
CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Board Members Present

Robert Troy, Board Chair, Assistant Director, Recovery, Cal OES

Daniel Berlant, Board Vice-Chair, Deputy Director of Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation, CAL FIRE

Mike Richwine, Board Member, State Fire Marshal, CAL FIRE

Cal OES Staff Present

J. Lopez, CWMP, Executive Director

Anne Nguyen, Senior Counsel

Jacy Hyde, Branch Chief, Hazard Mitigation (*Virtual*)

Jennifer Hogan, Assistant Director, Recovery (*Virtual*)

Lisa Long, Special Projects Manager, Hazard Mitigation (*Virtual*)

Lisa Rice, Consultant (*Virtual*)

Liston Conrad, Consultant (*Virtual*)

Kelcie Rodriguez, AGPA, Recovery

CAL FIRE Staff Present

Steve Hawks, Assistant Deputy Director

Jim McDougald, Staff Chief

Frank Bigelow, Staff Chief

Dennis O'Neil, Assistant Chief (*Virtual*)

John Morgan, Deputy Chief

Kara Garrett, AGPA

CA Earthquake Authority Staff Present

Annde Ewertsen, Mitigation Director

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME – 10:02 AM

- a. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM; welcome remarks provided by J. Lopez and Chairperson Troy.

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

- a. Roll call and quorum established with three Board Members present and one Board Member absent.
 - R. Troy – Present
 - D. Berlant – Present
 - M. Richwine – Present
 - E. Westfall – Absent

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. Review and approval of Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2022.

Motion: M. Richwine moved to approve Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2022.

D. Berlant seconded the motion.

Action: All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. No public comments received.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Home Hardening Selection Methods (*Informational Only*)
 - Dennis O'Neil presented on the methodology used to prioritize counties for Home Hardening, as designated by AB-38. Using environmental and socioeconomic data counties were scored, ranked, and prioritized. Staff also considered social, physical, and administrative characteristics of communities.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. California Earthquake Authority Presentation (*Informational Only*)
 - Annde Ewertsen presented on the development and implementation of the Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) Program. The presentation addressed challenges faced, decisions made, lessons learned, and provided additional information on potential opportunities.

- b. Additional Cal OES or CAL FIRE Mitigation Grants within or near CWMP ranked areas *(Informational Only)*
 - Jacy Hyde presented on Cal OES and CAL FIRE mitigation funding previously provided to CWMP ranked areas.
 - i. Siskiyou County – Received approximately \$6 million from Cal OES and \$6.4 million from CAL FIRE (Since 2017).
 - ii. Tuolumne County – Received approximately \$1.1 million from Cal OES and \$8.7 million from CAL FIRE (Since 2017).
 - iii. El Dorado County – Received approximately \$15 million from Cal OES and \$13.3 million from CAL FIRE (Since 2017).
- c. Update on outreach to potential new demonstration communities *(Informational Only)*
 - Jacy Hyde provided an update on county outreach efforts with Siskiyou, Tuolumne, and El Dorado. Staff began engaging additional potential demonstration communities after Board approval in July 2022.
 - i. Current Outreach Status:
 - 1. Siskiyou County – Contacted but due to current wildfires have not yet set up an initial program briefing.
 - 2. Tuolumne County – Provided an initial program briefing and held a follow up discussion. County interested in participating as a demonstration community. Next meeting set to assist County with completing subapplication.
 - 3. El Dorado County – Provided an initial program briefing, awaiting a response from the County.

VII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- a. Third Tuesday of each month starting at 10:00 AM and ending at 12:00 PM.
- b. Next meeting is September 20, 2022. Board Meeting will be held at the CAL FIRE Aviation Facility located at 5411 Luce Avenue, McClellan Park, CA 95652.
- c. Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:
 - September 20, 2022
 - i. Board Meeting will be held at CAL FIRE Aviation Facility in the Helicopter Training Room.
 - October 18, 2022
 - November 15, 2022
 - December 20, 2022

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. The following topics to be discussed further at future Board Meetings
- FEMA presentation to better understand timeline of the EHP Review Process and potential discussions on what can be done to expedite the process.
 - Further discuss the creation of an official logo for CWMP.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 11:58 AM

Motion: M. Richwine moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 AM.

D. Berlant seconded the motion.

Action: All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.