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County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: General Services Department

Subject: Uncodified Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones for Local Responsibility Areas within the Jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Fire Department.

Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Formal Title: Consider approving in concept “An Uncodified Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones Within the Unincorporated Areas of County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48) Under the Jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Fire Department”, confirm the proposal is exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Approve in concept an “Uncodified Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones Within the Unincorporated Areas of County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48) Under the Jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Fire Department”, and approve the CEQA Notice of Exemption;
2. Schedule the ordinance for a second reading and final adoption on June 10, 2025;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the Notice of Proposed Ordinance Summary in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the scheduled second reading and final adoption, no later than June 5, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 25124; and
4. Direct the Director of General Services Department to transmit a copy of the adopted ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days of adoption, pursuant to Government Code section 51179 subdivision (c).

Executive Summary

On February 24, 2025, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) released updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) designations for Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) within the County of Santa Cruz. Pursuant to Government Code section 51179, subdivision (a), the County is required to adopt an ordinance designating moderate, high, and very high Fire Hazard Severity Zones within its LRAs no later than 120 days after receiving the State Fire Marshal's recommendations, with the ordinance required to be adopted by June 24, 2025

Discussion

Background

In response to major wildfires, including the 1980 Panorama Fire and the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire, the State Legislature established requirements for identifying and designating fire hazard severity zones. These zones are based on physical conditions and expected

fire behavior over a 50-year period. The State classifies zones as Moderate, High, or Very High.

The Fire Hazard Severity Zone program was expanded through Assembly Bill 642 and Senate Bill 63 (2022), which directed CAL FIRE to update and map hazard zones in LRAs. CAL FIRE's updated maps for Santa Cruz County were released on February 24, 2025, and include new Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone designations in LRAs for the first time.

The Santa Cruz County Fire Department provides fire protection services in County Service Areas 4 (Pajaro Dunes) and 48, both located in LRAs. Under Government Code section 51179, local agencies may not reduce the hazard severity designations proposed by the State Fire Marshal but may expand them. Staff recommends adopting the maps as presented, which reflect appropriate designations for local conditions.

Fire Hazard Severity Zones Review

In the prior review of fire hazard severity zones in LRAs in 2007, CAL FIRE determined that Santa Cruz County did not have any Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Responsibility Areas, and as a result, no map was issued for the County. Advances in technology, new scientific data, and updated modeling have prompted an update to these maps in 2025. It is important to note that these maps measure hazard and not risk:

- Hazard is based on the physical conditions that create the likelihood and expected fire behavior over a 50-year period without considering mitigation measures, such as home hardening, recent wildfire, or fuel management efforts.
- Risk is the potential damage a fire can cause to the area under existing conditions, counting for any mitigation such as fuel management, defensible space, and ignition resistant building construction.

In compliance with Government Code Section 51178.5, the Santa Cruz County Fire Department updated its website to include an FHSZ LRA webpage within 30 days of the State Fire Marshal's release of updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone designations, making the information available for public review and comment, and meeting the posting requirements.

<https://countyfire.santacruzcountyca.gov/FireResources/OSFM2025FireHazardSeverityZones.aspx>

Under Government Code Section 51179, local agencies cannot decrease the severity of fire hazard severity zone designations made by the State Fire Marshal but may increase or expand them where appropriate. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the fire hazard severity zone maps as recommended by the State Fire Marshal without any additional designations. This recommendation reflects Santa Cruz County Fire's review of the maps and determination that the State designations are appropriate for the local conditions within County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48).

Local Agency Requirements

Adopting the updated FHSZ maps ensures the County complies with state law and supports strategic wildfire prevention. These designations guide building code

requirements, defensible space standards, and mitigation efforts. No alternative actions were considered, as the County may not reduce State-assigned hazard levels.

Per Government Code section 51179, local agencies must:

- Make maps publicly available within 30 days of receiving them.
- Adopt an ordinance designating zones within 120 days.
- Submit adopted maps and documentation to the Board of Forestry within 30 days of adoption.

The proposed ordinance conforms with the State Fire Marshal's model ordinance, per California Fire Code section 4911. Additionally, the proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA as a ministerial action required by law.

The designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones represents a vital measure in California's broader strategy to reduce wildfire risk and protect communities in areas most vulnerable to destructive fires. By adopting the updated maps as recommended by the State Fire Marshal, the County reinforces its commitment to proactive fire prevention, land use planning, and public safety. The Fire Hazard Severity Zone map will guide defensible space standards, building requirements, and mitigation efforts across identified zones. Adoption of these updated designations ensures compliance with state law and supports the County's long-term goals for safety and sustainability.

Financial Impact

This action has minimal financial impact. Costs related to public noticing and staff time are absorbed within existing departmental budgets.

Strategic Initiatives

Climate Action - Wildfire Prevention

Submitted By:

Michael Beaton, General Services Director

Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Chat GPT-4o was used to assist in drafting and formatting this agenda item in accordance with County AI Use policy.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES
WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COUNTY SERVICE AREAS 4 (CSA 4)
AND 48 (CSA 48) UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FIRE
DEPARTMENT

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz (the “Board”) hereby finds and declares the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 51178, the State Fire Marshal is required to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and the severity of fire hazard expected to prevail in those areas; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), which is within the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), is responsible for carrying out this mandate through fire prevention, engineering, training, education, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, the OSFM released updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) designations for Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) within Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, through CAL FIRE, has developed Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps in accordance with Government Code section 51175 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 51178 requires local jurisdictions to adopt these maps, designating Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) within LRAs; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 51179 states that local agencies shall designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the director pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) of section 51178; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz is a “local agency” as defined in Government Code Section 51177(e); and

WHEREAS in the prior review conducted in 2007 CAL FIRE determined that no VHFHSZs existed in the LRAs of Santa Cruz County, and accordingly, no VHFHSZ map was issued at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of formally designating updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the unincorporated areas served by County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48), which fall under the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones is necessary to support implementation of defensible space requirements, building standards, and other critical fire prevention measures in areas of elevated wildfire hazard; and

WHEREAS, CAL FIRE has provided updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps for the LRAs within Santa Cruz County, which Santa Cruz County Fire Department has reviewed and accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION I

The County hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the unincorporated areas of County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48), as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) pursuant to Government Code Section 51178, and as depicted on the map identified in Section II of this Ordinance.

SECTION II

The map, approved by the County, is hereby attached as Exhibit A, incorporated by reference, and entitled “Santa Cruz County Unincorporated Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zones, Dated February 24, 2025.” The official map is also located electronically on the following website:

<https://countyfire.santacruzcountycalifornia.gov/FireResources/OSFM2025FireHazardSeverityZones.aspx>

SECTION III

The Board of Supervisors finds that this Ordinance to designate the Fire Hazard Severity Zones within Santa Cruz County Fire Department’s jurisdiction as recommended by CAL FIRE is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080 subdivision (b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines section 15002 subdivision (i), as a ministerial action, required by Government Code section 51179 subdivision (a).

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SECTION IV

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day after the date of final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

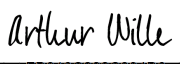
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

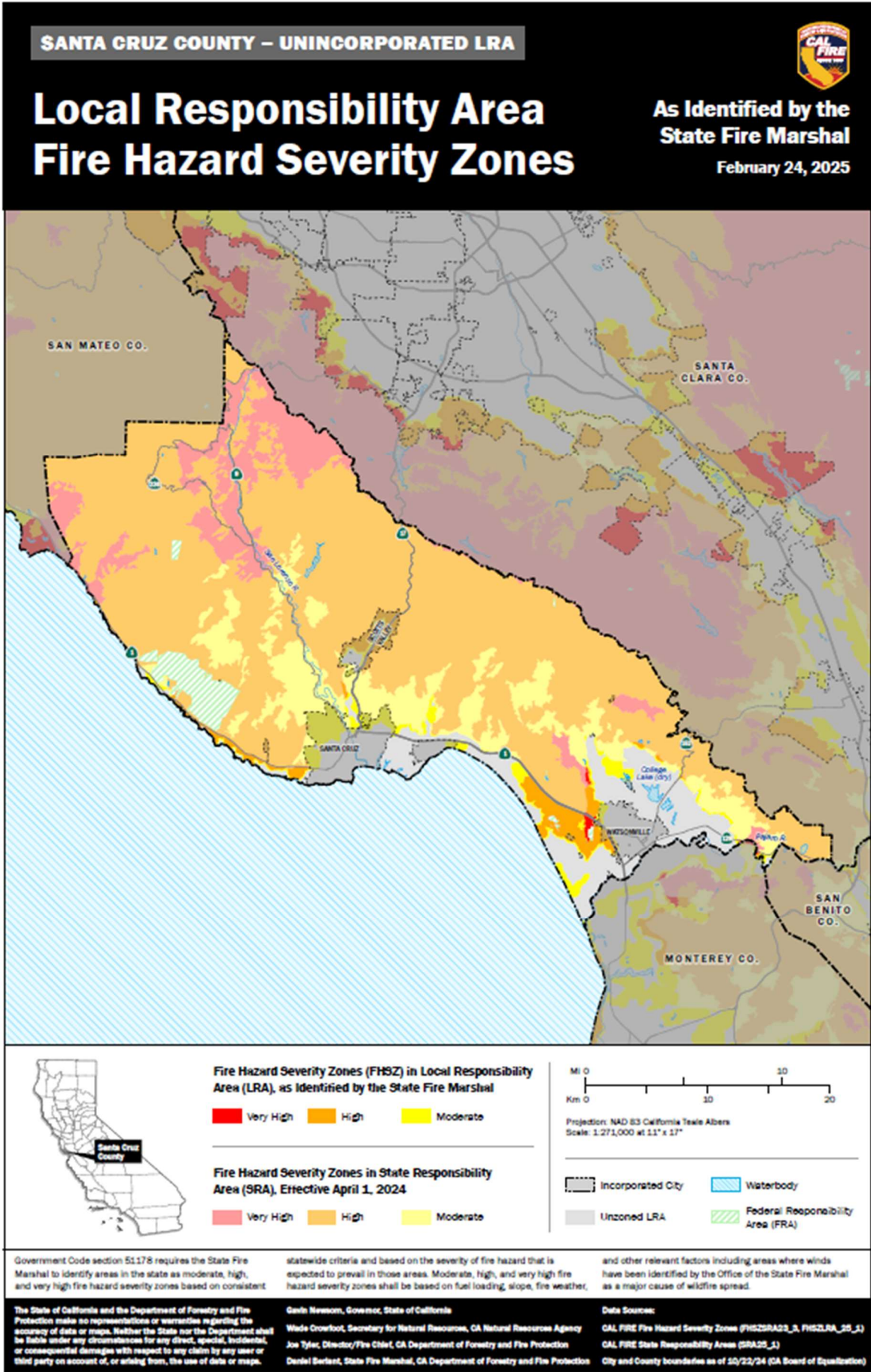
ATTEST: _____
Juliette Rezzato
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:
 5/7/2025

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Arthur G. Wille
Assistant County Counsel

EXHIBIT A



Certificate Of Completion

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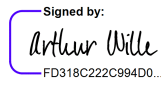
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County of Santa Cruz

Department of Community Development and Infrastructure

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
Attn: Juliette Rezzato
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Name: Designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones for Local Responsibility Areas

Project Location: Countywide

Assessor Parcel No.: Not applicable

Project Applicant: County of Santa Cruz

Project Description: Designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones for Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) within the unincorporated areas of County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48), under the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Fire Department.

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz

County Contact: Paola Echeverria Telephone No. (831)454-2709

Date Completed: May 1, 2025

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on _____, and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: (check one)

- ☐ The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- ☐ The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- ☒ The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- ☒ **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

Specify type:

☐ **Categorical Exemption**

Class 1

Reasons why the project is exempt:

Adoption of the State's Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) is required by Government Code Section 51179(a). This section requires local jurisdictions to adopt FHSZ maps designating Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Responsibility Areas. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(i), this required action constitutes a ministerial action.

In addition, the common sense exemption applies as passage of this ordinance would not have reasonably foreseeable impacts on the environment.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Title: Environmental Coordinator

Revised 5/6/2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
(SUMMARY)**

Board of Supervisors Information (for Clerk Use only):

Approved in Concept: Click or tap to enter a date.

AMS Item: Click or tap here to enter text.

Scheduled for Second Reading & Final Adoption: Click or tap to enter a date.

Ordinance Title:

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES
WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COUNTY SERVICE AREAS 4 (CSA 4)
AND 48 (CSA 48) UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Ordinance Summary:

This uncoded ordinance designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) for Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) within the unincorporated areas of County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48) in Santa Cruz County, as recommended by the State Fire Marshal, pursuant to Government Code section 51179. This ordinance is intended to establish clear fire hazard severity zones to guide fire prevention and protection efforts in these areas.

The full text of this ordinance is available for public review at the Office of the Clerk of the Board, Room 520, Governmental Center Building, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz, California 95060; and on the Internet at:

<https://santacruzcountyca.primegov.com/public/portal>

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REGULAR AGENDA

Scheduled and Regular Departmental items – 9:00 AM or thereafter

13. Consider approving in concept “An Uncodified Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones Within the Unincorporated Areas of County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48) Under the Jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Fire Department”, confirm the proposal is exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and take related actions

Name: Becky Steinbruner

Comment - 05/20/2025 08:16 AM: (For)

Dear Supervisors,

The Staff Report (page 3) claims CSA 48 is in the LRA but most of the properties are in the SRA. Also, the Santa Cruz County Fire website was only recently updated, as late as May 14, much later than the 30 day requirement to post after the Fire Marshal issued the maps on February 24, 2025. I have been checking the website for information on the County's FDAG, and have only seen the website update since the FDAG's meeting on May 14.

I realize the State Fire Marshal has issued these maps, but what is the appeal process, if any?

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner



Santa Cruz County Fire Department



Fire Hazard Severity Zones

May 20th, 2025



HISTORY

1980

Panorama Fire burns 28,800 acres, destroying 325 structures and resulting in 4 fatalities in San Bernardino.

1991

Tunnel Fire burns 1,600 acres, destroying 2,900 structures and resulting in 25 fatalities in the Oakland Hills.

2017

Tubbs Fire burns 36,810 acres, destroying 5,643 structures and resulting in 22 fatalities in Santa Rosa.

2018

Camp Fire burns 153,336 acres, destroying 18,804 structures and resulting in 85 fatalities in Paradise.

PRC 4201 mandates that CAL FIRE develop Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

1982

Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps are created.

1985

The "Bates Bill" calls for CAL FIRE to identify Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in LRA.

1992

CAL FIRE finalizes the Statewide FHSZ Model to include Very High FHSZ in LRA.

2007

AB 642 and SB 63 require CAL FIRE to identify Moderate and High FHSZ in LRA.

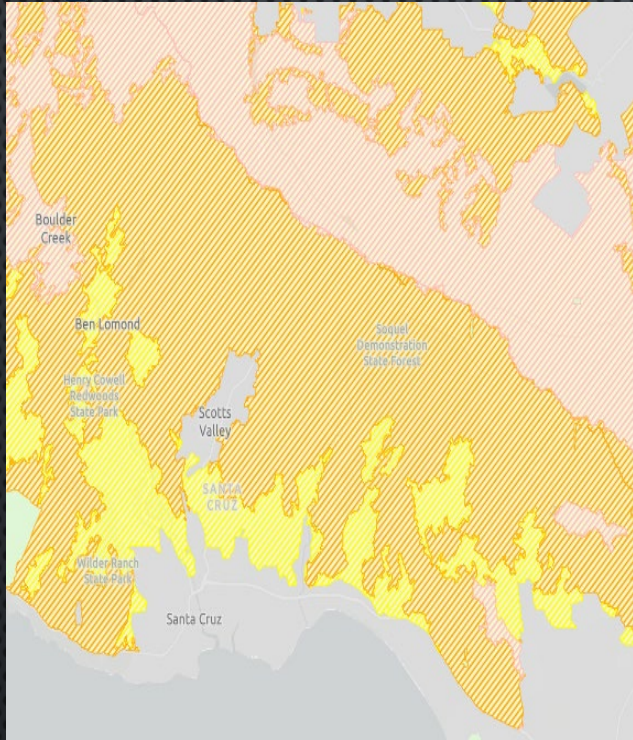
2021

AB 211 requires local agency to designate by ordinance Moderate and High FHSZ in LRA.

2022

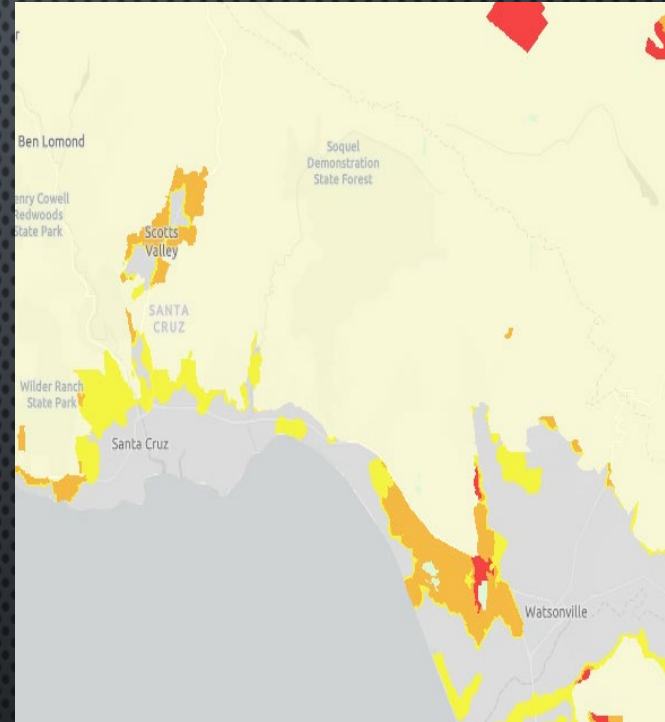


LRA vs. SRA



State Responsibility Area (SRA)

State has financial responsibility for wildland fire protection and prevention



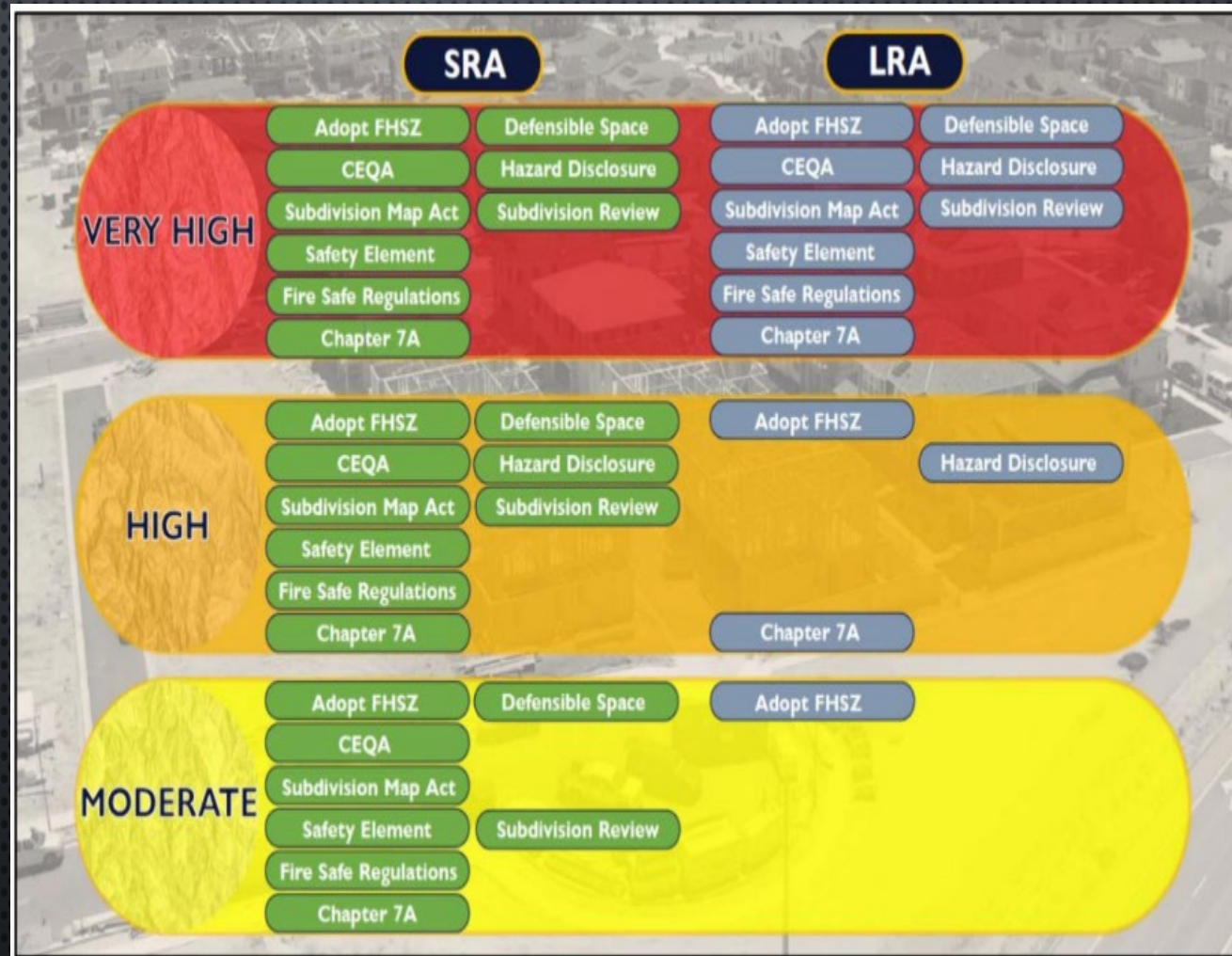
Local Responsibility Area (LRA)

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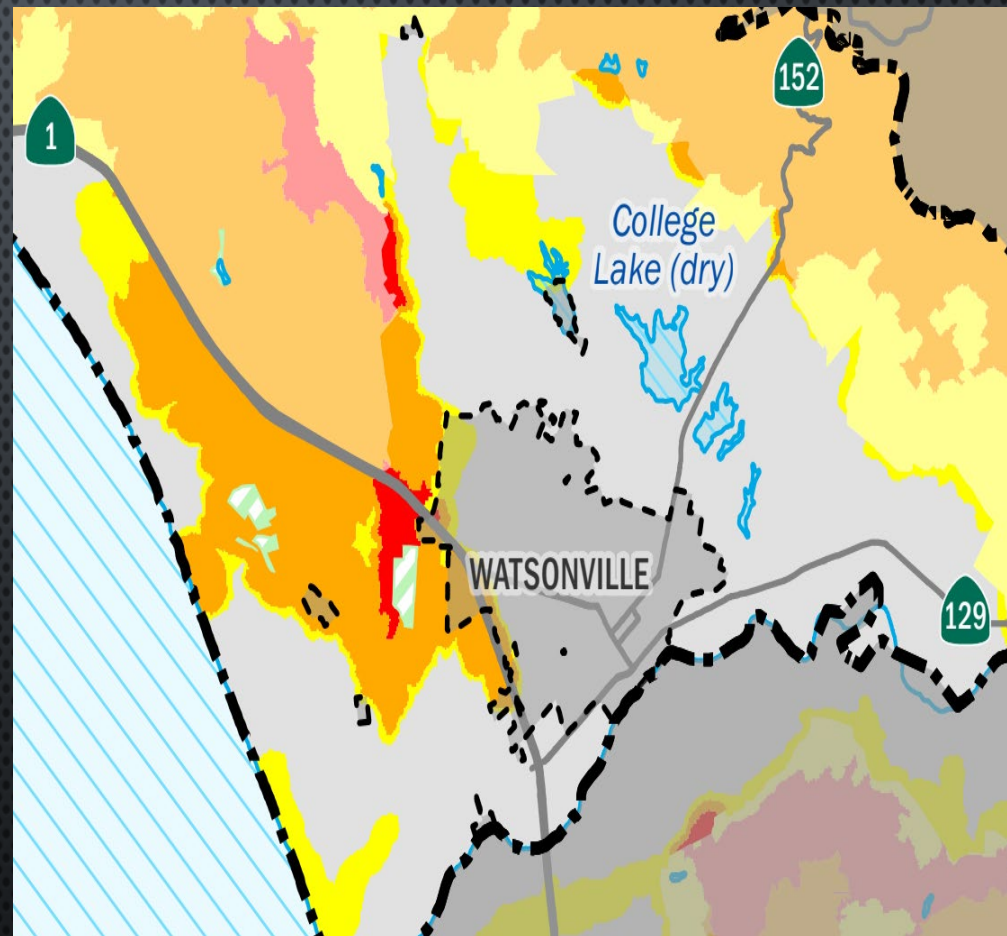
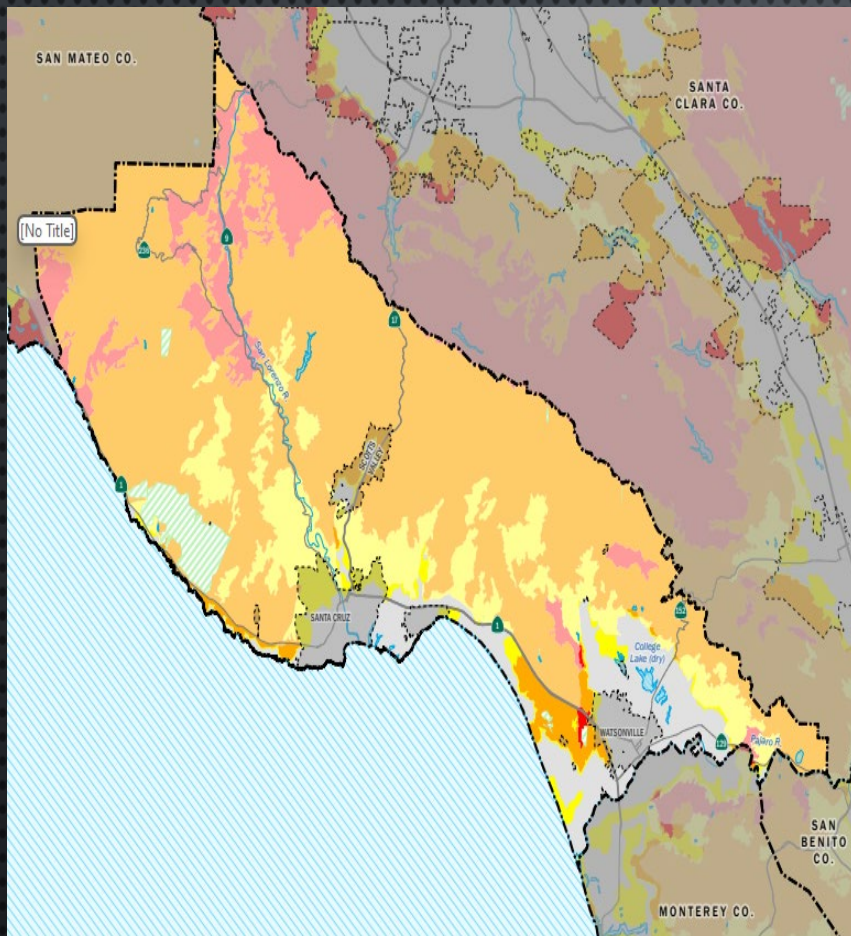
FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

- **VERY HIGH**
- **HIGH**
- **MODERATE**





MAPS





PREPAREDNESS

ZONE 0 - 0'-5'

Remove woody materials/vegetation
Remove limbs from trees/large bushes

ZONE 1 - 5'-30'

Remove branches within 10' of chimney
Remove or separate live ground cover
Trim tree limbs 6-10' off ground
Remove flammable vegetation near decks, balconies, stairs, etc.

ZONE 3 - 30'-100'

Keep annual grasses below 4"
Remove all piles of dead vegetation
Work with neighbors to maintain





What we can do...

- Defensible Space
- Home Hardening
- FireSafe and FireWise
- Participate in evacuation drills and messaging
- Signup for CRUZAware
- Know your Zone





QUESTIONS?