

# Fire Hazard Severity Zones - 2025

*Government Code 51178*

*The State Fire Marshal shall identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.*

*Local agencies must undertake the following actions:*

- Public Review and Comment (Within 30 Days)*

*Local agencies are required to make the recommended maps available for public review and comment within 30 days of receipt. This ensures that community members have an opportunity to engage with and provide feedback on the fire hazard severity designations.*

- Adoption of Recommended Maps (Within 120 Days)*

*Local agencies must adopt the recommended fire hazard severity map by local ordinance within 120 days. This process formalizes the designation and allows local governance to address fire safety measures appropriately.*

- Submission of Documents (Within 30 Days of Adoption)*

*Following the adoption of the ordinance, local agencies must submit the ordinance and any other required documentation to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days. This step is essential for maintaining state oversight and ensuring compliance with fire safety regulations.*