NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION (NOPA)

60-Day Written Comment Period
November 9, 2026 through January 8, 2027

California Code of Regulations
Title 19. Public Safety
Division 1. State Fire Marshal
Chapter 15. Fire Hazard Severity Zone
Article 1. Fire Hazard Severity Zone Classification
Section 2201. Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the SRA

Fire Hazard Severity Zones SRA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Government Code Sections 11346.4, 11346.5, and 11347.3(b)(2), that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – Office of the State Fire Marshal ("OSFM") or ("SFM") proposes to take the regulatory action described below in the Informative Digest affecting Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 2201 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), related to the adoption of Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZs) in the State Responsibility Area (SRA).

PUBLIC HEARING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(1)
OSFM will hold a series of public hearings in every county with a SRA update described below pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) section 4203. At the hearings, any person may present comments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed action described in the Informative Digest. It is requested, but not required, that persons making oral comments at the hearing submit a written copy of their testimony at the hearing. Such information shall be retained by OSFM and shall be made available upon request.

The hearing locations, dates, starting time, and local contact person for all hearings are shown below:

County	Hearing Date & Time	Hearing Location	Local Contact Person
Alameda	11/19/26 10:00AM	Hayward Fire Department Training Center 1401 West Winton Avenue Hayward, CA 94545	Steven Blythe (408) 472-1604 Steven.Blythe@fire.ca.gov
Alpine	11/12/26 10:00AM	Turtle Rock Park Community Center 17300 State Route 89 Markleeville, CA 96120	Bryan Pooley (530) 721-9748 Bryan.Pooley@fire.ca.gov
Amador	11/17/26 11:00AM	CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado Unit Sutter Hill Station-Training Room 11600 Hwy 49 Sutter Creek, CA 95685	Bryan Pooley (530) 721-9748 Bryan.Pooley@fire.ca.gov
Butte	N/A		

Calaveras	N/A		
Colusa	N/A		
Contra Costa	11/18/26 10:00AM	Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Headquarters 4005 Port Chicago Hwy Concord, CA 94520	Steven Blythe (408) 472-1604 Steven.Blythe@fire.ca.gov
Del Norte	N/A		
El Dorado	11/11/26 11:00AM	El Dorado Hills Fire Department Station 85 1050 Wilson Blvd. El Dorado Hills, CA 95762	Bryan Pooley (530) 721-9748 Bryan.Pooley@fire.ca.gov
Fresno	11/16/26 5:00PM	Clovis Veterans Memorial District Building 808 Fourth Street Clovis, CA 93612	Ralph Duran (559) 955-3150 Ralph.Duran@fire.ca.gov
Glenn	N/A		
Humboldt	11/10/26 10:00AM	Fortuna Fire Department Headquarters 320 South Fortuna Blvd Fortuna, CA 95540	Ross Dollarhide (707) 599-6554 Ross.Dollarhide@fire.ca.gov
Imperial	N/A		
Inyo	12/02/26 2:00PM	County Administration Office Board Chambers 224 N. Edwards Street Independence, CA 93526.	David Hass (909) 253-6632 David.Haas@fire.ca.gov
Kern	12/01/26 3:00PM	Kern County Fire Department EMS Building 34920 Petrol Road Bakersfield, CA 93308	Andrew Kennison (661) 330-0194 akennison@kerncountyfire.org
Kings	N/A		
Lake	N/A		
Lassen	12/03/26 1:00PM	CAL FIRE Lassen Modoc Unit Headquarters-Training Room 697-345 Hwy 36 Susanville, CA 96130	Adam Mattos (530) 310-2201 adam.mattos@fire.ca.gov
Los Angeles	11/17/26 1:00PM	College of the Canyons Boykin Hall (BYKH-105) 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road Santa Clarita, CA 91355	Daniel Sanchez (323) 855-0084 daniel.sanchez@fire.lacounty.gov
Madera	11/19/26 3:00PM	Madera County Fire Department Station 12 48355 Liberty Drive Oakhurst, CA 93644	Mike Keyser (559) 706-8824 michael.keyser@fire.ca.gov
Marin	N/A		
Mariposa	11/19/26 10:00AM	Mariposa County Fire Department 4802 CA-140 Mariposa CA 95338	Mike Keyser (559) 706-8824 michael.keyser@fire.ca.gov
Mendocino	12/01/26 9:00AM	Willits City Hall 111 E Commercial Street Willits, CA, 95490	Chris Holmes (707) 513-5880 Chris.Holmes@fire.ca.gov
Merced	N/A		
Modoc	N/A		

Mono	12/03/26 9:30AM	Mono County Civic Center Mono Lake Room 1290 Tavern Road Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546	David Hass (909) 253-6632 David.Haas@fire.ca.gov
Monterey	N/A		
Napa	12/09/26 2:00PM	Napa County Fire Department Station 25 1820 Monticello Road Napa, CA. 94558	Miguel Watson (707) 531-9447 Miguel.Watson@fire.ca.gov
Nevada	11/19/26 1:00PM	Nevada County Rood Center 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959	Steve Garcia (530)277-2306 steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov
Orange	11/10/26 10:00AM	Orange County Fire Authority Headquarters 1 Fire Authority Road Irvine, CA 92602	Juan Huerta Phone: (714) 483-0899 JuanHuerta@ocfa.org
Placer	11/12/26 9:00AM	Human & Health Services Conference Center Cordova Room 11434 B Avenue Auburn, CA 95603	Steve Garcia (530)277-2306 steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov
Plumas	N/A		
Riverside	11/25/26 9:00AM	County Administrative Center 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, CA 92501	Ryan Lubben (951) 627-0568 Ryan.Lubben@fire.ca.gov
Sacramento (Statewide)	1/5/27 9:00AM	California Natural Resource Agency 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Malcolm Kennedy (530) 360-5291 Malcolm.Kennedy@fire.ca.gov
San Benito	12/15/26 10:00AM	Community Foundation Epicenter San Andreas Conference Room 440 San Benito Street Hollister, CA 95023	Matt Guzman (831) 601-2321 Matt.Guzman@fire.ca.gov
San Bernardino	N/A		
San Diego	11/12/26 1:00PM	San Diego County Operations Center 5520 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123	Paul Bisson (619) 590-3100 Paul.Bisson@fire.ca.gov
San Francisco	N/A		
San Joaquin	N/A		
San Luis Obispo	11/11/26 10:00AM	Pismo Beach City Hall 760 Mattie Road Pismo Beach, CA 93449	Dustin Heck (805) 503-3044 Dustin.Heck@fire.ca.gov
San Mateo	11/18/26 1:00PM	San Mateo County Regional Operations Center 501 Winslow Street Redwood City, CA 94063	Frank Rodgers (831) 254-1728 franks.rodgers@fire.ca.gov

Santa Barbara	11/12/26 2:00PM	Santa Barbara County Fire Department Headquarters 4410 Cathedral Oaks Road Santa Barbara, CA 93110	Fred Tan (805) 896-6402 ftan@countyofsb.org
Santa Clara	11/17/26 10:00AM	Morgan Hill City Council Chamber Building 17555 Peak Avenue Morgan Hill, CA 95037	Hubert Duong (408) 706-4661 Hubert.Duong@fire.ca.gov
Santa Cruz	11/19/26 1:00PM	Ben Lomond Training Center 13575 Empire Grade Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Frank Rodgers (831) 254-1728 frank.rodgers@fire.ca.gov
Shasta	N/A		
Sierra	N/A		
Siskiyou	11/12/26 1:00PM	CAL FIRE/SKU Unit Headquarters 1809 Fairlane Road Yreka, CA 96097	Kevin Mancebo (530) 598-2606 Kevin.Mancebo@fire.ca.gov
Solano	12/04/26 9:00AM	Solano County Event Center 601 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533	Miguel Watson (707) 531-9447 Miguel.Watson@fire.ca.gov
Sonoma	12/09/26 9:00AM	Sonoma County Board Chambers 575 Administration Drive, Suite 102A Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Miguel Watson (707) 531-9447 Miguel.Watson@fire.ca.gov
Stanislaus	N/A		
Sutter	N/A		
Tehama	N/A		
Trinity	12/10/26 11:00AM	Weaverville Fire Protection District 125 Bremer Street Weaverville, CA 96093	Jordan Wilson (530) 448-2465 Jordan.Wilson@fire.ca.gov
Tulare	11/10/26 6:00PM	Three Rivers Memorial Building 43490 Sierra Drive Three Rivers, CA 93271	Dave Shy (559) 280-5077 david.shy@fire.ca.gov
Tuolumne	12/01/26 10:00AM	Baseline Fire Center 16809 New Peoria Flat Road Jamestown, CA 95327	Jeff Cox (209) 419-2893 Jeffrey.Cox@fire.ca.gov
Ventura	11/12/26 10:00AM	Ventura County Fire Department Headquarters - Sequoia Room 2400 Conejo Spectrum Street Thousand Oaks, CA 91320	Mike Worford Mike.Worford@venturacounty.gov (805) 947-8544
Yolo	N/A		
Yuba	N/A		

If an additional public hearing is held, the SFM will provide notice of the hearing in accordance with the requirements of Gov. Code sec. 11346.8(a), in addition to posting the information on the OSFM website.

The public hearing facilities are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. If any special assistance is required (i.e., interpreter), please notify the contact person named

in this notice at least 15 days prior to the public hearing for the county you wish to attend.

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18), the full text of a regulation changed pursuant to Government Code Section 11345.8 will be available for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the agency adopts, amends, or repeals the resulting regulation.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD
Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.4(a)
Any interested person or his/her authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. Written comments will be accepted for 60 days beginning November 9, 2026 through January 8, 2027. All written comments received by the end of January 8, 2027, will be considered and responded to as part of the compilation of the rulemaking file and are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7920.000, et seq.). Written comments and questions should be directed at:

- **Email:** Title19Regulations@fire.ca.gov **(include in the subject line of the email "Public Comment: FHSZ SRA 2026 Regulations").**

- **To view the FHSZ online viewer and additions to FHSZ in SRA, please visit:** https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b1a11874c83d4a93962823162e5b02e7.

- **To comment on the FHSZ in SRA additions, please visit:** https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/a750b381b5034f7d83cfde179bafa504

- **US Mail postmarked no later than January 8, 2027 to:**
  CAL FIRE / Office of the State Fire Marshal
  P.O. Box 944246
  Sacramento, California 94244-2460
  Attn: Chris Ramey, Deputy Chief

- **Hand delivered or sent by courier no later than January 8, 2027 to:**
  California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
  Office of the State Fire Marshal
  C/O: Rudy Baltazar
  California Natural Resources Building
  715 P Street, 9th floor
  Sacramento, CA 95814

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(3), the OSFM shall respond to comments submitted during the comment period containing objections and/or recommendations specifically directed at the OSFM's proposed action or to the procedures followed by the agency in proposing or adopting the action.

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18), the full text of a regulation changed pursuant to Government Code Section 11345.8 will be available for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the agency adopts, amends, or repeals the resulting regulation.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2)
Under the authority of PRC sections 4202 - 4204, OSFM is amending, Article 1, Chapter 15, to Title 19 California Code of Regulations. References include sections 4202-4204 of the Public Resources Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST – POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)
The OSFM is proposing amendments to the regulation in 19 CCR, Section 2201, which designates FHSZ in SRA. Within this section is a referenced map titled “State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones.” This map is being updated as part of the proposal pursuant to PRC Sections 4201- 4204.

FHSZs are geographical areas (lands) designated pursuant to PRC sections 4201-4204 and classified as Very High, High, or Moderate in SRA. Each zone is assigned one of these ratings to reflect the degree of severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in the zone.

The zones are designated so that measures may be identified which will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire. Building standards are effectuated by the proposed FHSZ map, meaning some building code requirements will depend on the hazard zone in which the building is located.

While OSFM maps fire hazard severity for the entire State, the map/zones proposed for adoption in this regulation apply only to the SRA.

The forms and documents incorporated by reference in Title 19 have also been included in this rulemaking file as follows:

- Map entitled “State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones.”

Summary of Effect

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(A)
The designation of a FHSZ allows the people of California to take measures that will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire.

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(A)
PRC sections 4202-4204, the SFM, shall classify lands in the SRA into FHSZs based on multiple factors and shall adopt regulations reflecting such designation. The statutes also require periodic review of the map and updating by the SFM when

required. The current regulation designates FHSZ's in the SRA by a map incorporated by reference

Comparable Federal Regulations or Statutes
Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(B)
There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations.

Rulemaking Objective
Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(C)
PRC Section 4204 requires the SFM to periodically review and revise the FHSZ designations and ratings in the SRA. If the review results in revisions to the designations or ratings, the OSFM is required to transmit the proposed regulations to each impacted county and hold a public hearing, compliant with PRC Section 4203. This regulation was last updated with a new map incorporated by reference effective April 1, 2024. On July 1, 2025, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection updated the boundaries of the SRA. Based on these updates, there is substantial evidence that the current FHSZ classifications must be updated to effectuate the purpose of PRC Sections 4201 and 4202.

Anticipated Benefits
Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(C)
The broad objective of the proposed rulemaking is to ensure that the people of California understand the degree of severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in the zone in which they live and can identify and implement the measures that will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire. The anticipated benefit will enhance public safety and protect California's vital natural resources and wildlife.

Evaluation of Consistency
Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(D)
After conducting a review of any and all other regulations that would relate to FHSZs in the SRA, the SFM concluded that this proposed rulemaking is the only rulemaking that concerns the designation of FHSZs in the SRA. The SFM has determined this proposed regulation is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4)
There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the OSFM, or to any specific regulation. There are no other matters to identify.

FISCAL IMPACT

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(6) and 11346.5(a)(5)
The OSFM has made the following initial determinations concerning the adoption of the proposed regulations regarding fiscal impact:

1. Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None

2. Costs or savings to any state agency: None
3. Cost to any local agency or school district that must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code Sections 17500 through 17630: None
4. Other non-discretionary cost or saving imposed on local agencies: None
5. Costs or savings in federal funding to the State of California: None

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING ABILITY TO COMPETE

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.3(a) and 11346.5(a)(8)
The Office of the State Fire Marshal has made an initial determination that the proposed action will have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including ability to compete.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9)
The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS / ASSESSMENT

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(10) and 11346.3(b)

Creation or Elimination of Jobs

The SFM concludes that the proposed regulatory action, within the State of California, would have no significant adverse economic impact and adoption of these regulations will not create or eliminate jobs within California.

Creation of New Businesses or Elimination of Existing Businesses

The SFM concludes that the proposed regulatory action, within the State of California, would have no significant adverse economic impact and adoption of these regulations will not create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California.

Expansion of Business

The SFM concludes that the proposed regulatory action, within the State of California, would have no significant adverse economic impact and adoption of these regulations will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the Environment

The SFM has assessed that this regulatory proposal will benefit the public health and welfare of California residents, enhance public safety, and benefit the environment by protecting California’s vital natural resources and wildlife.

The proposed regulatory action will not affect worker safety.

BUSINESS REPORT

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(11) and 11346.3(d)
The proposed regulations do not create any reporting requirements.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Reference: 1 California Code of Regulations 3(a)(b)
The SFM has determined that the proposed regulations will not have a substantial effect on small businesses. Based on our fiscal impact analysis, no impacts to businesses were identified; therefore, no associated impacts to small businesses are anticipated. The SFM has also not identified any alternatives that would lessen any potential adverse effects on small businesses, as none are expected.

These proposed regulations simply update the State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones map incorporated by reference in 19 CCR section 2201. The amendment revises the existing fire hazard severity zone designations and classifications in accordance with Public Resources Code sections 4201–4204, and does not impose requirements that would affect small businesses.

EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12)
The proposed regulations were determined to have no significant effect on housing costs.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).
The OSFM has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by OSFM or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of OSFM would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16), 11346.5(a)(18), 11346.5(a)(19) and 11346.5(b)

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16), and 11346.5(b)
The OSFM will make the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office at the above Sacramento 715 “P” Street address. As of the date of this notice being published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, the initial statement of reasons, and supporting information. Requests for copies of any modified regulations should be directed to the contact person at the address listed below.

Availability of Changed or Modified Text

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18)
After holding a public hearing, if requested, and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the OSFM may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the OSFM makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the OSFM adopts the regulations as revised. Requests for copies of any modified regulations should be directed to the contact person at the address listed below. The OSFM will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which the modifications are made available.

Availability of the Final Statement of Reasons

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19)
Upon completion pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.9(a), requests for copies of the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) should be directed to the contact person at the address listed below. Upon completion of the FSOR, it will also be made available on the website linked below.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.4(a)(6) and 11346.5(a)(20)
Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), the text of proposed regulations in underline and strikeout, documents incorporated by reference and all information upon which this rulemaking is based may be accessed through the SFM website at: http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/code-development-and-analysis/title-19-development/

PLAIN ENGLISH DETERMINATION

The proposed regulations were prepared pursuant to the standard of clarity provided in Government Code Section 11349 and the plain English requirements of Government Code Sections 11342.580 and 11346.2(a)(1). The proposed regulations were written to be easily understood by the parties that will use them.

CONTACT PERSON

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14)
Requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), modified text of the regulations and any questions regarding the substance of the proposed action may be directed to:

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Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance
715 ‘P’ Street, Suite 900, Sacramento, CA 95814
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