



Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting

June 16, 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



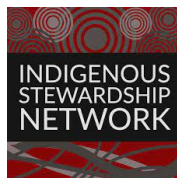
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Michael Maguire



Sean McGlynn



Brian Newman
Lindsay



Chris Ochoa



Lenya Quinn-Davidson



Ken DaRosa



Roy Wright



Yana Valachovic



Bill Villarino



Caroline Thomas
Jacobs



Jordan Wells




Dave Winnacker

Approval of May 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 19, 2026



Committee Members Present
Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Bob Counts, CAL FIRE
Tony Marino, 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
Michael McGuire, Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
Roy Wright, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety
Chris Ochoa, California Building Industry Association (virtual)
Lenya Quinn-Davidson, University of California Cooperative (virtual)
Tristan Lanza, Department of Housing & Community Development (virtual)
Staci Heaton, Rural County Representatives of California
Sean McGlynn, League of California Cities
Jordan Wells, California State Association of Counties
Don Hankins, Tribal Government Representative (virtual)
Lisa Lien-Mager, California Natural Resources Agency

Members Absent
Brian Newman Lindsay, Department of Conservation
Jacy Hyde, California Fire Safe Council
Yana Valachovic, California Fire Science Consortium
Todd Lando, Santa Barbara County Fire
Sierra Riker, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

CAL FIRE Staff in Attendance
Frank Bigelow, Deputy Director
Andrew Henning, Assistant Deputy Director
Mike Wink, Staff Chief
Bryan Carter, Staff Chief
Heather McCulley, Deputy Chief
Mike Morlan, Deputy Chief
Emily Smith, Staff Chief
Gene Potkey, Assistant Chief
Rudy Baltazar, Division Chief
Richard Brechbuehl, Deputy Chief (virtual)
Chris Ramey, Deputy Chief
Shaun Fairbanks, Deputy Chief
Randy Northup, Assistant Chief
Spencer Mallinger, Battalion Chief (virtual)
Jennifer Renner, Battalion Chief (virtual)
Kara Garrett, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (virtual)
Justine Grafton, Analyst II
Carrie Lewis, Analyst II
Danh Dao, Analyst I

1. CALL TO ORDER 1:05 PM
A. Welcome
The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Daniel Berlant.

Daniel Berlant

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Approval of June 16, 2026 Meeting Agenda

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 1:00 – 3:00 PM



Locations:
CAL FIRE Aviation Management Unit
Sacramento/Placer Rooms
5411 Luce Avenue
McClellan, CA 95652

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 – May 19, 2026
 - D. Approval of Agenda – June 16, 2026
- 2. UPDATES**
 - A. OSFM Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation Division Report
 - B. California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Report
- 3. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Plan Community Wildfire Preparedness Strategy Workgroup
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Neighborhood Wildfire Mitigation Validation Program Workgroup
 - B. Land Use Planning Workgroup
- 5. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Utilities Presentation – SDG&E, PG&E, SDE
 - B. New Megafire Polling on Home Hardening – Eric Home, Megafire
- 6. ROUNDTABLE**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2026**
 - A. Third Tuesday of the month
 - B. July 21, 2026, 1:00-3:00pm, Room 2-221
- 9. 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 2025-26:
 - 286,481 inspections, 115% of the goal (250,000)
- ▶ Qualified Entity Assessment year-to-date total for 2026:
 - 270 assessments
 - Class interest continues as staff is processing multiple requests from across the state
 - To date, 11 classes have been taught to over 260 students



Wildfire Preparedness

Home Hardening

- ▶ International Code Council ICC Tour
 - ICC tour of the CWMP Kelseyville Riviera Project looked at the Part 7 Appendix G Voluntary Home Hardening recommendations.
 - Discussed building codes that influence wildfire-resilient construction.
 - Strengthen standards to reduce structure loss in fast moving wildfire environment.



Wildfire Preparedness

Burn Permits

- ▶ Now that fire season is upon us permit requests have slowed down a bit which is normal for this time of year.
- ▶ Year-to-date:
 - Residential permits – 58,540
 - Cultural permits – 832
- ▶ 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total:
 - Residential permits 97,619
 - Cultural permits – 1,512



Wildfire Preparedness

Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program

- ▶ Continued update of Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMP) with Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety for next years submission of WMPs.
- ▶ Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events have already been initiated this summer. Be prepared and know how to be informed if one happens in your area.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Fire Prevention Efforts FY 25/26

- ▶ Fuel reduction projects:
 - Projects **787**, which is **157.4%** of the goal
- ▶ Combined fuel reduction:
 - Acres treated **97,125**, **97.1%** of the goal
 - Unit projects – **46,403.9** acres
 - Northern region: **26,369.1** acres
 - Southern region: **20,034.7** acres
 - Grant projects: **46,171.8** acres
 - CFIP projects: **4,549.4** acres
- ▶ Prescribed fire (also counted in fuel reduction):
 - **31,764.6** acres treated, **63.5%** of the goal

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



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Wildfire Fuels

- ▶ CalMAPPER V4 will go live on July 13th. The CalMAPPER Team has hosted successful trainings for our Grants Program and field personnel.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Pre-Fire Planning

- ▶ 2026 FTER Stats: 12 positive impacts, 4 awaiting Unit Chief approval.
- ▶ Sacramento Fire Plan is reviewing Unit/Contract County Fire Plans and will post to the CAL FIRE website this month.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

CalStats

- ▶ CAL FIRE will transition to a new Records Management System for incident reporting, First Due, on July 1, 2026.
- ▶ The First Due Health & Wellness module will also go live on July 1, alongside incident reporting. This will be the first module of its kind, integrated directly into the incident reporting platform to allow employees to document biological, chemical, physical, traumatic, and smoke exposures.
- ▶ NERIS has now surpassed 13.5 million incident submissions from more than 18,500 reporting departments nationwide. RMS vendors continue progressing toward implementing the secondary schemas required to fully support SRA wildland fire reporting.
- ▶ REDBOOK has been completed and posted on the department's public website.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

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

- ▶ Safety Element Assessments
 - There are currently 11 SEs in the Informal Review Status.
 - Staff have completed 6 SE Formal Reviews and they are on the June 16th RPC agenda (cities of Burlingame, San Bruno, Half Moon Bay, San Bernardino, Chico, and Norco).
- ▶ Subdivision Review – Fire Safety Surveys
 - Staff are working with several jurisdictions (OCFA, SLU, and TCU) on the 5-year review process.



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 sectors who engage in planning, policy, development review and/or approval activities in CA.
 - Recent classes:
May 12 - Tahoe City
May 14 – Chico
 - This completes this round of classes for FY 25/26. Planning underway for future of this course.

<https://communitywildfire.org/land-use-planning-for-wildfires-trainings-california/>



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

National Fire Protection Association Firewise USA

- ▶ Currently **1,667** Communities in Good Standing
 - More applications in the queue
 - Quarterly meeting for Regional Coordinators last week



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

- ▶ Solicitation opened May 7, 2026
 - **\$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
 - Completed applications must be submitted by 3:00 pm on July 8, 2026.

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

CWMP Dashboard



Note: Figures above reported by Participating Communities



New Business



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



**Unit Fire Plan Engagement (Wildfire Resilience
Corridors) – PG&E**
Emergency Proclamation Projects – SCE
Utility Access Roads – SDG&E



Roundtable / Public Comment

- ▶ Roundtable
- ▶ Public Comment



Next Meeting Information

July 21, 2026
1:00 – 3:00pm
NRHQ
Rooms 302 A/B



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.

