

# WILDFIRE HAZARD, PREPAREDNESS, AND MITIGATION

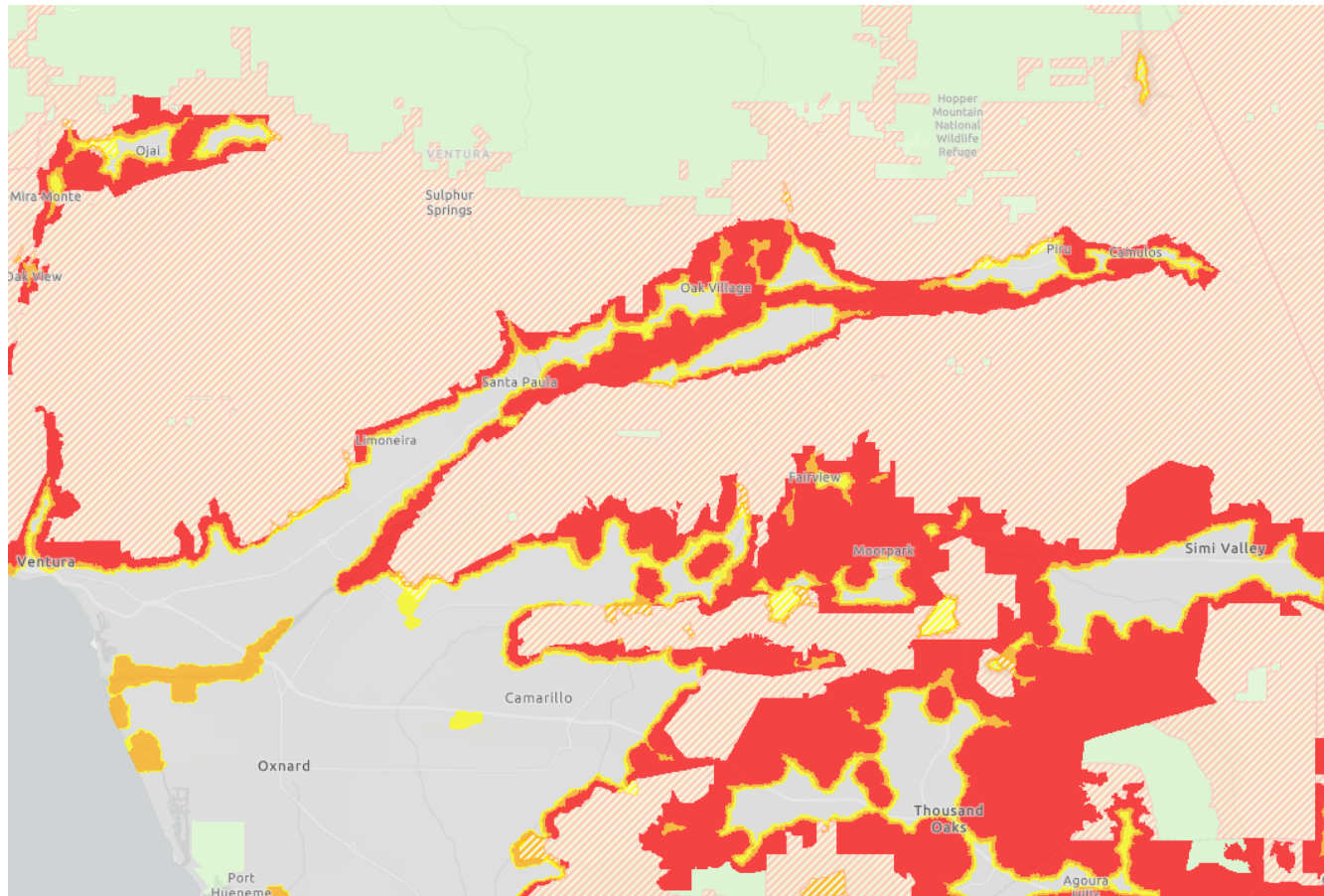


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# CAL FIRE MAPS



**Very High:** Red

**High:** Orange

**Moderate:** Yellow



- Cal Fire interactive viewer with address lookup  
<https://vcfd.org/cal-fire-fire-hazard-severity-zone-map-update/>



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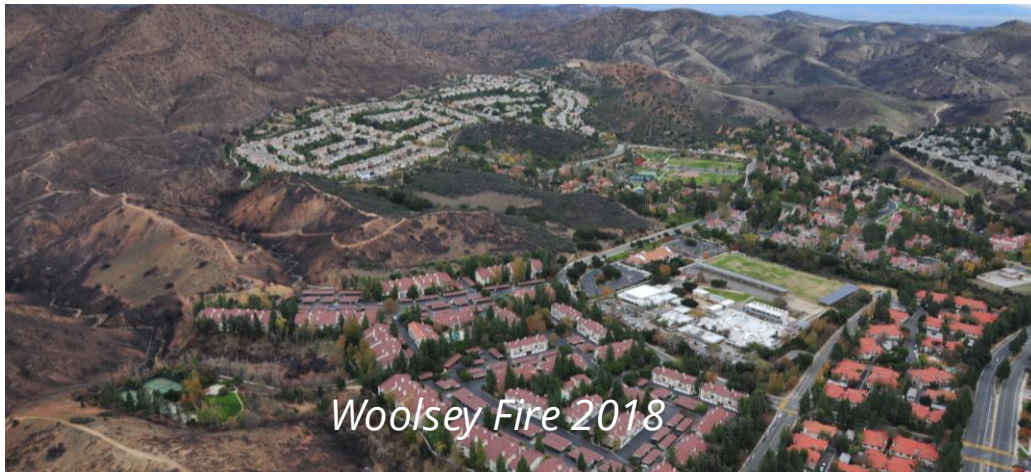
# FIRE HISTORY



*Springs Fire 2013*



*Thomas Fire 2017*



*Woolsey Fire 2018*



*Mountain Fire 2024*



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# STRATEGIES FOR RISK REDUCTION



- Engineering
- Emergency Response
- Education
  - Engagement with partners
- Economic Incentives
- Enforcement



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# EDUCATION & PARTNERSHIPS

- VCFD partners with
  - 5 Fire Safe Councils to educate & support community
  - Resource Conservation Districts, Parks and Open Space Agencies, ranchers, and other community groups for wildfire preparedness & educational outreach to our communities
-   **FIREWISE USA®**  
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS
- VCFD involved in the review of Countywide and Local Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Statewide partners



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# PARCEL LEVEL MITIGATIONS

- Align with state and local laws and industry best practice
- Follow Ready, Set, Go program
- Consider California's Safer from Wildfire Regulations
  - Class A fire-rated roof
  - 5-foot ember-resistant zone around the structure
  - Noncombustible 6 inches at the bottom of walls
  - Ember- and fire-resistant vents
  - Double pane windows or added shutters
  - Enclosed eaves
  - Cleared vegetation and debris from under decks
  - Move sheds and outbuildings at least 30 feet away
  - Trim trees and remove brush in compliance with state and local defensible space laws
  - Neighborhoods can form a Firewise USA community
  - Cities, counties, and local districts can become certified as a Fire Risk Reduction Community



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# MORE RESOURCES/QUESTIONS

- VCFD.org, Prevention, Community Wildfire Preparedness
- VCAAlert.org to sign up for emergency alerts
- Contact: Community Wildfire Preparedness Division
  - [fhrp@ventura.org](mailto:fhrp@ventura.org)
  - 805-389-9759



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