

26. Adopt 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," (Approved in Concept May 20, 2025) ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Clerk of the Board

Subject: Adopt 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"

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

Formal Title: Adopt 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," (Approved in Concept May 20, 2025)

Recommended Action

Adopt 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" as approved in concept on May 20, 2025.

Executive Summary

N/A

Discussion

On May 20, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance in concept and scheduled it for second reading/final adoption on June 10, 2025.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with the recommended action.

Strategic Initiatives

N/A

Submitted By:

Juliette Rezzato, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.

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

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

Felipe Hernandez
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Juliette Rezzato
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:
 5/7/2025

FD318C222C994D0
Arthur G. Wille
Assistant County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

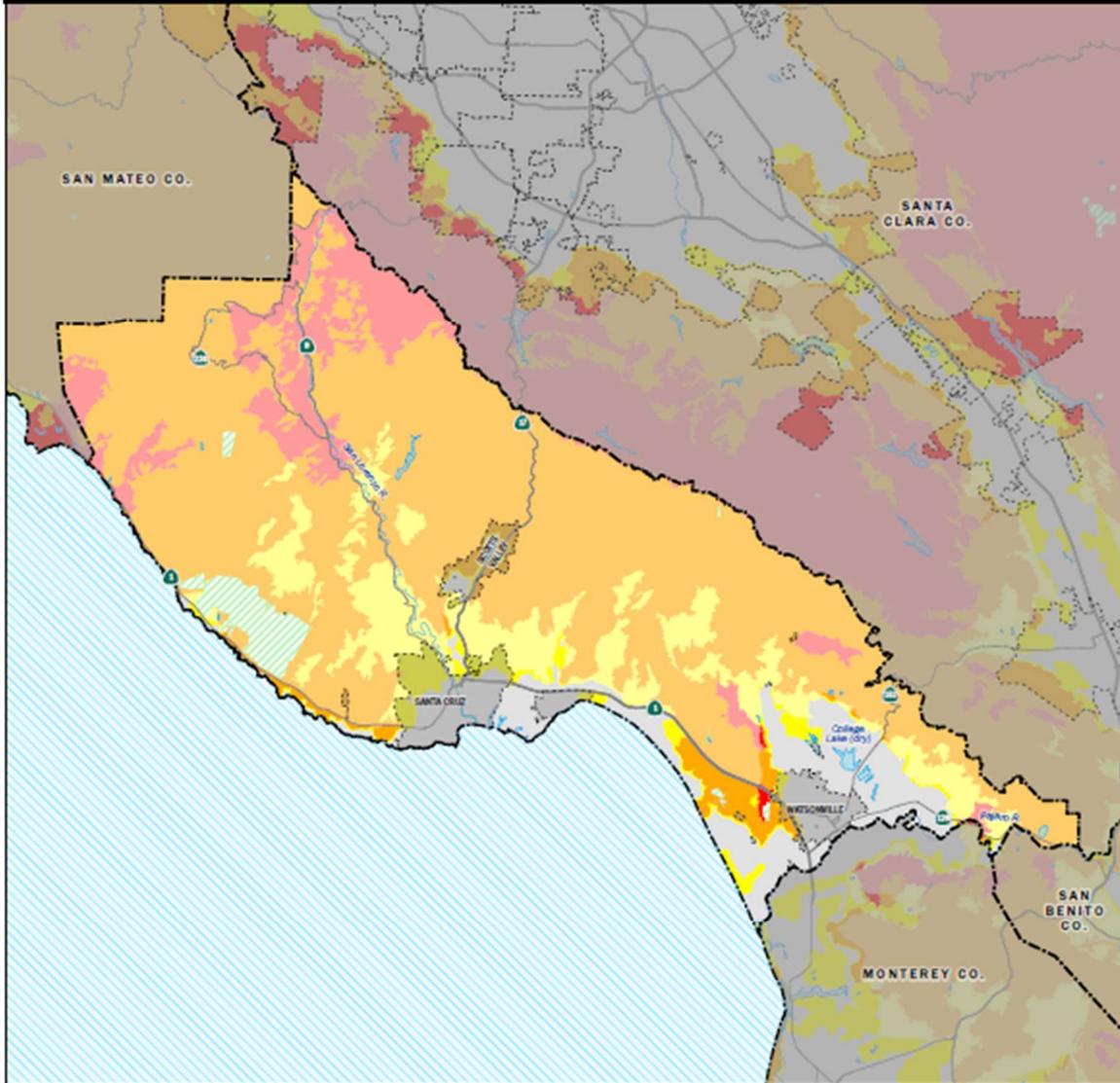
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – UNINCORPORATED LRA



Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

February 24, 2025

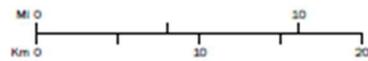


Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

Very High High Moderate

Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024

Very High High Moderate



Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers
Scale: 1:271,000 at 11" x 17"

- Incorporated City
- Waterbody
- Unzoned LRA
- Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Government Code section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
 Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency
 Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
 David Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Data Sources:
 CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZRA03_A, FHSZRA_05_1)
 CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA05_1)
 City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)

Certificate Of Completion

Envelope Id: 9540E807-C069-417C-9688-EEDADDDA1D2A	Status: Completed
Subject: Complete with Docusign: Uncodified Ordinance designating FHSZ	
Source Envelope:	
Document Pages: 4	Signatures: 1
Certificate Pages: 4	Initials: 0
AutoNav: Enabled	Envelope Originator:
Envelopeld Stamping: Enabled	Paola Echeverria
Time Zone: (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)	701 Ocean Street
	Santa Cruz, CA 95060
	Paola.Echeverria@santacruzcountyca.gov
	IP Address: 10.103.81.9

Record Tracking

Status: Original	Holder: Paola Echeverria	Location: DocuSign
5/7/2025 10:56:19 AM	Paola.Echeverria@santacruzcountyca.gov	
Security Appliance Status: Connected	Pool: FedRamp	
Storage Appliance Status: Connected	Pool: County of Santa Cruz	Location: Docusign

Signer Events

Arthur Wille
 arthur.wille@santacruzcountyca.gov
 County of Santa Cruz
 Assistant County Counsel
 Security Level: Email, Account Authentication (None)

Signature

Signed by:

 FD318C222C994D0...
 Signature Adoption: Pre-selected Style
 Using IP Address: 63.194.190.100

Timestamp

Sent: 5/7/2025 11:00:40 AM
 Viewed: 5/7/2025 11:01:55 AM
 Signed: 5/7/2025 11:04:06 AM

Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure:
 Accepted: 5/7/2025 11:01:55 AM
 ID: 464d7b36-8345-4321-8397-c9d12787a86f

In Person Signer Events	Signature	Timestamp
Editor Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Agent Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Intermediary Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Certified Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Carbon Copy Events	Status	Timestamp
Witness Events	Signature	Timestamp
Notary Events	Signature	Timestamp
Envelope Summary Events	Status	Timestamps
Envelope Sent	Hashed/Encrypted	5/7/2025 11:00:40 AM
Certified Delivered	Security Checked	5/7/2025 11:01:55 AM
Signing Complete	Security Checked	5/7/2025 11:04:06 AM
Completed	Security Checked	5/7/2025 11:04:06 AM
Payment Events	Status	Timestamps
Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure		

ELECTRONIC RECORD AND SIGNATURE DISCLOSURE

From time to time, County of Santa Cruz (we, us or Company) may be required by law to provide to you certain written notices or disclosures. Described below are the terms and conditions for providing to you such notices and disclosures electronically through the DocuSign system. Please read the information below carefully and thoroughly, and if you can access this information electronically to your satisfaction and agree to this Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure (ERSD), please confirm your agreement by selecting the check-box next to 'I agree to use electronic records and signatures' before clicking 'CONTINUE' within the DocuSign system.

Getting paper copies

At any time, you may request from us a paper copy of any record provided or made available electronically to you by us. You will have the ability to download and print documents we send to you through the DocuSign system during and immediately after the signing session and, if you elect to create a DocuSign account, you may access the documents for a limited period of time (usually 30 days) after such documents are first sent to you. After such time, if you wish for us to send you paper copies of any such documents from our office to you, you will be charged a \$0.00 per-page fee. You may request delivery of such paper copies from us by following the procedure described below.

Withdrawing your consent

If you decide to receive notices and disclosures from us electronically, you may at any time change your mind and tell us that thereafter you want to receive required notices and disclosures only in paper format. How you must inform us of your decision to receive future notices and disclosure in paper format and withdraw your consent to receive notices and disclosures electronically is described below.

Consequences of changing your mind

If you elect to receive required notices and disclosures only in paper format, it will slow the speed at which we can complete certain steps in transactions with you and delivering services to you because we will need first to send the required notices or disclosures to you in paper format, and then wait until we receive back from you your acknowledgment of your receipt of such paper notices or disclosures. Further, you will no longer be able to use the DocuSign system to receive required notices and consents electronically from us or to sign electronically documents from us.

All notices and disclosures will be sent to you electronically

Unless you tell us otherwise in accordance with the procedures described herein, we will provide electronically to you through the DocuSign system all required notices, disclosures, authorizations, acknowledgements, and other documents that are required to be provided or made available to you during the course of our relationship with you. To reduce the chance of you inadvertently not receiving any notice or disclosure, we prefer to provide all of the required notices and disclosures to you by the same method and to the same address that you have given us. Thus, you can receive all the disclosures and notices electronically or in paper format through the paper mail delivery system. If you do not agree with this process, please let us know as described below. Please also see the paragraph immediately above that describes the consequences of your electing not to receive delivery of the notices and disclosures electronically from us.

How to contact County of Santa Cruz:

You may contact us to let us know of your changes as to how we may contact you electronically, to request paper copies of certain information from us, and to withdraw your prior consent to receive notices and disclosures electronically as follows:

To contact us by email send messages to: nada.algharib@santacruzcounty.us

To advise County of Santa Cruz of your new email address

To let us know of a change in your email address where we should send notices and disclosures electronically to you, you must send an email message to us at nada.algharib@santacruzcounty.us and in the body of such request you must state: your previous email address, your new email address. We do not require any other information from you to change your email address.

If you created a DocuSign account, you may update it with your new email address through your account preferences.

To request paper copies from County of Santa Cruz

To request delivery from us of paper copies of the notices and disclosures previously provided by us to you electronically, you must send us an email to nada.algharib@santacruzcounty.us and in the body of such request you must state your email address, full name, mailing address, and telephone number. We will bill you for any fees at that time, if any.

To withdraw your consent with County of Santa Cruz

To inform us that you no longer wish to receive future notices and disclosures in electronic format you may:

- i. decline to sign a document from within your signing session, and on the subsequent page, select the check-box indicating you wish to withdraw your consent, or you may;
- ii. send us an email to nada.algharib@santacruzcounty.us and in the body of such request you must state your email, full name, mailing address, and telephone number. We do not need any other information from you to withdraw consent.. The consequences of your withdrawing consent for online documents will be that transactions may take a longer time to process..

Required hardware and software

The minimum system requirements for using the DocuSign system may change over time. The current system requirements are found here: <https://support.docusign.com/guides/signer-guide-signing-system-requirements>.

Acknowledging your access and consent to receive and sign documents electronically

To confirm to us that you can access this information electronically, which will be similar to other electronic notices and disclosures that we will provide to you, please confirm that you have read this ERSD, and (i) that you are able to print on paper or electronically save this ERSD for your future reference and access; or (ii) that you are able to email this ERSD to an email address where you will be able to print on paper or save it for your future reference and access. Further, if you consent to receiving notices and disclosures exclusively in electronic format as described herein, then select the check-box next to ‘I agree to use electronic records and signatures’ before clicking ‘CONTINUE’ within the DocuSign system.

By selecting the check-box next to ‘I agree to use electronic records and signatures’, you confirm that:

- You can access and read this Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure; and
- You can print on paper this Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure, or save or send this Electronic Record and Disclosure to a location where you can print it, for future reference and access; and
- Until or unless you notify County of Santa Cruz as described above, you consent to receive exclusively through electronic means all notices, disclosures, authorizations, acknowledgements, and other documents that are required to be provided or made available to you by County of Santa Cruz during the course of your relationship with County of Santa Cruz.