



Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting

February 17, 2026

CAL FIRE –

Office of the State Fire Marshal



Roll Call

Welcome!

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



Roll Call / Quorum Established



Daniel Berlant



Anale Burlew



Deborah Halberstadt



Don Hankins



Staci Heaton



Jacy Hyde



Clay Kerchof



Sophia Lemmo



Lisa Lien-Mager



J Lopez



Michael Maguire



Sean McGlynn



Brian Newman
Lindsay



Chris Ochoa



Lenya Quinn-Davidson



Caroline Thomas
Jacobs



Roy Wright



Yana Valachovic



Bill Villarino



Nancy Ward



Jordan Wells



Dave Winnacker

Approval of January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER 1:01 PM** **Frank Bigelow**
- A. Welcome
The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Frank Bigelow.
- B. Roll Call – Carrie Lewis
A quorum was established with 12 committee members present in-person and 8 attending virtually.
- C. Approval of the November 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes (**Motion Required**) – **Frank Bigelow**
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| Motion: | Staci Heaton moved to accept the November 18, 2025, meeting minutes; J. Lopez seconded the motion. |
| Action: | All members voted unanimously to approve the motion. |
- D. Approval of the January 20, 2026, meeting agenda (**Motion Required**) – **Frank Bigelow**
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| Motion: | Sean McGlynn moved to accept the January 20, 2026, meeting agenda; Robert Troy seconded the motion. |
| Action: | All members voted unanimously to approve the motion. |
- 2. UPDATES**
- A. Division Report
- i. Wildfire Preparedness
1. Defensible Space
- 1) Statewide SRA total for fiscal year-to-date 2025-26:
 - i. 165,394 inspections, 66% of the goal (250,000)
 - 2) Qualified Entity assessment year-to-date total for 2025:
 - i. 1,868 assessments
 - 3) Schedule of Qualified Entity classes:
 - i. January 24-25, Tuolumne County
 - ii. February 9-10, Butte County
 - iii. February 24-25, San Diego County
2. Burn Permits
- 1) 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total: 40,663
 - i. Cultural Burn Permits: 705
 - ii. 2025 year-to-date: 90,009; Cultural Burn: 2,150
 - 2) Executive Order N35-25 has been added to application. Fire Boss and Cultural Burners are approved to commence burning.
 - 3) General updates are being applied to application for both property owners and units.
 - 4) Continued conversations with local air districts to add their permits to our application process. Monterey Bay (MBARD) are in discussions now.
3. Home Hardening
- 1) Reviewed the home hardening assessment report and provided technical recommendations for defensible space and home hardening retrofits.



Approval of February 17, 2026 Meeting Agenda

- ▶ Scan the QR code below to access the complete meeting agenda document:



WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, February 17, 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=dnZYUUhXVFllUTFmT21nMzJYYVlxQT09>
Webinar ID: 851 9242 3489
Passcode: 462073

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Welcome
 - B. Roll Call/Quorum Established
 - C. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2026
 - D. Approval of Agenda – February 17, 2026
- 2. UPDATES**
 - A. OSFM Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation Division Report
 - B. California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Report
- 3. MEMBER ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW**
 - A. California Department of Insurance, Deborah Halberstadt
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Neighborhood Wildfire Mitigation Validation Program Workgroup
 - B. Land Use Planning Workgroup
- 6. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. From Conflagration to Resilience: Ashes to Action – Steve Hawks, IBHS
 - B. SB 254 Update – Frank Bigelow, CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal
- 7. ROUNDTABLE**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 9. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2026**
 - A. Third Tuesday of the month
 - B. March 17, 2026, 1:00-3:00pm, Room 2-221
- 10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**





Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Division Report



Wildfire Preparedness

Defensible Space

- ▶ Statewide SRA total for fiscal year-to-date 2025-26:
 - 173,345 inspections, 70% of the goal (250,000)
- ▶ Qualified Entity Assessment year-to-date total for 2026:
 - 95 assessments
- ▶ Schedule of Qualified Entity classes
 - February 24th-25th, San Diego County
 - March 9th-10th, Nevada County
 - April 21st-22nd, Riverside County



Wildfire Preparedness

Burn Permits

- ▶ 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total: **87,926**
 - Cultural burn permits: **1,996**



Wildfire Preparedness

Home Hardening

- ▶ Reviewed the home hardening assessment and scope of work, provided technical recommendations for retrofits.
- ▶ Finalizing CWMP 2025 CWUIC training for subrecipient communities.
- ▶ Attended the Shasta County Fire Safe Counsel Lakehead outreach event.
- ▶ Trained the Contra Costa County Building Dept in the CWUIC, Title 24, Part 7.
- ▶ Presented overview of CWUIC to the Fire Resilience Symposium at the University of San Diego.



Wildfire Preparedness

Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program

- ▶ Finishing review of Pacificorp's and Liberty's WMP.
- ▶ Involved in the upcoming weeks with PG&E and SCE's PSPS exercises.
- ▶ Creating a statewide Unit contact list for utility related issues.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Fire Prevention Efforts FY 25/26

- ▶ Fuel reduction projects:
 - Projects **548**, **109.6%** of the goal

- ▶ Combined fuel reduction:
 - Acres treated **47,614.3**, **47.6%** of the goal
 - Unit projects – **25,608** acres
 - Northern region: **18,644.6** acres
 - Southern region: **6,963.7** acres
 - Grant projects: **30,202.3** acres
 - CFIP projects: **3073.6** acres

- ▶ Prescribed fire (also counted in fuel reduction):
 - **14,025.1** acres treated, **30.2%** of the goal

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



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Wildland Fuels

- ▶ Continue to meet multiple times a week with CalMAPPER V4 Subject Matter Experts and Project Managers to meet all timelines moving towards CalMAPPER V4 implementation in July 2026.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Pre-Fire Planning

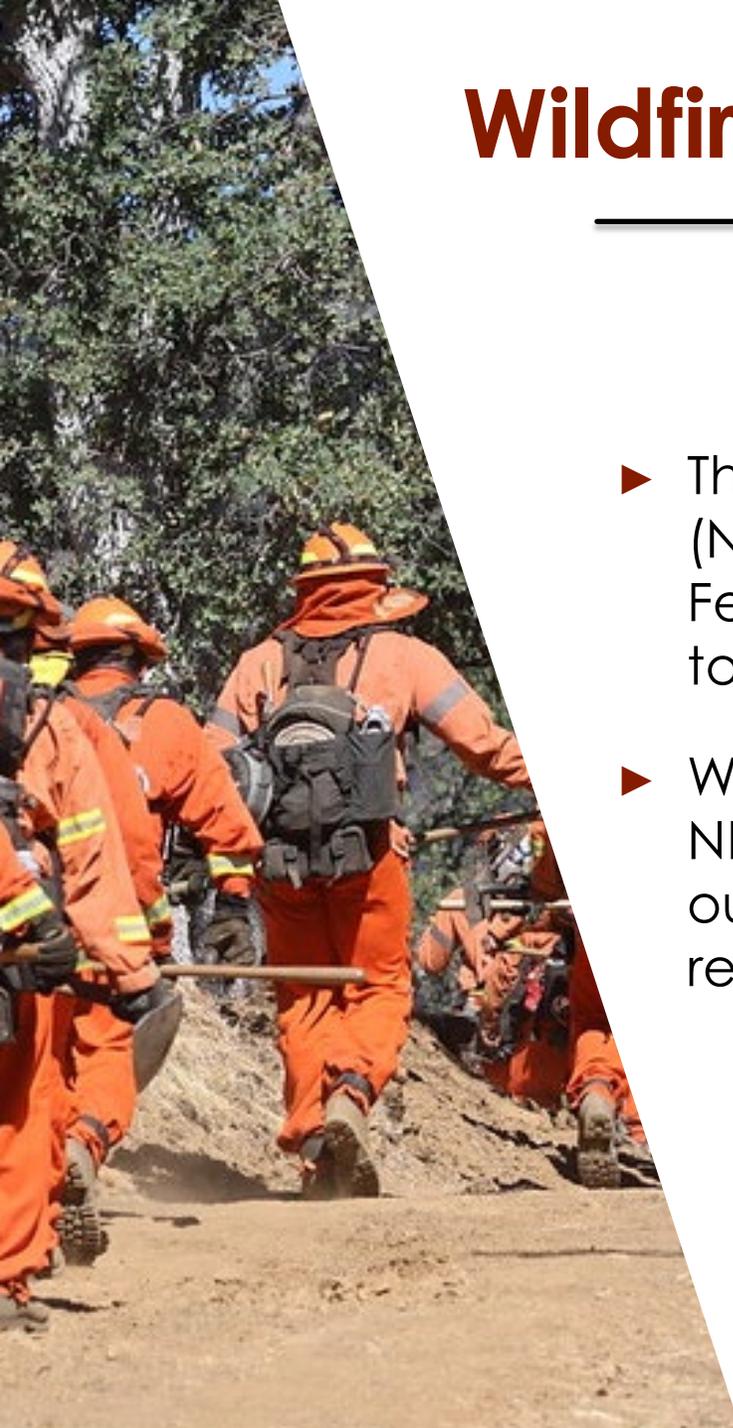
- ▶ Led the first CWPM Awareness Workshop with the Regions to support Units implementing new Community Risk Reduction positions and improve program–regional alignment.
- ▶ Planning for the 2026 Annual Pre-Fire Workshop in March 2026. Will focus on succession planning, onboarding and innovative tools.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

CalStats

- ▶ The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) was officially decommissioned on February 1, 2026. California's final 2025 incident total is 3,597,600.
- ▶ We are assisting local agencies that missed the NFIRS deadline with importing their 2025 data into our CalStats database, so it remains available for reporting and analysis.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

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

- ▶ No BOF or RPC meetings in February; for the March RPC agenda, we have one SE Formal Review for the City of Agoura Hills.
- ▶ For Subdivision Review we have completed Fire Safety Surveys for the cities of Jurupa Valley, Menifee, and San Jacinto. This leaves only the city of Newport Beach (scheduled for mid-March) left to close out the 1st 5-year cycle of surveys.
- ▶ Ongoing internal program training



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Intro to Land Use Planning for Wildfire

- ▶ Sign up now for classes this Spring!
 - Upcoming classes
 - February 24 – Thousand Oaks
 - February 26 – Lake Forest
 - March 10 – Concord
 - March 12 – Ukiah
 - May 12 – Tahoe City
 - May 14 – Chico

- ▶ Sign-ups and more information on the CWPM website and at communitywildfire.org
 - <https://communitywildfire.org/land-use-planning-for-wildfires-trainings-california/>



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

National Fire Protection Association Firewise USA

- ▶ Currently **1545** Communities in good standing
 - Numerous applications under review
 - The Woodfords Firewise Community in Alpine Co. is the 1500th Firewise community in California!
 - Information on a celebration will be coming soon!!!



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

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

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.
- ▶ Next solicitation will open in coming months!
Use the QR code below to visit the Grants Website!

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



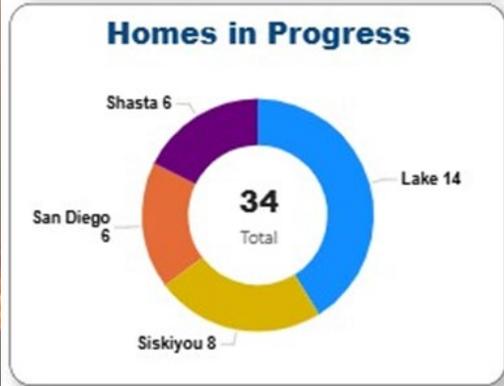
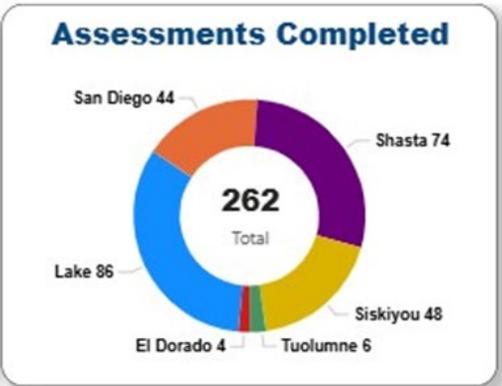
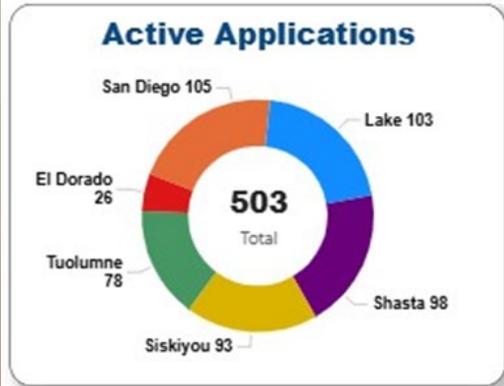


California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Report

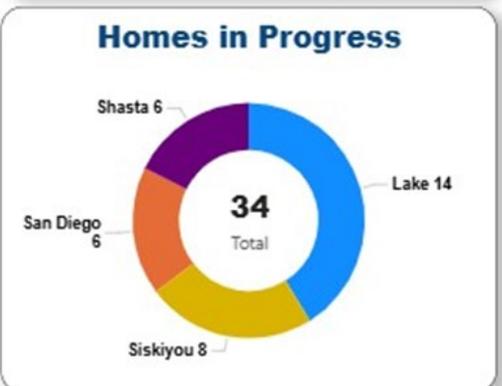
J. Lopez



California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report



December 31, 2025



February 17, 2026



California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report

Total Homes Completed by Year

2024	2025	2026
11	102	6



Member Organization Overview
California Department of Insurance
Deborah Halberstadt



New Business





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





**From Conflagration to Resilience:
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SB 256 Update
Tom Welsh, California Earthquake Authority



Roundtable / Public Comment

- ▶ Roundtable
- ▶ Public Comment





Next Meeting Information

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



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.

