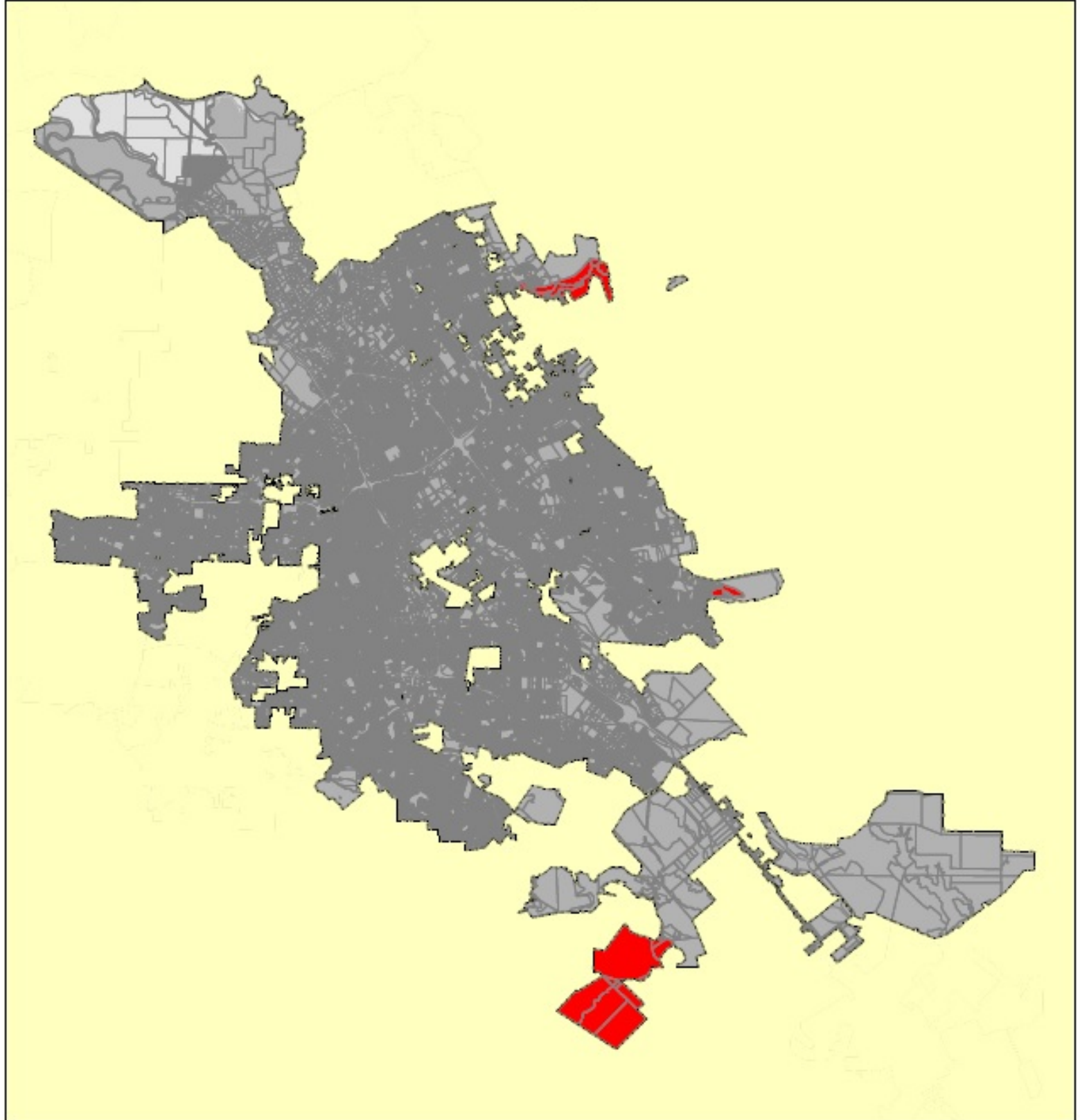


Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in LRA As Recommended by CAL FIRE



Fire Hazard Severity Zones

Local Responsibility Area	State or Federal Responsibility Areas
■ VHFHSZ	■ VHFHSZ
■ Non-VHFHSZ	■ Non-VHFHSZ

- - - City Boundary
 - - - - - Parcels
 - - - - - County Boundary

Government Code 21170 shows the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) as the entity with the authority to identify Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) in the State of California. CAL FIRE is the lead agency for the identification of VHFHSZ. In 2005, CAL FIRE issued a guidance document titled "Guidance for the Identification of Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) in the State of California". This document provides the methodology and criteria for the identification of VHFHSZ. CAL FIRE also provides technical assistance to local government agencies in the identification of VHFHSZ. CAL FIRE maps were recently updated to the 2010 data and are now being updated based on improved science, modeling techniques, and data.

In late 2010, to be effective in 2011, the California Building Commission adopted California Building Code Chapter 7A regarding fire resistance in VHFHSZ to use specific materials, construction methods and standards. These new codes will require building owners to upgrade the fire resistance of buildings, especially from wood-frame. The updated very high fire hazard severity zones will be used to building officials for the building permits in 2011. This updated zone will be used for building permits, fire insurance, and other purposes. CAL FIRE will continue to provide technical assistance to local government agencies in the identification of VHFHSZ.

This specific map is based on a geographic information system dataset that depicts the CAL FIRE recommendations for very high fire hazard severity zones. The process of preparing these hazard severity zones is an ongoing process. The dataset of these zones is available at <http://www.fire.ca.gov/arcgis>. CAL FIRE will continue to provide technical assistance to local government agencies in the identification of VHFHSZ. CAL FIRE will continue to provide technical assistance to local government agencies in the identification of VHFHSZ. CAL FIRE will continue to provide technical assistance to local government agencies in the identification of VHFHSZ.

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