

DRAFT Scope of Work

Sub-Workgroup on Homeowner and Community Risk Mitigation

A collaboration between California Climate Insurance Working Group (CCIWG) and the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program Technical Advisory Council (ICARP TAC)

Partners

About the California Climate Insurance Working Group

Created by statute in 2018 (SB 30 (Lara, Insurance Code 12922.5)), the California Climate Insurance Working Group (CCIWG) is a group of environmental advocates, researchers, and insurance experts that makes recommendations to the Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara on innovative insurance-related mechanisms to reduce the threat from climate-related hazards. The Working Group is hosted by the California Department of Insurance (CDI).

About the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program Technical Advisory Council

Created by statute in 2015 (SB 246 (Wieckowski, Public Resources Code 71354)) the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) is designed to develop a cohesive and coordinated response to the impacts of climate change across the state. Through its activities, the Program develops holistic strategies to coordinate climate activities at the state, regional and local levels, while advancing social equity. The Technical Advisory Council (TAC) brings together local government, practitioners, scientists, and community leaders to help coordinate activities that better prepare California for the impacts of a changing climate. The ICARP TAC is hosted by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Scope

Through this memo, OPR and CDI create a collaborative sub-workgroup to explore opportunities to improve home and community resilience using novel insurance-related mechanisms and strategies. The group seeks to answer the following questions:

- How do insurers and reinsurers approach climate and wildfire risk at the local and regional level? How do they approach mitigation of that risk and how could risk be addressed differently in the future?
- How do local and tribal governments approach climate and wildfire risk at the local and regional level? How do they approach mitigation of that risk and how could risk be addressed differently in the future?
- How can local, state, and tribal governments leverage existing insurance products and policies, or innovate new models, to advance climate mitigation and adaptation efforts?
- What can be done to improve community- and homeowner-scale understanding of where climate vulnerabilities lie?
- How can adaptation and resilience measures at scale provide improved insurance coverage and affordability?

- How can the state provide localized education about critical mitigation or risk-avoidance measures and tools?

To support this research, the sub-workgroup will bring in climate adaptation and insurance sector experts and receive briefing materials. The sub-workgroup will meet at least four times in 2020 to consider and discuss these questions and will provide preliminary recommendations up through the CCIWG and the ICARP TAC for consideration by October 2020.

The sub-workgroup will be coordinated, supported and guided by staff at OPR and CDI.

Timeline

- March 2020: Schedule meetings, compile relevant case studies.
- March 2020: Initial scoping meeting, informed by case studies provided by staff.
- May 2020: Further case studies and engagement with experts from the insurance industry.
- June-August 2020: Compile and draft preliminary recommendations for group discussion.
- August 2020: Meet on preliminary recommendations.
- September 2020: Discuss and finalize recommendations for delivery to CCIWG and ICARP TAC.
- October 2020: Presentation on recommendations to CCIWG and ICARP TAC