

## California Wildfire Protection Task Force Meets

The American Wood Council (AWC), along with several other wood industry associations and companies, including MFP/HRC, participated in the second **California Wildfire Protection Building Construction Task Force** meeting in Sacramento. The meeting begins a process in which the California Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) will be reviewing their existing Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) requirements for possible revision. Several anti-wood representatives are using this effort in an attempt to eliminate use of wood in WUI areas. It is expected that proposals developed by the Task Force will be submitted for consideration in the 2019 California Building Code. Currently, California provisions require fire performance to be demonstrated in accordance with several ASTM fire test standards which a number of wood materials (including redwood) can meet. ([David Tyree](mailto:David.Tyree@awc.org), 719-492-3990)