

Local Energy Resources Network



Meeting 48
January 13, 2026



Welcome!

Purpose

Interactive 1-hour meetings designed to be a regular space where local governments - and those who work with them - can help each other learn about (and possibly inform) available opportunities to advance their energy and climate goals.

TODAY'S AGENDA

- Opportunity Roundtable
- Opportunity Spotlights
 - CARB Planning and Capacity Building Grant Applications
 - SGC AHSC Round 10 Comments
 - CPUC/CEC Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Committee Applications
 - CEA CA Wildfire Fund's SB 254 Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study and input opportunities
- Featured discussions:
 - **CalOES/CAL FIRE CA Wildfire Mitigation Program**
 - **CA Local Energy Codes Opportunities and Updates**
- Bonus Breakout



Opportunity Roundtable

View all Opportunities

Policy Drives Investment

Agencies Scope/ Design Assistance Programs & Gather Input

Applicants Apply to Funding Solicitation

State

- FY [2025-2026 State Budget](#) (highlights);
[SB/AB 102](#), budget bills (Prop 4, Cap & Invest Reauthorization)

- [AB 35 - APA exemption for Prop 4](#)
- [CNRA Prop 4 Tracker](#)
- [Nielsen-Merksamer Prop 4 Details](#)

[AB 825](#)

[EO N-33-25](#)

[CCEC Legislative Tracker](#)

[AB 130 - local code moratorium takes effect Jan 2026](#)

Federal

- FY 2025-2026 Federal Budget (HR. 1) - [tax credits guidance for solar/win](#)

- [H.R. 3699 "Energy Choice Act"](#)

International

- ICLEI: [I Was at COP30: What U.S. Local Governments Need to Know](#) - December 15

Funding

- Campbell Foundation: [Unsolicited Grants Cycle 1 2026](#) - Jan 23, 2026

- CARB: [Planning & Capacity Building Project Grants](#)- February 10, 2026

- CEC/CALSTART: [Megawatt Charging System 2025 \(MCS\) EnergIIZE Incentive Processing Center](#) - Feb 26

- US Economic Dev. Admin: FY Disaster Supplemental Grant Program - March 3, 2026

- CEC: [Depot Charging and Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure for Medium- and Heavy-Duty On-Road ZEB](#) - Mar 20

- CalOES/CAL FIRE: [CA Wildfire Mitigation Program](#) - ongoing

- LCI: [Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program R2](#) - Early 2026, [Prep Guide](#)

Other Assistance

- CPUC: [Self-Generation Incentive Program \(SGIP\) Energy Storage Incentives for Low-Income Homes](#) - Rolling

- CEG: [Technical Assistance Fund](#) - Rolling

- CARB/CALSTART - [Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project \(HVIP\)](#) - \$5M remaining reserved for public fleets

- CEC: [Guidance Document for 2025 Local Ordinance Applications](#)

- Cal Poly SLO/CARB: [California Climate Action Plan \(CCAP\) Database](#)

- CalOES: [Free technical assistance](#) - Rolling

Input Opportunities

- CCEC: [State-Local Energy and Climate Coordination](#) - rescheduled to Jan 15

- CEC/CPUC: [Call for new Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Members](#) - Jan 15

- SGC: [Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities \(AHSC\) Round 10 Comments](#) - due Jan 23

- CEA: [CA Wildfire Fund's SB 254 Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study Input](#)

- PG&E: [Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment \(CAVA\) Local Government Survey](#)

- CEC Equitable Building Decarbonization docket; [22-DECARB-03](#) - ongoing

- CEC Building Energy Action Plan - First Draft in Review by Governor - public workshop to follow (TBD)



Opportunity Spotlight - CARB Planning & Capacity Building Grant

CARB's Community Planning and Capacity Building (Planning) grants

- **Max award:** \$500,000 per project
- **Purpose:** to help communities plan for clean, equitable transportation solutions. These grants support early-stage planning, outreach, workforce development, and local readiness – especially for Tribal governments, rural communities, schools, and first-time applicants.
- **Eligible Activities:** projects at different stages — from early community visioning to more developed plans. Eligible activities include but are not limited to transportation needs assessments, clean mobility and land use planning, community engagement, community-led coordination, workforce development, and partnership building.
- **Funding Period:** May 4, 2026 to January 31, 2028.

Where We Are in the Process



- The Community Planning and Capacity Building Grants: 2025 Request for Applications (RFA) application window is open as of December 2, 2025. The final RFA documents and materials are available below.
- Applications are due **February 10, 2026**
- Two question and answer sessions will be held
- Technical assistance is available by request through **January 23, 2026**

Key Program Features

- \$7.3M available with up to **\$500,000** per award – no match required
- Grants support planning, outreach, needs assessments, and workforce development, and much more
- **Advance Payment** available for eligible applicants, including community-based organizations (CBO) and federally-recognized Tribal Governments
- Open to **CBOs, Tribal Governments, Local Governments, and Public Schools**
- Projects must be **community-led** and benefit disadvantaged or low-income areas
- **Tribal waiver of sovereign immunity is not required**
- Project must start by May 4, 2026 and be completed by January 31, 2028

Who Should Apply

- Tribal Governments (federally or non-federally recognized)
- CBOs working with a Local or Tribal Government
- Public Schools working with a CBO
- Local Governments working in partnership with CBOs or Tribes



Opportunity Spotlight - SGC AHSC Round 10

Comments

Brianne Logasa

**Senior Planner, Strategic Growth
Council**

Program Overview

Program Vision:

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program funds infill projects that reduce **Greenhouse Gas (GHG)** emissions and **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)** through sustainable land use, housing, and transportation practices.



What does AHSC fund?

- **AHD: Affordable Housing Developments**

- Rental Projects (loan)
- Homeownership Projects (grant)

- **HRI: Housing-Related Infrastructure**

- Infrastructure improvements as required as Condition of Approval
- Factory built housing components
- On-site energy storage (battery arrays)

- **STI: Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure**

- Transit, Bikeways, Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps Bike Parking, Bus Shelters, Urban Greening, Lighting

- **PGM: Programs (3 years)**

- Active Transportation Programs, Transit Ridership Programs, Air Pollution Reduction Programs, Workforce Development Programs, Low-Income Car Share, Tenant Legal Counseling



Round 10 Timeline Overview

Milestone	Date
Release draft guidelines	Dec. 19, 2025
Guidelines adopted at Council meeting	Feb. 25, 2026
NOFA & Application Workbook released	Late Feb. – Early Mar. 2026
Applications received	Late Apr. – Early May 2026
Council meeting award adoption	Dec. 2026



(Stardust Gardens, Alameda, R9 Awardee)



Opportunity Spotlight - CPUC/CEC Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Committee Applications

Zara Jamshed
**Equity Analyst, CPUC Energy
Division**

Apply Now!

All candidates must send the materials to DAC-AG@cpuc.ca.gov, by **Thursday, January 15, 2026.**

Questions: Individuals with an interest in the DACAG or who have any questions should contact Zara Jamshed at DAC-AG@cpuc.ca.gov, (415) 703-1489.

- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) are seeking applications to serve on the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG).
- The DACAG is composed of 11 members from or representing disadvantaged communities throughout the state, including tribes. DACAG members reflect California's diverse communities, including rural, urban, and represent an array of subject matter expertise, backgrounds, and communities.
- DACAG members are appointed for 2-year terms, and newly appointed members will begin on April 1, 2026. DACAG members meet monthly in hybrid meetings, set priorities, and participate in other subject matter meetings and events.



Opportunity Spotlight - CEA CA Wildfire Fund's SB 254 Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study and input opportunities

Micheal McCormick
Farallon Strategies



**Wildfire Fund
Administrator**

SB 254 Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study

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Senate Bill (SB) 254: Rationale for the Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study

“To address the emerging climate-fueled economic crisis, California must evaluate new models to equitably socialize risk that balance the state’s goals...”

Provide Californians with safe, affordable, and reliable energy



Maintain progress toward climate goals

Mitigate the incidence of and harm from wildfires and other disasters

Stabilize insurance markets to protect both access and affordability

Provide swift and fair compensation to those harmed

“A report that evaluates and sets forth recommendations on new models or approaches that mitigate damage, accelerate recovery, and responsibly and equitably allocate the burdens from natural catastrophes, including catastrophic wildfires, earthquakes, and other natural disasters, across stakeholders, including insurers, communities, homeowners, landowners, governments, electrical corporations, and local publicly owned electric utilities, to complement or replace the fund.”

Report preparation and submission to the Legislature, and to the Governor, on or before April 1, 2026

Responsible State Agencies/Departments:

- California Earthquake Authority (as administrator of the Wildfire Fund)
- In consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, the Department of Insurance, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Feedback Solicited from Stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

- Ratepayer advocates,
- Insurance policyholder advocates,
- Electrical corporations,
- Insurance companies, and
- Claimant attorneys

Executive Report and Advisory Panel Discussion

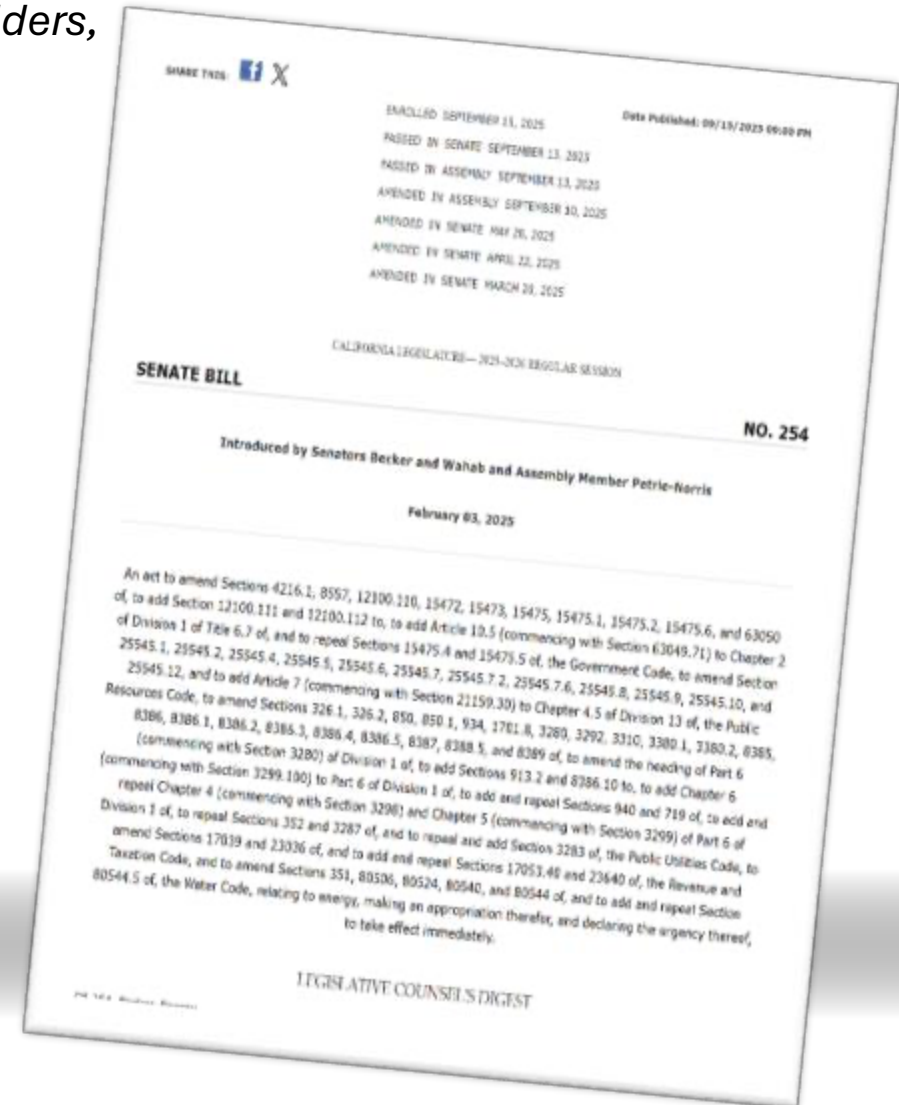
SB 254: Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study

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Specific Recommendations on:

1. Accessibility and affordability of property insurance in CA.
2. Alternative structures to socialize risk of damage from natural catastrophes.
3. Additional wildfire mitigation measures and technology solutions to reduce risk.
4. Financing, insurance, and other mechanisms to expedite recovery for communities.
5. Additional measures to benefit ratepayers through reducing costs caused by fiscal uncertainty while holding electrical corporations accountable for improving safety.
6. Options for a streamlined, low-cost mechanism to provide injured parties with full compensation for damages.
7. Impacts of reasonable limitations on changes to recoveries in wildfire litigation.
8. Options for programs to reduce the risk of wildfires spreading.
9. Options for reducing economic damage resulting from natural catastrophes.
10. Options for new models to complement or replace the (Wildfire) fund.

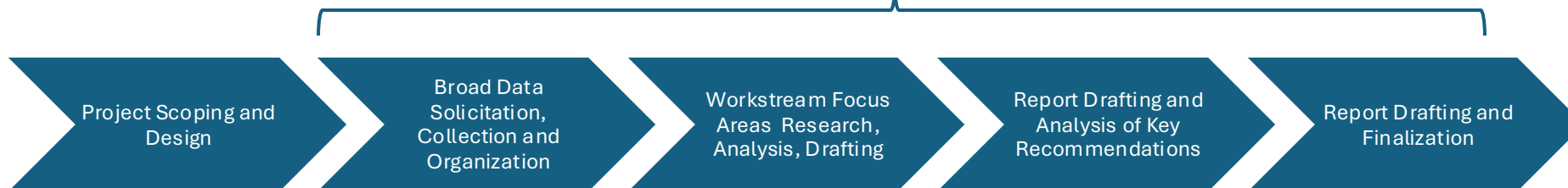
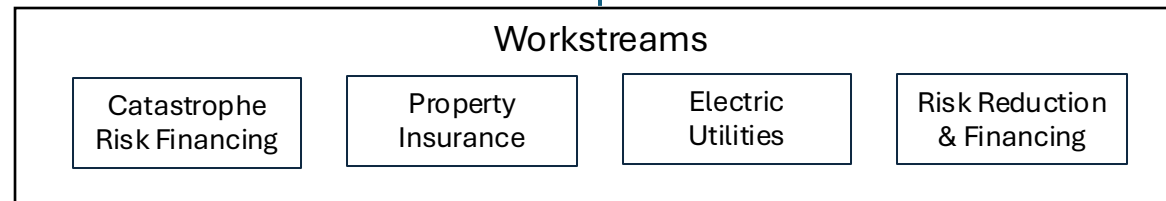
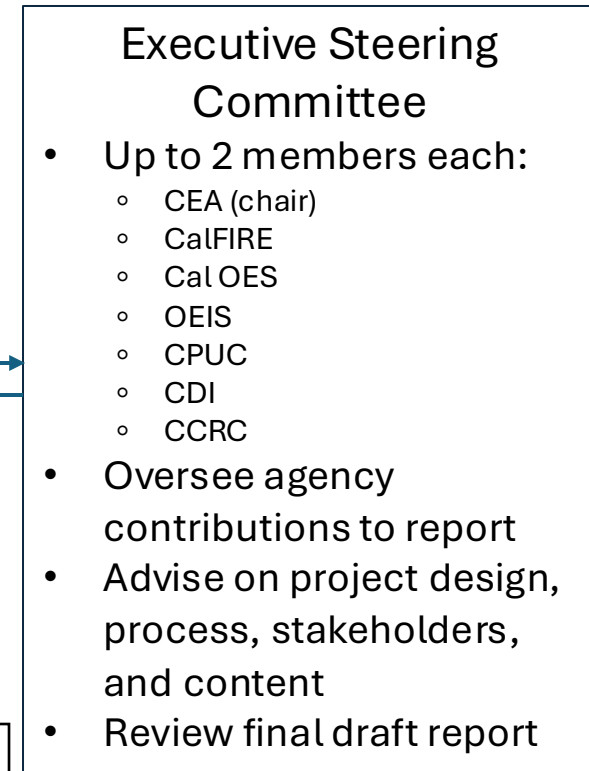
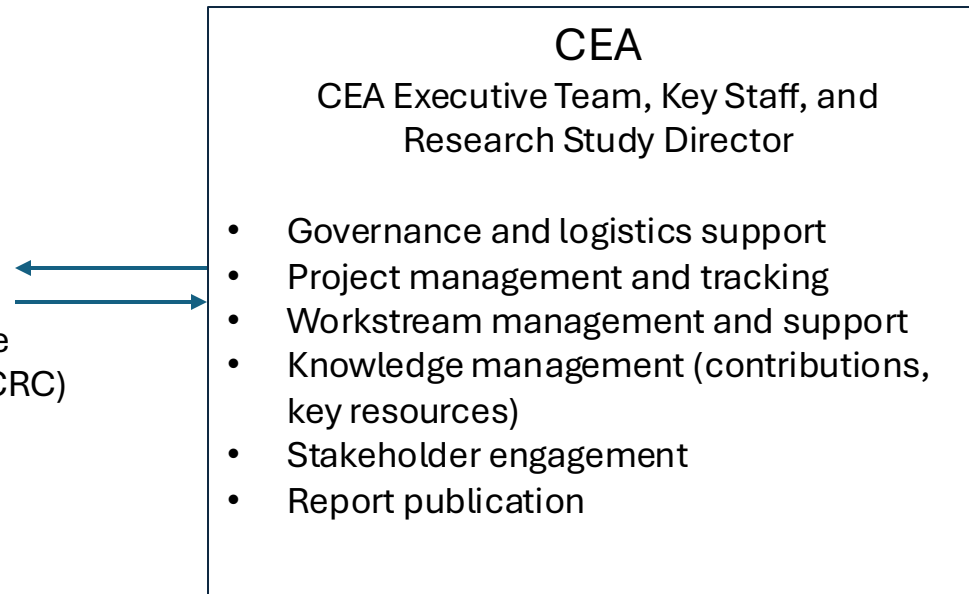
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Structuring the Project Organization and Staffing

Liaising with:

- Governor’s Office
- State Legislature
- California Catastrophe Response Council (CCRC)



<https://www.cawildfirefund.com/sb-254-natural-catastrophe-resilience-study>

Informational Webinar #1 – Wednesday, December 10, 2025

- Theme: SB 254 Origin and Purpose, and Intent and Structure of the SB 254 Study
- Attendees: ~135 ; Registrants: ~180
- Webinar video is posted on the website

Informational Webinar #2 – Friday, February 6, 2026, 12 – 1 pm

- Theme: Key Themes Emerging from the Study
- Opportunity for input provided in conjunction with the webinar.

Informational Webinar #3 – Friday, March 6, 2026, 12 – 1 pm

- Theme: Draft Findings
- Opportunity for input provided in conjunction with the webinar.

The screenshot shows the website for the SB254 – NATURAL CATASTROPHE RESILIENCY STUDY. The header includes the CEA logo and navigation links for COUNCIL, SB 254, ANNUAL REPORTS, PARTICIPATING UTILITY COMPANIES, and CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES. The main content area features a video player titled "SB 254 Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study Informational Webinar" with details for Wednesday, December 10, 2025, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). Below the video is a sign-up form with fields for FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, EMAIL, and INTEREST AREA, and a SUBMIT button.

Dates for future engagement will be posted on the California Wildfire Fund website.



Featured Speaker

Please add questions in the chat



J. Lopez
Cal OES - California Wildfire Mitigation Program

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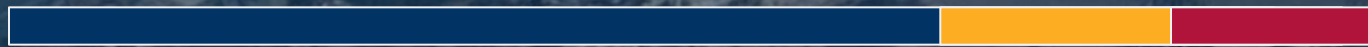


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California Wildfire Mitigation Program Authority

Home Hardening Initiative



California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC)
LERN Monthly Meeting

J. Lopez, CWMP Authority, Executive Director

California Wildfire Mitigation Pilot Program

- In 2019, the California Legislature passed [Assembly Bill No. 38](#). This bill required the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).
- The two agencies established the **California Wildfire Mitigation Program Authority** in late 2021 and in mid 2022 the CWMP Board was formed.
- FEMA awarded HMGP Grants for first 3 Communities in June and August 2023.

The goal of the CWMP Authority is to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program to:

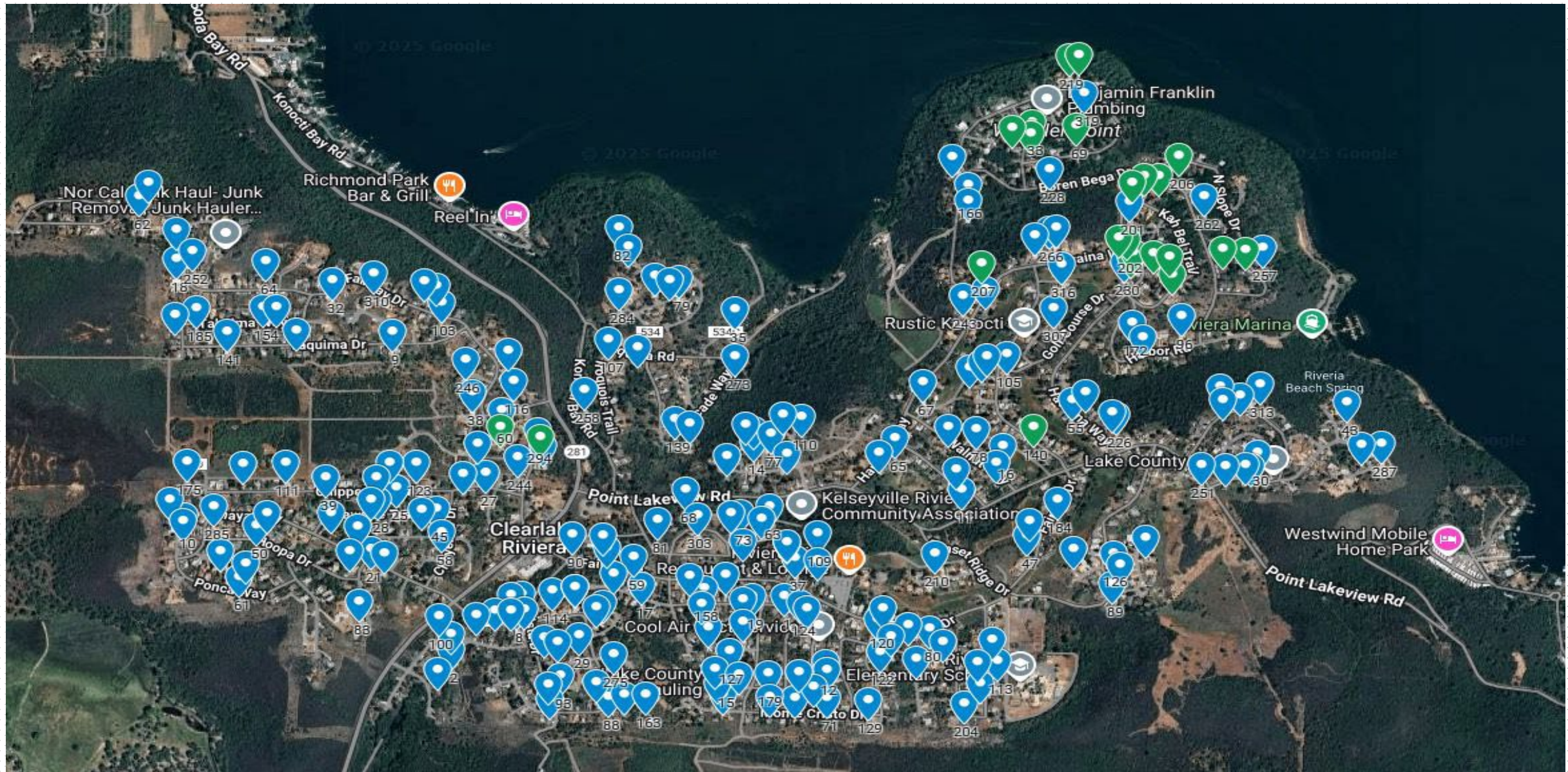
- Encourage cost-effective wildfire structure hardening and retrofitting that creates fire-resistant homes, businesses, and public buildings.
- Facilitate vegetation management, the creation and maintenance of defensible space, and other fuel modification activities that provide neighborhood or communitywide benefits against wildfire.

Program Vision

- Develop a robust program model that empowers and enables California communities to create successful wildfire home hardening programs
- Neighborhood and Communitywide hardening approach
- Locally-led programs with state support
- Targeting low income and socially vulnerable homeowners. All project area members are able to participate



Cluster Hardening



SB85 (2021) Amendments to Budget Act of 2020 Funding

Subrecipient	Local Match	State Match	Federal Match	Total	POP End Date
Lake	\$0	\$2,218,253.00 (10%)	\$19,964,277 (90%)	\$22,182,530	02/01/2027
San Diego	\$0	\$5,882,150 (25%)	\$17,646,450 (75%)	\$23,528,600	07/11/2027
Shasta	\$0	\$5,885,534 (25%)	\$17,656,600 (75%)	\$23,542,134	08/26/2026
Siskiyou	\$0	\$3,598,000 (100%)	\$0	\$3,598,000	06/30/2029
El Dorado	\$1,208,539 (4.86%)	\$1,278,166 (5.14%)	\$22,380,345 (90%)	\$24,867,050	02/01/2027
Tuolumne	\$0	\$1,965,520 (10%)	\$17,689,680 (90%)	\$19,655,200	02/01/2027
Total Award	\$1,208,539	\$20,827,623	\$95,337,352	\$117,373,514	

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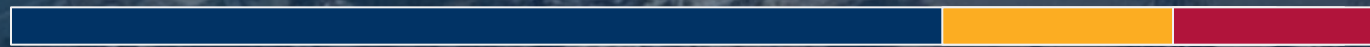


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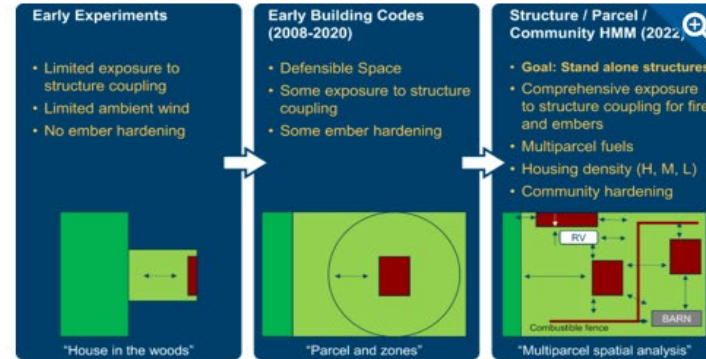
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Methodology

HAZARD MITIGATION METHODOLOGY (HMM) | NIST

THE EVOLUTION OF STRUCTURE PROTECTION



[NIST WUI website](#)

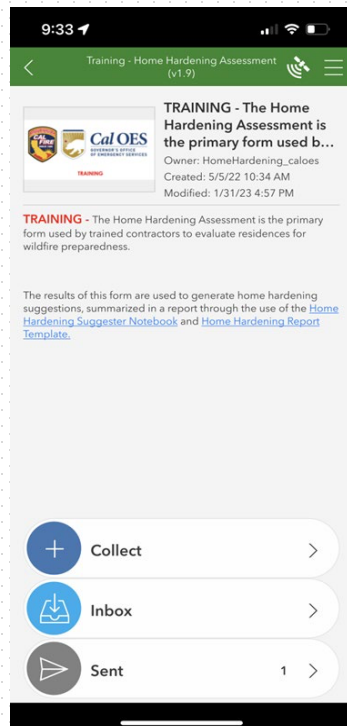
HOW IS HMM DIFFERENT FROM TRADITIONAL CODES AND STANDARDS?

HMM is a spatial approach, not a parcel-centric approach. Current building codes and standards specify minimum hardening requirements, that add value in reducing losses in certain conditions. For example, the fire-hardened structure on the left, compliant with an existing WUI building code, survived the exposure from the burning shed. The non-hardened structure on the right ignited within minutes of exposure.

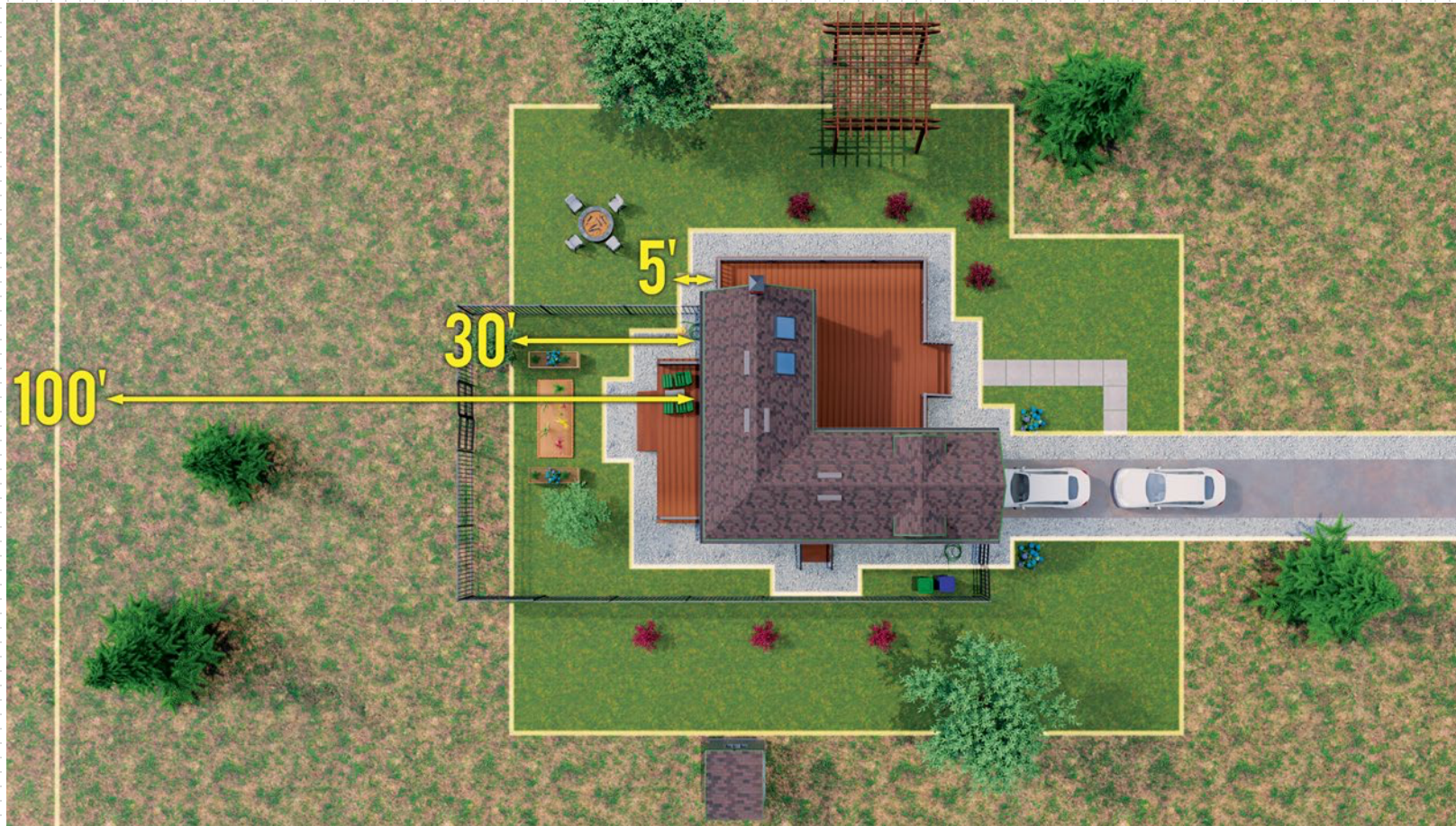


Photos from NIST experiments show the effects of a burning shed located 15 ft from the primary structure.

CWMP Assessor Training and Assessment Application



Defensible Space Treatments



- Based on PRC 4291 and Government Code 51182
- CWMP Zone 0 Treatment
- CWMP Zone 1 Treatments
- CWMP Zone 2 Treatments

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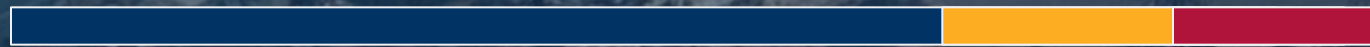


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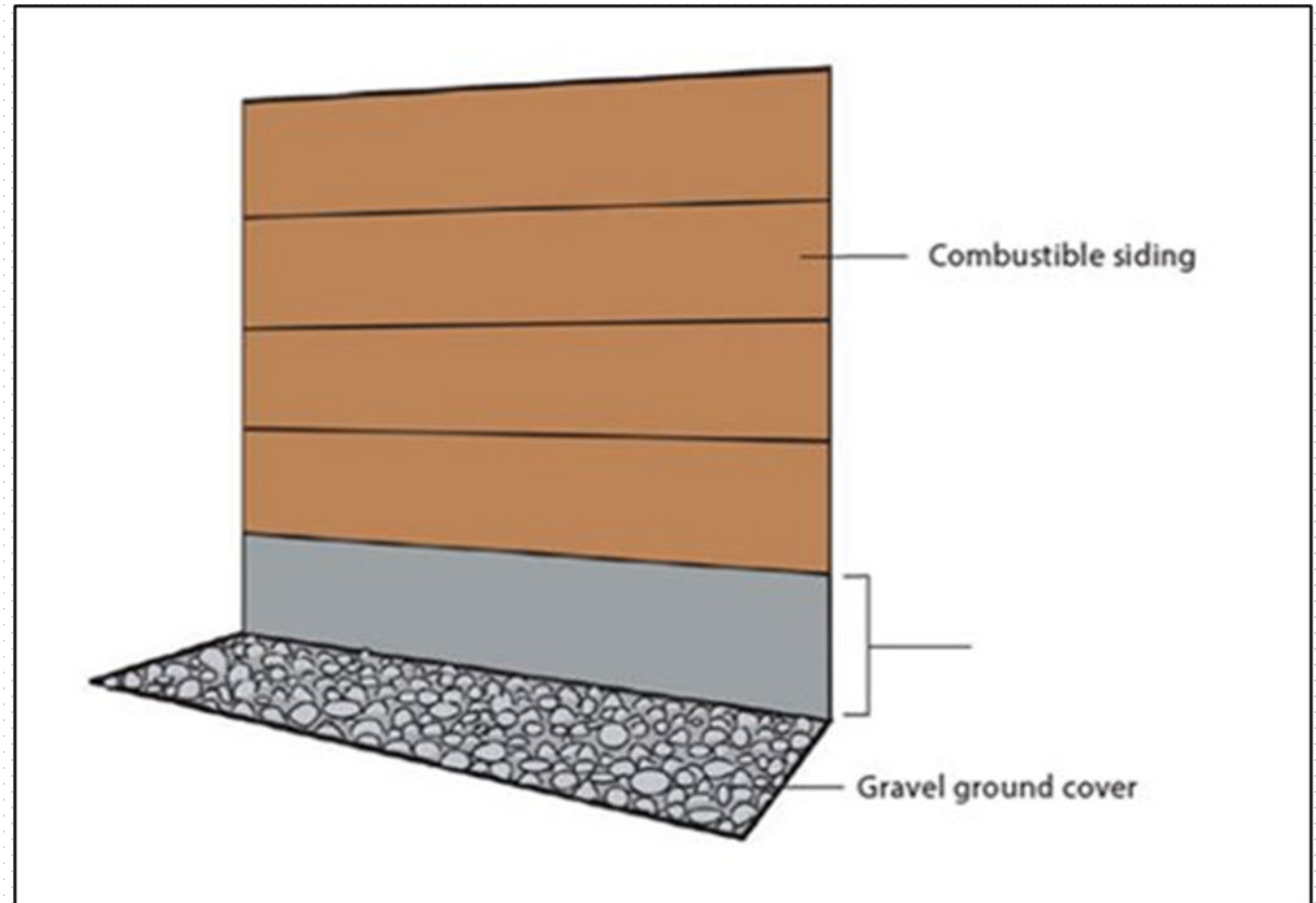
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Wildfire Structure Retrofits, CWMP Examples

Home Hardening Retrofits

- **Retrofit** - Exterior Covering Partial Retrofit - Bottom 2 Feet
- **Performance Goal** - Prevent embers, windblown debris and local fuels from igniting the wall
- **Hardening Action** - Replace exterior wall covering with noncombustible material for the bottom 2 ft (from ground); add metal flashing to protect bottom edge of sheathing



CWMP Minimum Quality Standards

Retrofit Code	Retrofit Name	Retrofit Description	Minimum Quality Standard
WAL-WPR	Exterior Wall Partial Retrofit	<p>The "Exterior Wall Partial Retrofit" involves replacing flammable exterior coverings within 2 feet of the ground with ignition-resistant materials. This retrofit, which should be compatible with existing building components, aims to decrease vulnerability to embers, direct flames, and radiant heat. Typical risk areas are gaps, holes, ground-level spaces, and corners. This retrofit is a temporary measure until a complete exterior covering replacement can be done.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Replace exterior wall covering for the bottom 2 ft (from ground). *The replacement of the exterior covering shall comply with one or more of the following requirements as described in CBC 707A.3 Exterior Wall Coverings or R337.7.3 Exterior Wall Coverings or equivalent local ordinance: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noncombustible material 2. Ignition-resistant material. The ignition-resistant material shall be labeled for exterior use and shall meet the requirements of Section 704A.2. 3. Fire-retardant-treated wood. The fire-retardant-treated wood shall be labeled for exterior use and shall meet the requirements of Section 2303.2. *Flashing will be installed at the base of the exterior covering if there is a gap between the covering and foundation that would allow for the intrusion of embers. *Building components being replaced will be the responsibility of the contractor to remove and disposed of at an approved disposal site. *The installation of the exterior covering shall comply with the products manufacturer's installation instructions *The installation of the exterior covering shall comply with CBC Chapter 14 Exterior Walls, Section 1404.1-1404.18 or CRC Chapter 7 Wall Covering, Section R703.1-703.17. *Wall penetrations shall be protected by an approved penetration firestop system installed as tested in accordance with ASTM E119, ASTM E814, UL 263, or UL 1479 with a positive pressure differential of not less than 0.01 of an inch of water (0.002 kPa). *Replacement building components shall have a primer and paint applied that matches current the building color.

California Wildfire Mitigation Program's Minimum Quality Standards (MQS) 2.1

Get started

The California Wildfire Mitigation Program's Minimum Quality Standards (MQS) 2.0 outlines essential guidelines for improving wildfire resilience in homes. These StoryMaps offer a simplified overview of the standards.



California Wildfire Mitigation Program Alignment

- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- California Department of Insurance, Safer from Wildfires Program
- Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS), Wildfire Prepared Home Designation
- California Department of Housing and Community Development, ReCoverCA Program
- Headwaters Economics, Wildfire Retrofit Reports
- NFPA, Firewise USA
- Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI)

Every noble work is at first impossible.

~Thomas Carlyle

Standing a program from the Ground Up

Challenges:

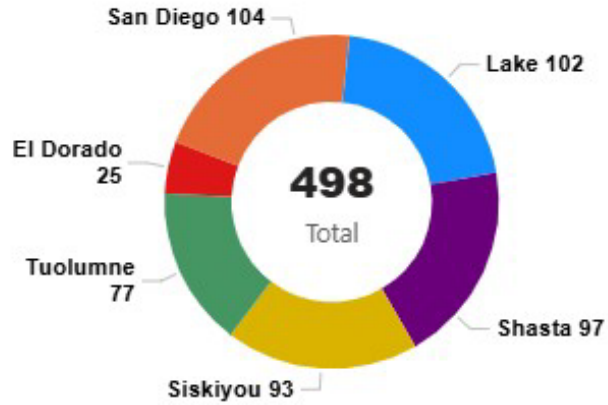
- FEMA Allowable Activities
- Contractors
- Permitting
- Materials
- Social Acceptance

Opportunities :

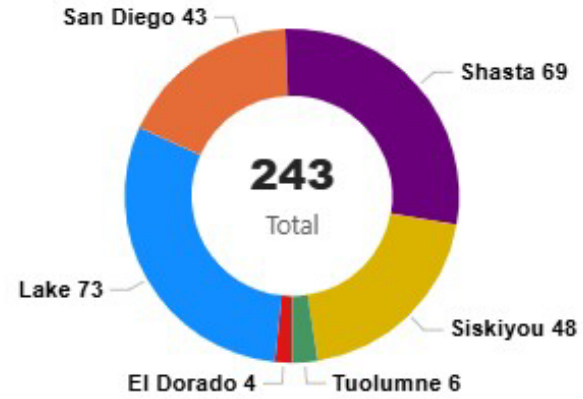
- Non-Issue Parcels
- Batching
- CWMP Allowable Activities



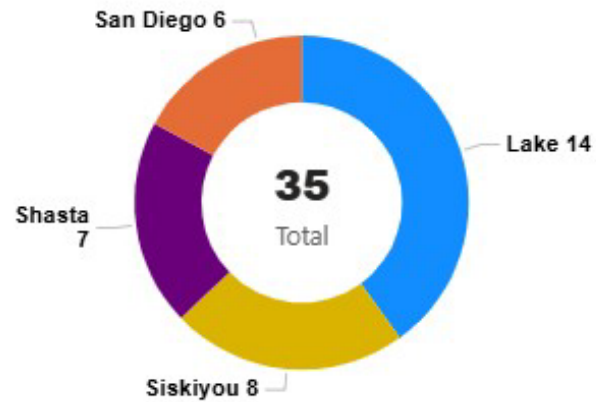
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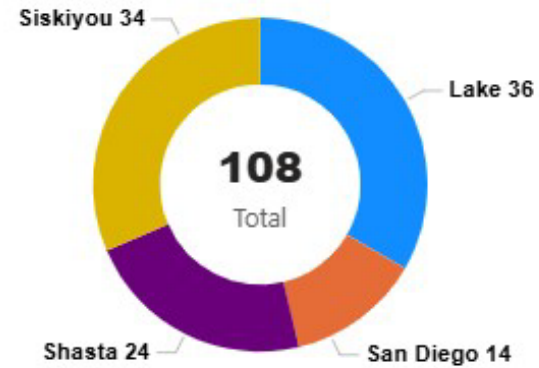
Assessments Completed



Homes in Progress



Homes Completed



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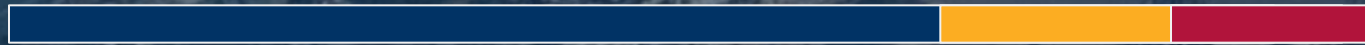


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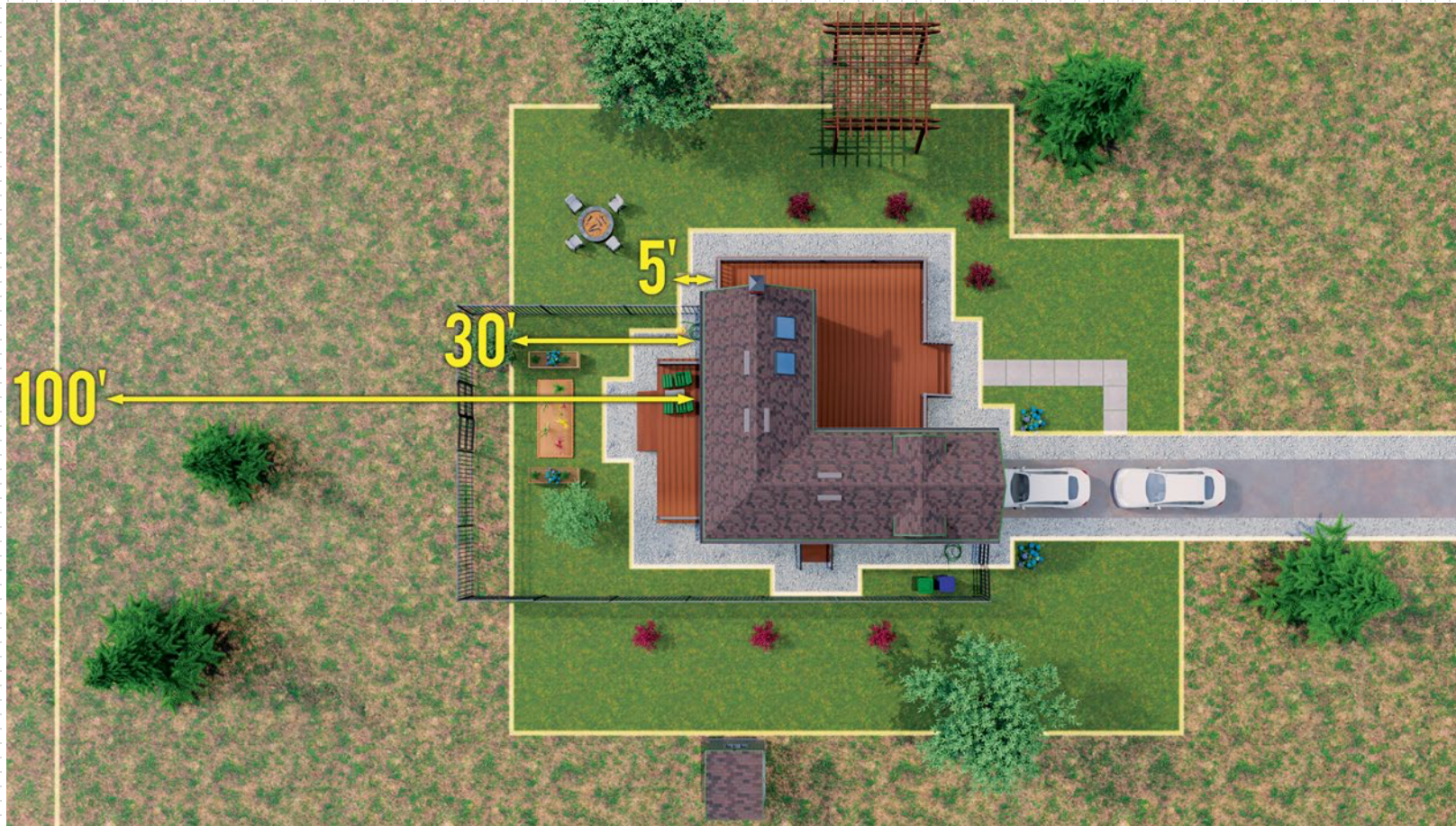
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Implementation Examples



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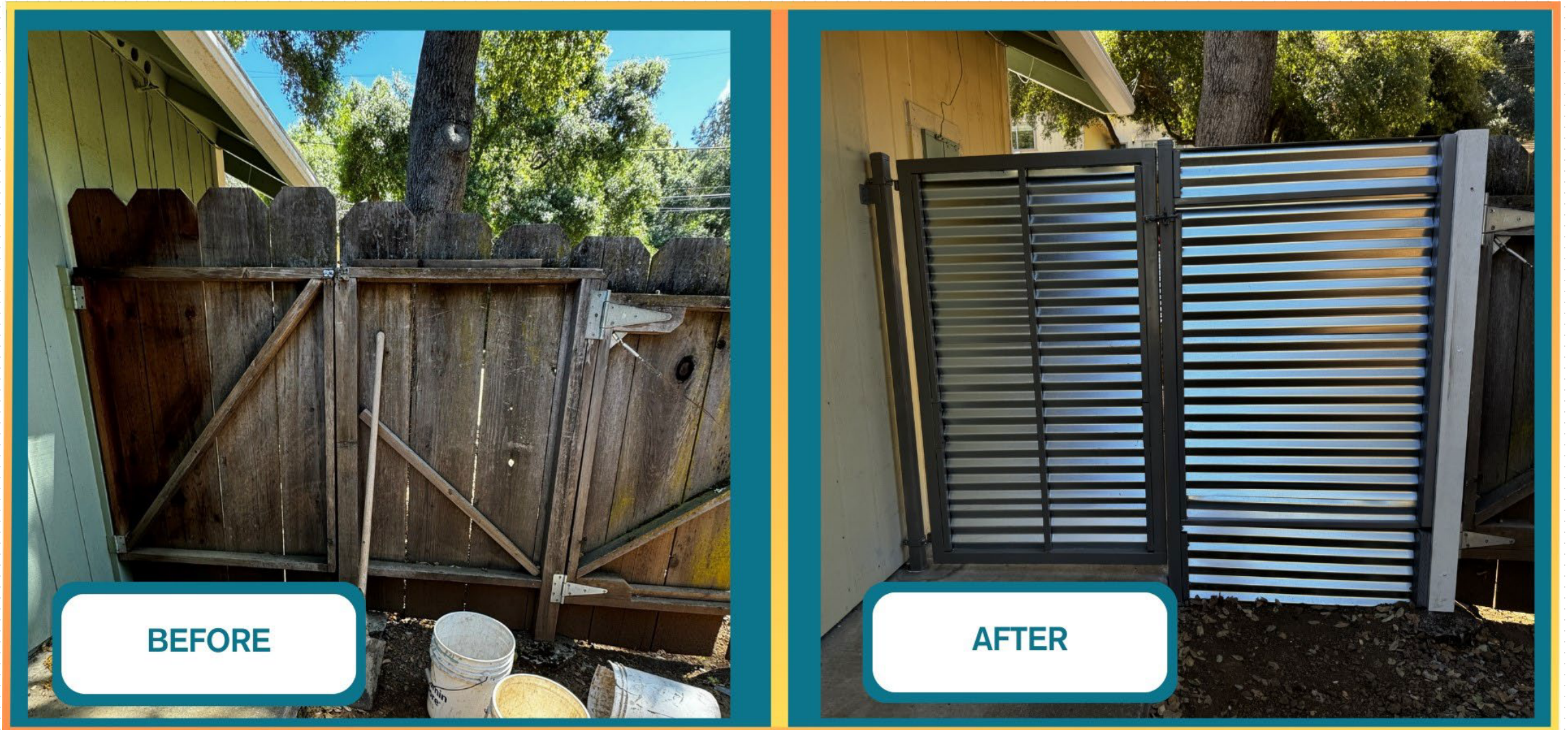


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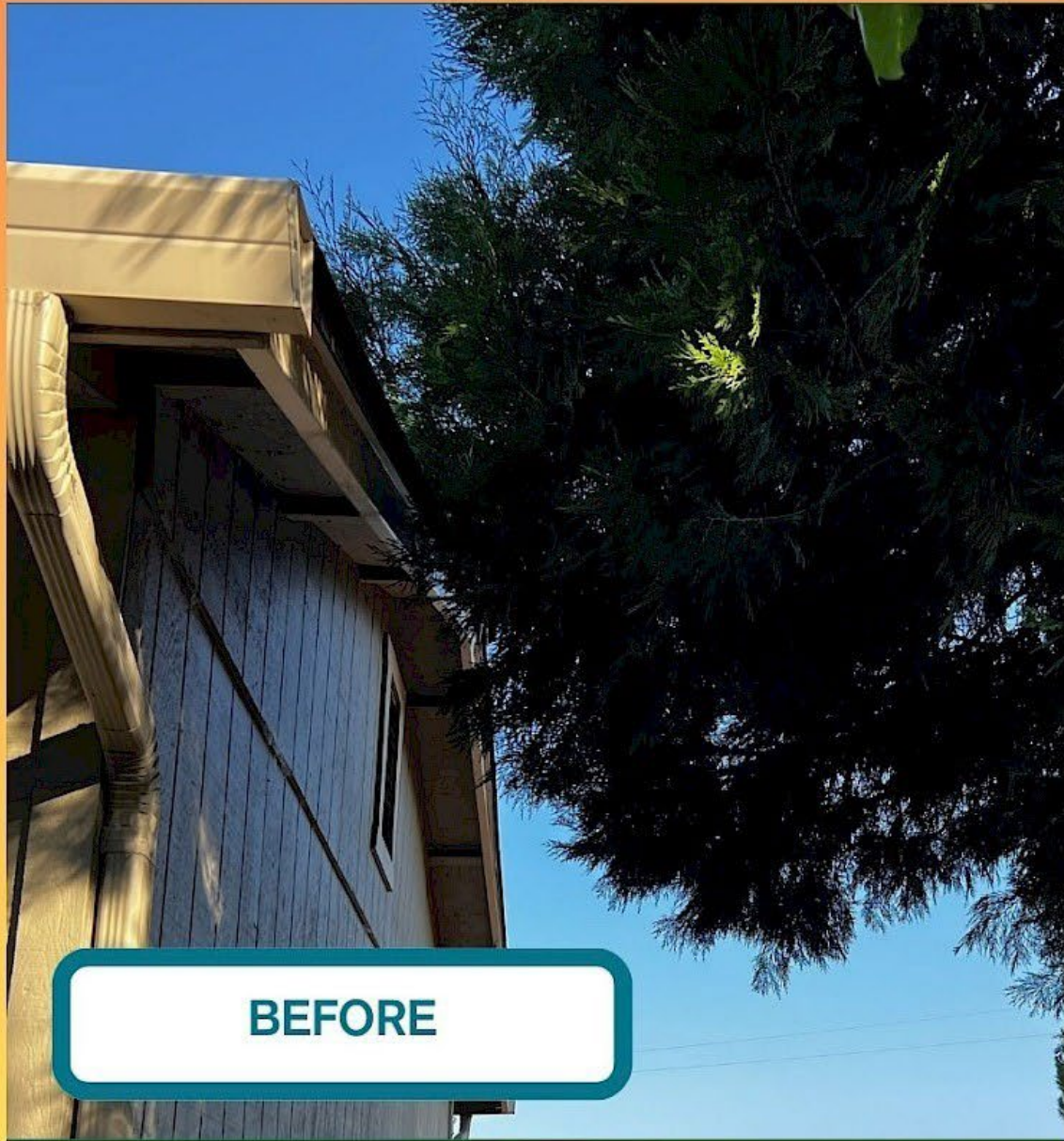
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Non-Combustible Gate

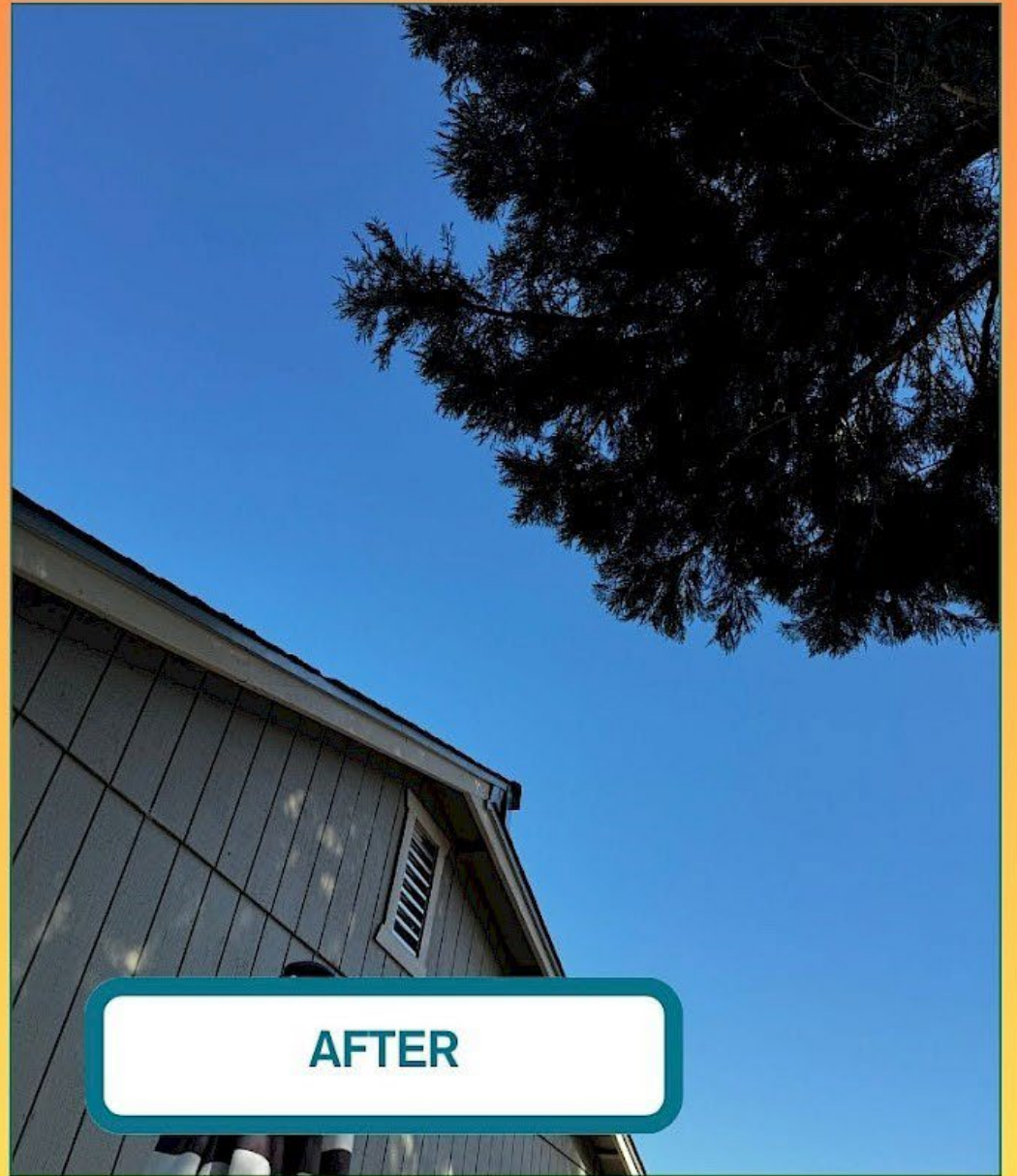


Non-Combustible Fencing





BEFORE



AFTER



In Progress



Before





Zone 1



Before



After

Zone 1



Re-screening Window Screens

Removing the Combustible Skirting



Metal Flashing where the deck meets the wall



New Deck and Porch built with Treated Lumber





New Crawl Space and Electrical Panel Door built from non-combustible Hardie Board

Propane Tank Enclosure



Decking Retrofits



Retrofits



Minimum Quality Standards 2.01

Wall Retrofits



Minimum Quality Standards 2.1

Wall Retrofits



Deck Retrofits



Vents Retrofits



Enclosed Eaves





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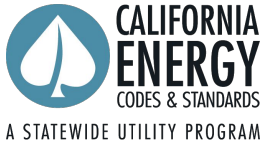


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Misti Bruceri
CA Local Energy Codes



Statewide Codes and Standards

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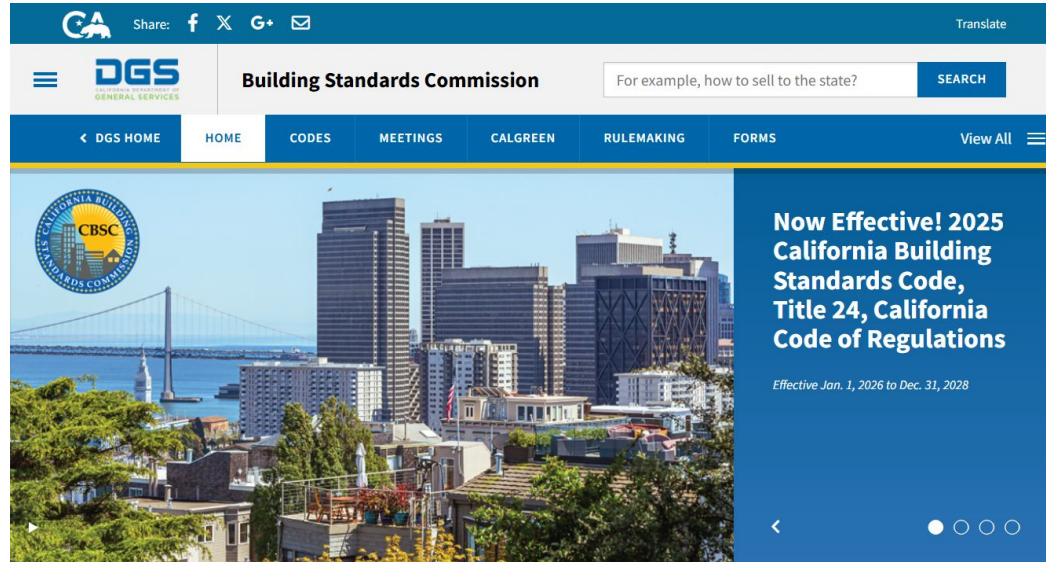
2025 Building Code Baselines

Code effective January 1, 2026

New Construction heat pump baseline for space and water heating for most occupancy types

- Opportunities to improve efficiency for most, and
- Electrification for multifamily central water heating

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC>

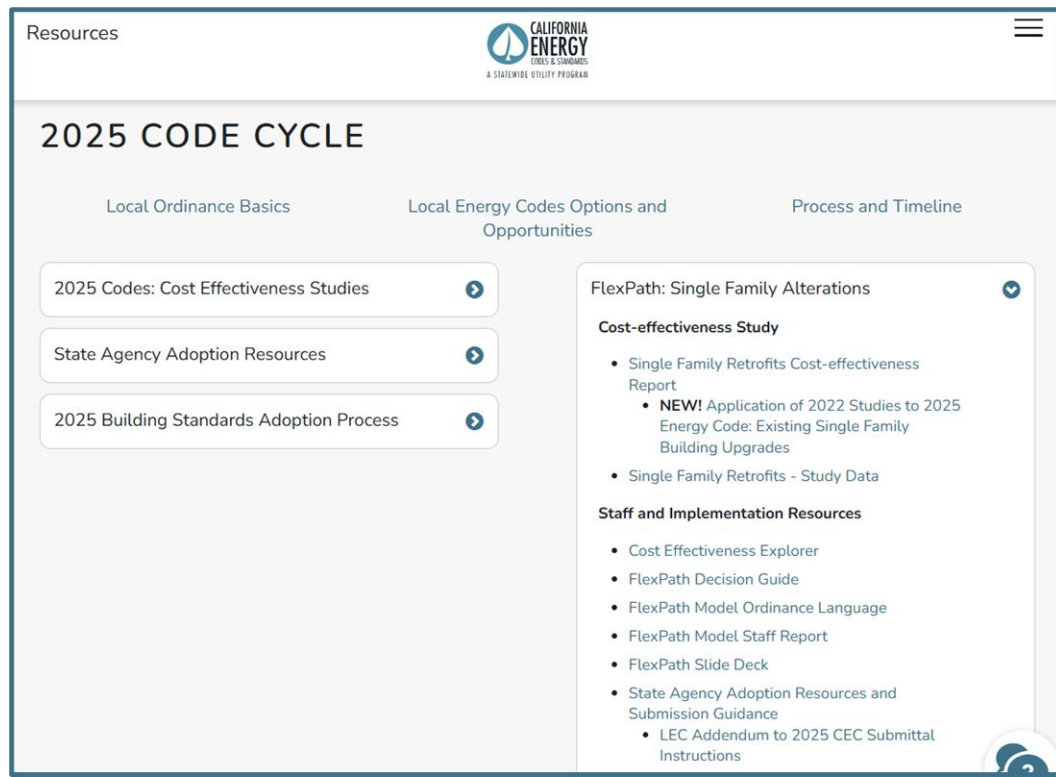


The screenshot shows the homepage of the Building Standards Commission (BSC) website. The header features the California state logo, social media sharing options (Facebook, X, Google+, Email), and a 'Translate' button. Below the header is the 'Building Standards Commission' logo and a search bar with the placeholder text 'For example, how to sell to the state?' and a 'SEARCH' button. The main navigation menu includes links for 'DGS HOME', 'HOME', 'CODES', 'MEETINGS', 'CALGREEN', 'RULEMAKING', and 'FORMS', along with a 'View All' button. The main content area features a large image of a city skyline with a bridge, overlaid with the BSC logo. To the right of the image, a blue box contains the text: 'Now Effective! 2025 California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations' and 'Effective Jan. 1, 2026 to Dec. 31, 2028'. At the bottom right, there are navigation arrows and a set of four circles, with the first one filled.

2025 Ordinance Opportunities – Existing Buildings

- Single Family FlexPath and AC to HP
- Nonresidential AC to HP
- Benchmarking and Building Performance Standards (BPS)
- Most jurisdictions referencing “Exception 5” to AB130

[Local Energy Codes: Resources Page](#)



The screenshot shows the 'Resources' page for the 2025 Code Cycle. The page is titled '2025 CODE CYCLE' and is organized into three main sections: 'Local Ordinance Basics', 'Local Energy Codes Options and Opportunities', and 'Process and Timeline'. Under 'Local Energy Codes Options and Opportunities', there are three links: '2025 Codes: Cost Effectiveness Studies', 'State Agency Adoption Resources', and '2025 Building Standards Adoption Process'. The 'Process and Timeline' section is expanded to show 'FlexPath: Single Family Alterations', which includes a 'Cost-effectiveness Study' with a list of reports and data, and 'Staff and Implementation Resources' with a list of guides and reports.

Resources

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2025 CODE CYCLE

Local Ordinance Basics Local Energy Codes Options and Opportunities Process and Timeline

- 2025 Codes: Cost Effectiveness Studies
- State Agency Adoption Resources
- 2025 Building Standards Adoption Process

FlexPath: Single Family Alterations

Cost-effectiveness Study

- Single Family Retrofits Cost-effectiveness Report
 - **NEW!** Application of 2022 Studies to 2025 Energy Code: Existing Single Family Building Upgrades
- Single Family Retrofits - Study Data

Staff and Implementation Resources

- Cost Effectiveness Explorer
- FlexPath Decision Guide
- FlexPath Model Ordinance Language
- FlexPath Model Staff Report
- FlexPath Slide Deck
- State Agency Adoption Resources and Submission Guidance
 - LEC Addendum to 2025 CEC Submittal Instructions

Cost Effectiveness Explorer

<https://explorer.localenergycodes.com/>



Reach Codes in the News...



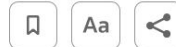
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News

US sues two California cities over limits on gas in new buildings

By Reuters

January 5, 2026 6:04 PM PST · Updated 15 hours ago



1. Ordinances are in the “Berkeley” style
2. Lawsuit is an unprecedented method of federal EPCA enforcement

Legal Technical Assistance

Public Health Law Center,
Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

Available to local government staff as well as advocates and nonprofits.

Contact Daniel Carpenter-Gold
Daniel.carpentergold@mitchellhamline.edu

Summary available: [Public Health Law Center Litigation Tracker](#)

HR 3699 – “Energy Choice Act”

SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON REGULATION OF ENERGY CHOICE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—A State or local government, or instrumentality or regulatory agency thereof, may not adopt, implement, or enforce a law, regulation, ordinance, building code, standard, or policy that prohibits or limits, or has the effect of directly or indirectly prohibiting or limiting the connection, reconnection, modification, installation, transportation, distribution, expansion, or access to an energy service based on the type or source of energy that is sold in interstate commerce to be delivered to an end-user of such energy service.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the term “energy” includes—

- (1) natural gas;
- (2) renewable natural gas;
- (3) hydrogen;
- (4) liquified petroleum gas;
- (5) renewable liquified petroleum gas;
- (6) other liquid petroleum products;
- (7) biomass-based diesel fuels and renewable fuels; and
- (8) electricity.



Thank you!

We appreciate your time

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Discussion

*Please add questions
in the chat*

Q&A and Discussion



Announcement : CCEC Forum Proposals



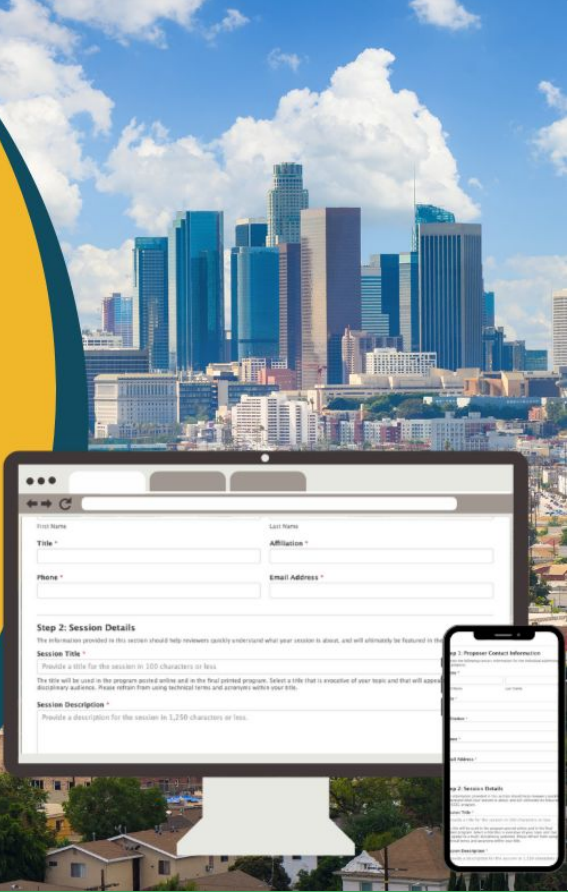
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Local Energy Resources Network



What's Next?

- Bonus Breakouts up next!
- Next meeting **February 10th**
- Share [invitation](#) with others

See you next time!



Optional: Bonus Breakouts

Thanks for joining us!

This is a space for informal discussion among the LERN network. Feel free to:

- Offer an announcement, success story, or opportunity
- Share a need for information, collaborators, or advice
- Raise a suggested topic or speaker for future LERNS

If you need an in-depth discussion, you can pitch a specific bonus breakout topic and invite others to join you (today or we can plan ahead for next month)



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