

CODES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE
ADOPTION

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

Title 14 - Natural Resources

Division 1.5 - Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Chapter 7 - Fire Protection

Subchapter 3 - Fire Hazard

Article 1 - Fire Hazard Severity

1280.01. Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the SRA.

The fire hazard severity zones and the rating reflecting the degree of severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those zones, shall be designated by the Director and delineated on a series of maps on file in the Sacramento Office of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Fire and Resources Assessment Program, 1300 U St. The official maps are also filed electronically on the Department's web site, <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/wildland-hazards-building-codes/fire-hazard-severity-zones-maps/>. The maps are entitled "Fire Hazard Severity Zones in [State Responsibility Area] SRA," dated November 7, 2007, and are incorporated by reference.

Credits

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 4202, 4203 and 4204, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 4201, 4202, 4203 and 4204, Public Resources Code; and Section 51179, Government Code.

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Section 4201

The purpose of this article is to provide for the classification of lands within state responsibility areas in accordance with the severity of fire hazard present for the purpose of identifying measures to be taken to retard the rate of spreading and to reduce the potential intensity of uncontrolled fires that threaten to destroy resources, life, or property.

Section 4202

The State Fire Marshal shall classify lands within state responsibility areas into fire hazard severity zones. Each zone shall embrace relatively homogeneous lands and shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors present,

including areas where winds have been identified by the department as a major cause of wildfire spread.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 225, Sec. 13. (AB 9) Effective January 1, 2022.)

Section 4203

(a) The State Fire Marshal shall, by regulation, designate fire hazard severity zones and assign to each zone a rating reflecting the degree of severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in the zone.

(b) No designation of a zone and assignment of a rating shall be adopted by the State Fire Marshal until the proposed regulation has been transmitted to the board of supervisors of the county in which the zone is located at least 45 days before the adoption of the proposed regulation and a public hearing has been held in that county during that 45-day period.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 225, Sec. 14. (AB 9) Effective January 1, 2022.)

Section 4204

The State Fire Marshal shall periodically review zones designated and rated pursuant to this article and, as necessary, shall revise zones or their ratings or repeal the designation of zones. Any revision of a zone or its rating or any repeal of a zone shall conform to the requirements of Section 4203. In addition, the revision or repeal of a zone may be petitioned pursuant to Sections 11340.6 and 11340.7 of the Government Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 225, Sec. 15. (AB 9) Effective January 1, 2022.)