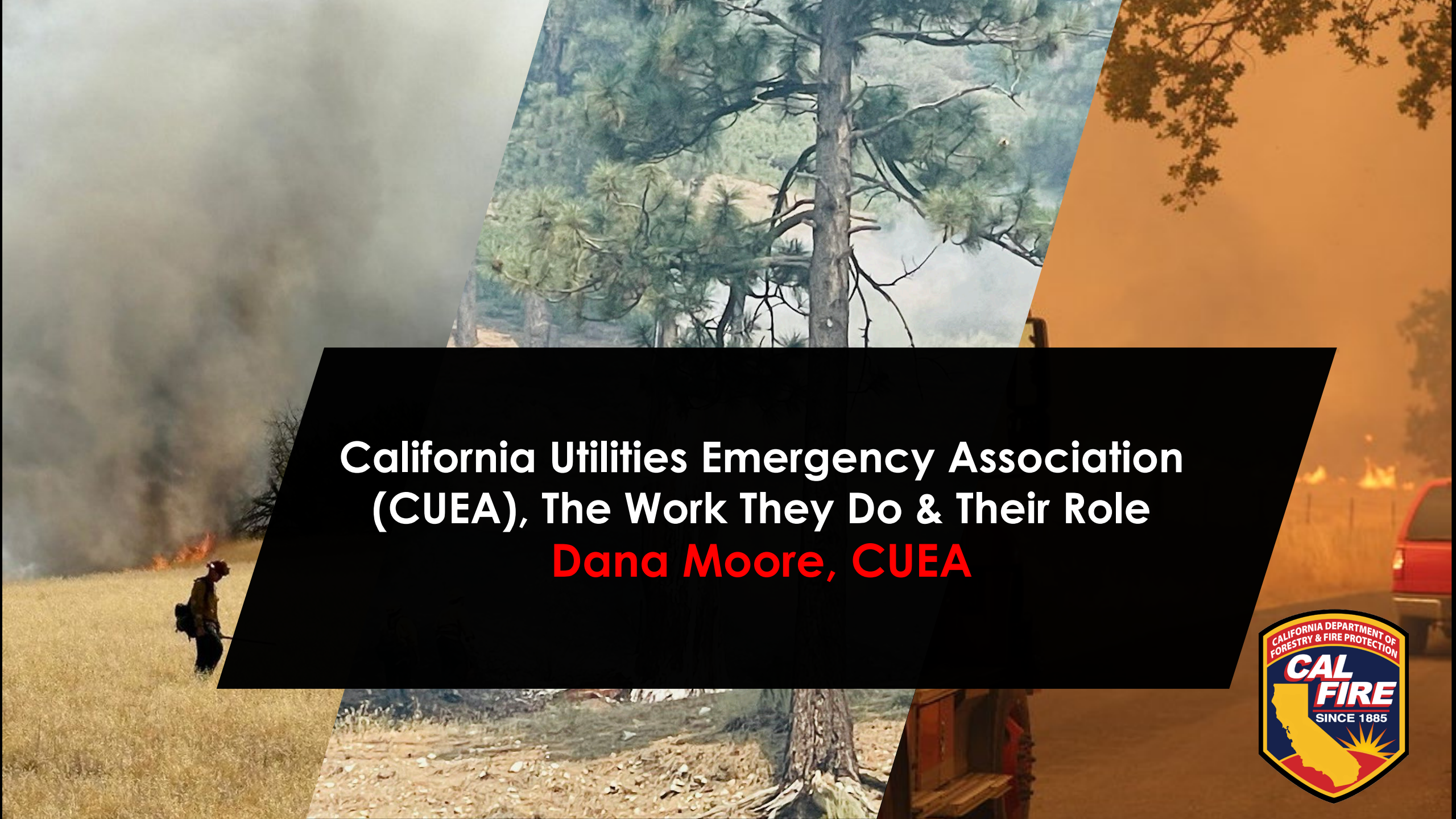


New Business



Old Business
Neighborhood Wildfire Mitigation Validation
Program Workgroup
Land Use Planning Workgroup





California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA), The Work They Do & Their Role

Dana Moore, CUEA



Roundtable / Public Comment

- ▶ Roundtable
- ▶ Public Comment
- ▶ Upcoming meeting dates:
 - November 17





Next Meeting Information

November 17, 2026
3237 Peace Keeper Way
McClellan, CA
Banning Conference Room



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.

