State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Regulatory Action:

Title 14, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

Amend sections: 1268.00, 1268.01, 1268.03,

1268.04

Repeal sections:

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY **ACTION**

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2025-0902-03

OAL Matter Type: Regular Resubmittal (SR)

This regular rulemaking makes changes to the application process and timelines associated with the Fire Risk Reduction Community List while also updating outdated references.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 10/1/2025.

Date:

October 1, 2025

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Docusign Envelope ID: 766739 STATE OF CALIFORNIA-OFFICE OF ADMINIS For use by Secretary of State only NOTICE PUBLICATION/REGULATIONS SUBMISSION NOTICE FILE NUMBER **ENDORSED - FILED** REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER OAL FILE **NUMBERS 2025-0**902 **-0**35K in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of California For use by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) only OCT 0 1 2025 OFFICE OF ADMIN, LAW 2025 SEP 2 PM3:35 NOTICE REGULATIONS AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any) Board of Forestry and Fire Protection A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register) 1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE TITLE(S) FIRST SECTION AFFECTED 2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE 3. NOTICE TYPE 4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER (Optional) Notice re Proposed Other Regulatory Action OAL USE NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER Approved as Approved as Disapprovedi 2024, 49, 2 ONLY Submitted Withdrawn B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations) 1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) 1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S) Fire Risk Reduction Community List Amendments 2025 2025-0402-01s 2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (including title 26, if toxics related) SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) AMEND individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.) 1268.00, 1268.01, 1268.03, 1268.04 TITLE(S) REPEAL 14 3. TYPE ÖF FILING Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named **Emergency Readopt** Changes Without Code §11346) below certifies that this agency complied with the (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h)) Regulatory Effect (Cal. X Resubmittal of disapproved provisions of Gov. Code §§11346,2-11347.3 either Code Regs., title 1, §100) before the emergency regulation was adopted or or withdrawn nonemergency within the time period required by statute. filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, File & Print 11349.4) Emergency (Gov. Code, Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn Other (Specify) §11346.1(b)) emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1) 4. ALL SEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1) June 20, 2025-July 7, 2025 5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100.) Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a)) Effective on filing with Secretary of State Regulator §100 Changes Without Effective other Regulatory Effect (Specify) 6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY State Fire Marshal Department of Finance (Form STD, 399) (SAM §6660) Fair Political Practices Commission Other (Specify) TELEPHONE NUMBER CONTACT PERSON FAX NUMBER (Optional) E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) Alexandra Vest 916-531-8600 Alexandra.Vest@bof.ca.gov a I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy For use by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) only of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, **ENDORSED APPROVED** or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification. 8727/2025 alexandra Vest nc.T 01 2025 TYPED NAME AND THE OF SIGNATORY Alexandra Vest Wildfire Planning Specialist Office of Administrative Law

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Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

"Fire Risk Reduction Community List Amendments, 2025"

Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR),

Division 1.5, Chapter 7:

Subchapter 1, Article 3

§ 1268.00 Definitions

(c) Local Agency: Any city, city and county, or county; tribal agency nation; agency,

- department, district or other publicly funded entity serving a city or county.
- (e) Low-income Local Agency: One of the following:
- (1) A city with a median household income, as reported in the <u>most recent 2019 US</u> Census Bureau American Community Survey, equal to or less than 80 percent of the area median income for the county in which it is located, as determined and published by the Department of Housing and Community Development in Title 25, California Code of Regulations, § 6932.
- (2) A county with a median household income equal to or less than 80 percent of the California statewide median household income as determined and published by the Department of Housing and Community Development in Title 25, California Code of Regulations, § 6932\$64,352.
- (3) An agency, department, district or other publicly funded entity serving at least one city or county which qualifies as Low-income under the conditions described in (1) or (2).

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Note: Authority cited: Section 4290.1, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 51177 and 51178, Government Code; and Sections 4102, 4125, 4126, 4127 and 4290.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 1268.01. Criteria for Local Agencies that are Cities, City and County, or Counties.

- (a) A Local Agency that is a city, city and county, or county shall qualify for placement on the Fire Risk Reduction Community List if it meets all of criteria (1)-(4) and two of criteria (5)-(10). A Low-income Local Agency that is a city, city and county, or county shall qualify for the list if two or more of criteria (5)-(10) have not yet been met but are included in the safety element of the Local Agency's general plan as policy objectives.
- (1) The applicant has adopted a local ordinance designating Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) pursuant to Government Code § 51179(a) and submitted it to the Board pursuant to 14 CCR § 1280.02. The applicant shall provide the date the ordinance was submitted to the Board, or submit the ordinance with their application.
- (2) Applicants who are counties have submitted the findings for all tentative and parcel maps approved for areas located in SRA or LRA VHFHSZ to the Board pursuant to 14 CCR § 1266.02. The applicant shall provide a list of subdivisions submitted to the Board since January 1, 20132019, or since the last time the Local Agency submitted an application for the Fire Risk Reduction Community List, whichever is most recent.
- (3) The safety element of the Local Agency's general plan has been submitted to the Board for review pursuant to Government Code § 65302.5(b) within the last eight years, and all recommendations have been adopted. The applicant shall provide the final adopted safety element.
- (4) After July 1, 2022, a progress report on implementation of the most recent fire safety recommendations from the Board <u>as presented in the report(s) from the CAL FIRE</u>

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Subdivision Review Program upon subdivision review in a Fire Safety Survey, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1267.01, for each community reviewed within the jurisdiction. This report shall be generated by the Local Agency and submitted to the Board. The applicant shall provide the date this report was submitted to the Board, or attach the report to their application.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4290.1, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4126, 4127 and 4290.1, Public Resources Code.

- § 1268.03. Submission and Review of Applications for List Eligibility.
- (a) Local Agencies wishing to be added to the Fire Risk Reduction Community List shall complete the Fire Risk Reduction Community List form, provided on the Board's internet website, and submit the form and any supporting or substantial evidence electronically during the enrollment period between July 1 and October 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- (b) This form shall request:
- (1) The Local Agency's name, and a two points of contact, position title, including address, email, and phone and fax numbers.
- (2) Specification of which criteria in 1268.01 or 1268.02 have been met.
- (3) Supporting evidence submitted electronically demonstrating compliance with the requirements in §§ 1268.01 or 1268.02.
- (4) Additional information or supporting or substantial evidence, as necessary, to support inclusion on the List.
- (5) Specification of whether the Local Agency is located in a Local Responsibility Area or State Responsibility Area.
- (6) The signature of the Local Agency official who completes the form.