

The County of Yuba



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Development and Services Agency, Daniel Peterson

SUBJECT: Community Development and Services: Receive information on impacts of Proposed Fire Regulations

DATE: April 13, 2021

NUMBER: 168/2021

Recommendation

Receive information on the potential impacts of the proposed “State Minimum Fire Safe Standards, 2021.”

Background

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has authorized a 45-Day Notice for Rulemaking entitled “State Minimum Fire Safe Standards, 2021.” Staff feels that these proposed standards could have a significant impact on new development or reconstruction of damaged structures in high fire hazard areas within Yuba County.

Discussion

On March 15, 2021, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection published draft minimum fire safe regulations for public review. On March 22, 2021, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection authorized a 45-Day Notice for Rulemaking regarding those proposed regulations. The proposed new regulations could significantly restrict new development in many portions of the foothills designated as “High Fire Hazard Areas.” The most impactful of the proposed regulations is the new rule that building construction is only allowed where access is provided by roads and/or bridges that meet the Board’s minimum standards. Many of our roads in the foothills do not meet these minimum standards. There are several other regulations that also will affect future development in the foothills.

Committee Action:

The Land Use & Public Works Committee was bypassed as this is an informational item only.

Fiscal Impact:

General Fund -	None
Non-General Fund -	None
Source of Funds -	Not Applicable

Attachment:

Summary Table of Proposed Regulations