State Board of Fire Services

November 16, 2026

CAL FIRE

Office of the State Fire Marshal



Call to Order

Welcome!

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  - (916) 980-9352 or carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov



Roll Call / Quorum

- **Daniel Berlant -** State Fire Marshal
- **Anale Burlew** - CALFIRE, Chief Deputy Director
- **Dan Terry** – California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Program
- **Caroline Thomas Jacobs** - CalOES
- **Donald Butz** – Fire Districts Association of California
- **Zoraida Diaz** – California Fire Chiefs Association
- **David Rocha** - California Metropolitan Fire Chiefs
- **Edward A. Foster Jr.** - California State Firefighters Association
- **David Gillotte** - International Association of Firefighters
- **Frank Lima** - California Labor Federation
- **Peter Munoa** - CAL FIRE Firefighters, Local 2881
- **Darrell Roberts** - California Professional Firefighters
- **Michael S. Williams -** Volunteer Firefighter
- **Robert Magee** - City Government
- **Cindy Gustafson** – County Supervisor, Placer County
- **Len Nielson -** Cultural Burn Liaison

Approval of the September 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes



STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 25, 2026
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Pacific Standard Time

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Donald Butz, Fire Districts Association of California, Vice Chair
Anale Burlew, CAL FIRE
Yvonne de la Peña, California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Program *
Ian Bastek, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
David Rocha, Fire Chief, California Metropolitan Fire Chiefs *
David Gillotte, International Association of Firefighters
Frank Lima, California Labor Federation *
Peter Munoa, CAL FIRE Firefighters, Local 2881
Darrell Roberts, California Professional Firefighters
Cindy Gustafson, County Supervisor
Janet Ruiz, Insurance Industry
Len Nielsen, Cultural Burning Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Zoraida Diaz, California Fire Chiefs Association
Ed Foster, California State Firefighters Association
Michael Williams, California State Firefighters Association
Robert Magee, City Government

STATE FIRE MARSHAL STAFF:

Vickie Sakamoto, Assistant State Fire Marshal
Andrew Henning, Assistant Deputy Director
Tim Spears, Assistant Deputy Director
John Morgan, Assistant Deputy Director *
Wendy Collins, Division Chief *
Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal
Brandon Erickson, Supervisor I
Julie Marvich, Supervisor I
Carrie Lewis, Analyst II
Danh Dao, Analyst I
Devona Sisenglath, Analyst I

* Attended meeting virtually

A) CALL TO ORDER

Daniel Berlant called the State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) meeting to order at 10:03 am.

1. Welcome and meeting logistics.
2. Roll Call was held; there was a quorum with 10 members present in person and 3 members attending virtually.

Approval of the November 16, 2026 Meeting Agenda



STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES

Meeting Announcement and Agenda

Monday, November 16, 2026
3:00pm - 5:00pm Pacific Standard Time

Sacramento
Natural Resources Headquarters Building, Room 2-302 A/B
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

This meeting can be joined virtually by following this link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89118328869 (join as guest if prompted to log in)

Or participants may call into the meeting at the following phone number.
Teleconference Line: 669-444-9171
Conference ID: 891 1832 8869

1. **CALL TO ORDER** — **Daniel Berlant**
   - A. Welcome and Meeting Logistics
   - B. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
   - C. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2026 (Discussion/Public Comment/Action)
   - D. Approval of November 16, 2026, Meeting Agenda (Discussion/Public Comment/Action)
   - E. Announcements

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**
   - A. **State Fire Training Division**
     (Discussion/Public Comment/Action)
     1. Los Positas ARTP Reaccreditation

ACTION ITEMS
- A. NWCG and California Specific Curriculum Alignment
  1. Discontinuation from SFT Catalog
- B. New State Board of Fire Services Logo
- C. Ethical Leadership for Instructors (2026) Curriculum
- D. Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 1 (2025) Curriculum
- E. Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 2 (2025) Curriculum
- F. Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 3 (2025) Curriculum

3. **OSFM DIVISION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   - A. **State Fire Training Division**
     1. Staffing Updates
     2. ACADIS Feature Enhancements
   - B. **Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation Division**
     1. Fire Hazard Severity Zone Mapping Update



State Fire Training Division

Consent Items

- Los Positas ARTP Reaccreditation



State Fire Training Division

Action Items

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  - Discontinuation from SFT Catalog
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SBFS Logo Redesign Options:







Other Redesign Options









State Fire Training Division

Discussion Items

- Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 1 (2025) Curriculum
- Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 2 (2025) Curriculum
- Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 3 (2025) Curriculum



Office of the State Fire Marshal

Division & Advisory Committee Reports



Division & Advisory Committee Reports

- **State Fire Training**
  - Staffing Update
- **Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation**
  - Fire Hazard Severity Zone Mapping Update
- **Fire Engineering & Investigations**
- **Pipeline Safety & CUPA**
  - Draft ILI Regulations
- **Battery Energy Storage Systems Workgroup Update**
- **Legislative Wrap-up**

2026

STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA

FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE

MAP ADOPTION



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2026 SRA FHSZ Map

Purpose of Today's Meeting

WHY

The 2025 SRA Five-Year Review resulted in boundary adjustments requiring additional FHSZ designations.

WHAT

CAL FIRE is proposing FHSZ designations for approximately 47,000 acres of newly added SRA lands across 34 counties.

HOW

CAL FIRE uses established wildfire hazard mapping methods and follows a formal regulatory process that includes public notification, hearings, and comment opportunities.

Overview of the 2025 SRA Five-Year Review

The 2025 State Responsibility Area (SRA) Five-Year Review was conducted to evaluate and update the boundaries of lands where the State of California has primary financial responsibility for wildland fire protection.

The review is required under California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4125 and is intended to ensure that SRA boundaries accurately reflect current land conditions and applicable statutory criteria.

What Triggered the Boundary and Acreage Adjustment?

Boundary adjustments can result from several factors, including:

Changes in land use and development: Urbanization, residential development, and other land-use changes that may affect whether an area meets SRA classification criteria.

Changes in vegetation and land characteristics: Updated information about vegetation, land cover, and conditions relevant to wildland fire protection responsibility.

Boundary corrections: Updates to mapping information, parcel boundaries, or previously identified discrepancies.

Jurisdictional considerations: Changes or corrections involving areas classified as State Responsibility Area, Local Responsibility Area (LRA), or Federal Responsibility Area (FRA).

2025 SRA Five-Year Review: Statewide vs. Local Impacts

Statewide Changes

- Periodic review and adjustment of SRA boundaries based on statutory classification criteria.
- Approximately 47,000 acres of newly added SRA lands across 34 counties.
- Identification of newly added SRA lands requiring FHSZ designations.
- Targeted 2026 FHSZ regulatory adoption process.
- Updated statewide mapping information reflecting the boundary review.

Local Impacts

- Changes to SRA boundaries within individual counties and jurisdictions.
- Certain properties may transition between SRA and LRA classifications.
- Newly added SRA properties may receive Moderate, High, or Very High FHSZ designations.
- Local agencies and affected stakeholders have opportunities to review proposed maps and provide comments.
- Potential implications for fire protection coordination, planning, and applicable regulatory requirements.

Core Science-Based Modeling Inputs

CAL FIRE leveraged advancements in wildfire science, technology, and computer modeling to assess long-term wildfire hazard. The updated methodology incorporated fire history, vegetation, terrain, localized severe fire weather, and ember transport to improve the accuracy of Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone classifications statewide.

FIRE HISTORY

- Historical Wildfire Patterns
- Fire Occurrence and Probability
- Fire Behavior Analysis

FUELS

- Fuel Types
- Fuel Density
- Fuel Continuity

TERRAIN

- Slope
- Aspect
- Topographic Features

WEATHER & EMBERS

- Localized Severe Fire Weather
- Wind
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Ember Casting

2024 SRA FHSZ Maps vs. 2026 SRA FHSZ Maps

2024 SRA FHSZ Maps

CAL FIRE utilized advancements in wildfire science, technology, and modeling to develop the 2024 FHSZ maps, incorporating updated data on fire history, vegetation, terrain, severe fire weather, and ember transport to more accurately assess wildfire hazard across California.

2026 PROPOSED ACTION

The current effort focuses on assigning Fire Hazard Severity Zone classification to newly included SRA lands following the 2025 SRA Review boundary adjustments.

2026 SRA FHSZ Map

Scope of Changes and Key Considerations

Added SRA Acreage

Newly included lands will receive a proposed Moderate, High, or Very High FHSZ classification.

SRA Boundary Revisions and Exclusions

SRA boundary adjustments and associated map revisions require a parcel-specific assessment to accurately determine their applicability and potential impacts. These changes should not be interpreted as representing a uniform change in wildfire hazard classifications across all affected properties.

Local Effects

SRA boundary adjustments and FHSZ map revisions may involve considerations related to local land-use planning, public communications, and applicable regulatory requirements.

Examples of State Minimum Requirements



FHSZ Maps: Purpose, Applicability, and Limitations

Relevant Planning and Regulatory Considerations

- Applicable wildfire-related building requirements
- General Plan Safety Element
- Subdivision Review
- Real estate disclosure provisions
- Fire-safe planning and mitigation coordination

Matters Not Independently Determined by FHSZ Maps

- Establish insurance premiums or coverage decisions
- Measure parcel-specific structural vulnerability
- Automatically change every local land-use requirement

FHSZ Designations: Regulatory and Insurance Considerations

- FHSZ designation can be relevant to applicable wildfire construction standards and local planning requirements.
- Applicable fire safety regulations and requirements may vary depending on jurisdiction, location, and the nature of the proposed development.
- County and city staff should evaluate impacts under current statutes, codes, regulations and local ordinances.
- Insurance underwriting and pricing are determined by insurers and applicable law; CAL FIRE does not set individual premiums.

Notification and Leadership Outreach

- Conduct a stakeholder briefing and webinar presentation for key leadership organizations, including the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), and the League of California Cities, to provide an overview of CAL FIRE's 2026 State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) map rollout, public engagement efforts, and regulatory adoption process.
- Promote effective communication, timely information sharing, and collaborative coordination among County Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), County Administrative Officers (CAOs), and CAL FIRE Unit and Contract County partners to support a transparent, coordinated, and successful implementation of the 2026 SRA FHSZ Map rollout and statewide regulatory adoption process.
- Direct-mail notification packets for identified stakeholders in affected counties.
- Electronic outreach through established stakeholder contact lists and Constant Contact groups.

2026 SRA FHSZ Map

How the Public can Participate

REVIEW

Access the proposed county-specific Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps and associated official regulatory notice materials upon their public release.

ATTEND

Participate in scheduled county public hearings and other publicly announced meetings to remain informed, engage in the regulatory process, and provide input as appropriate.

COMMENT

Submit written comments through the designated mailing address or electronically via the official public comment webform available on CAL FIRE's FHSZ webpage during the established public comment period.

2026 SRA FHSZ Regulatory Adoption Timeline and Key Milestones

OCT–NOV 2026	Stakeholder notification and leadership briefing
NOV 9, 2026	Start of public comment period
NOV-DEC 2026	County public hearings
JAN 8, 2027	End of public comment period
EVALUATE	Review comments; complete rulemaking and adoption steps

2026 SRA FHSZ Regulatory Adoption Public Hearings

Last week 11 Public Hearings Completed

- Humboldt
- Orange
- Tulare
- San Luis Obispo
- El Dorado
- Placer
- Alpine
- Ventura
- San Diego
- Siskiyou
- Santa Barbara

This week 11 Public Hearings Scheduled

- Fresno
- Santa Clara
- Amador
- Los Angeles
- Contra Costa
- San Mateo
- Alameda
- Mariposa
- Nevada
- Santa Cruz
- Madera

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Please raise your hand and we will answer in the order received.



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Thank you!

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2026 OSFM Legislation – Wildfire Preparedness

Bill	Topic	Summary
AB 1934 (Bennett)	Home Hardening Certification	Requires OSFM to develop an implementation plan for a home hardening certification
AB 1960 (Bennett)	Community Mitigation Validation	Establishes a voluntary community wildfire mitigation recognition program
AB 1964 (Bennett)	Home Hardening Assessment	Requires OSFM develop a home hardening standard and a report on how many homes requiring hardening.
SB 894 (Allen)	Wildfire Resilience Financing	Creates the California Wildfire Resilience Loan Program to support mitigation projects.
SB 973 (Becker)	County Coordinators - Preparedness	Establishes the California Wildfire Preparedness Program and Wildfire County Coordinator Program.
SB 1370 (Stern)	Wildfire Mitigation Project Streamlining	Streamlines permitting and expedites covered wildfire mitigation projects.

2026 OSFM Legislation – General Fire Prevention

Bill	Topic	Summary
AB 191 (Committee on Budget)	2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games	Allows provisions for temporary Olympic structures and an OSFM-led group to review fire safety considerations.
SB 795 (Archuleta)	E-15 Gasoline Vapor Control Systems	Requires OSFM to adopt regulations governing the labeling and safe use of gasoline containing up to 15% ethanol
SB 804 (Archuleta)	Hydrogen Pipelines	Gives the State Fire Marshal regulatory and enforcement authority over intrastate hydrogen pipelines.
SB 828 (Cabaldon)	Fireworks Licenses and Permits	Strengthens fireworks license requirements including reporting requirements, increased penalties, and expanded grounds for license denial.
SB 1299 (Arreguín)	Fire Sprinkler Certification	Establishes State Fire Marshal certification, registration, and training requirements for individuals performing work on fire suppression systems



- New Business
- Old Business
- Member Organization Updates
- Public Comment
- 2027 Meeting Dates – 1st Thursday of the month
  - February 4
  - May 6
  - August 5
  - November 4
- Meeting Adjournment



Meeting Adjournment

- Copies of the materials have been posted on the Office of the State Fire Marshal web site at State Board of Fire Services | OSFM
- For information concerning the State Board of Fire Services, please contact Carrie Lewis at (916) 980-9352 or carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov.
- NOTE: Items designated for information are appropriate for committee action if the committee chooses to act. The agenda order is tentative and subject to change. Agenda items may be taken out of order to facilitate the effective transaction of business. The Committee may not discuss or act on any matter raised during the public forum period, except to decide whether to place the matter on the notice and agenda of a future committee meeting.