



**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**  
**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

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October 13, 2023

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal will begin an additional public comment period for the regulatory adoption process of the Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) map. After carefully reviewing more than two hundred comments, adjustments were made to the map which resulted in just over 16,900 acres receiving an updated designation in five counties, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and San Luis Obispo.

The Department is now providing an additional written comment period to allow for review of changes made to the map entitled "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones" dated September 29, 2023, in the document entitled "Specific Change Maps September 29, 2023.pdf" located at [osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ). The specific changes for which public comment is being accepted are:

- Change Map 025 | FHSZSRA\_23\_3, San Luis Obispo Coast, San Luis Obispo County
- Change Map 026 | FHSZSRA\_23\_3, Avila Beach area, San Luis Obispo County
- Change Map 027 | FHSZSRA\_23\_3, Lebec area, Kern County
- Change Map 028 | FHSZSRA\_23\_3, Quail Lake area, Los Angeles County
- Change Map 029 | FHSZSRA\_23\_3, Santa Clarita area, Los Angeles County
- Change Map 030 | FHSZSRA\_23\_3, Muscoy area, San Bernardino County
- Change Map 031 | FHSZSRA\_23\_3, Rancho Mission Viejo area, Orange County

Public comment on the updated zones within these maps are being accepted through October 30, 2023. The public may submit written comment at the address below or through email at [FHSZcomments@fire.ca.gov](mailto:FHSZcomments@fire.ca.gov).

This comment period includes specific map changes made to the June 15, 2023, regulatory map during the public comment period from June 26, 2023, to August 9, 2023. Additionally, updated data sets have been posted online, should the public wish to also review and comment on the updated data sets related to the specific map changes listed above. The data is available at [osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ).

Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail to the following address:

Office of the State Fire Marshal  
C/O: FHSZ Comments  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
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In order to help California residents better understand the FHSZ map and answer questions, CAL FIRE has created a public toolkit on its website to include new and easy to follow sections, including maps, frequently asked questions, and an automated “hotline” to contact for specific information. For information about FHSZs, visit the program’s website at [osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ](https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ). The public can also call an automated hotline at (916) 633-7655.

Following the adoption of the State Responsibility Area (SRA) FHSZ Map, CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal will begin providing local agencies updated FHSZ maps for Local Responsibility Areas. Under California Government Code 51178, the State Fire Marshal is required to provide local agencies with the areas within their jurisdiction that meet FHSZ criteria for their local adoption and implementation.

For information about FHSZs, visit the program’s website at [osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ](https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ). If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our Team at [FHSZinformation@fire.ca.gov](mailto:FHSZinformation@fire.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Daniel Berlant  
State Fire Marshal (Appointed)  
Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation  
CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal



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**GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST  
ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

**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  
SECTION 1280.01. Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the SRA**

**TITLE 19. Public Safety  
DIVISION 1. State Fire Marshal  
CHAPTER 17. Fire Hazard Severity Zones, 2022**

**NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

On December 16, 2022, the Office of the State Fire Marshal published a Notice of Proposed Action concerning the Regulations Relating to Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the State Responsibility Area. (California Regulatory Notice Register 2022, No. 50-Z, December 16, 2022, p. 1490.)

The original written comment period for this action was:  
December 16, 2022, through February 3, 2023.

The Department then provided an additional written comment period to allow more time for review of the map entitled "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones." The additional written comment period for this action was:  
February 3, 2023, through April 4, 2023.

The Department then provided an additional written comment period to allow for review of changes made to the map entitled "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones" dated June 15, 2023. The written comment period also allows for review of the intermediate data used to create the map. The additional written comment period for this action was:  
June 26, 2023, through August 9, 2023.

The Department is now providing an additional written comment period to allow for review of changes made to the map entitled "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones" dated September 29, 2023 in the document entitled "Specific Change Maps September 29 2023.pdf ." The specific changes for which public comment are being excepted are:

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The additional written comment availability is:  
October 13, 2023, through October 30, 2023.

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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
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Attn: Scott Witt, Deputy Chief

Written comments can also be hand delivered or sent by courier to the contact person listed in this notice at the following address:

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
C/O: Scott Witt  
California Natural Resources Building  
715 P Street, 9th floor  
Sacramento, CA 95818

Written comments may also be delivered via e-mail at the following address:

[fhszcomments@fire.ca.gov](mailto:fhszcomments@fire.ca.gov)

#### **AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS**

The Additional Written Comment Period, Notice of Proposed Action, Initial Statement of Reasons, Express Terms (TEXT) of Regulations, and any other materials concerning this rulemaking can be accessed on the Office of the State Fire Marshal website: [Title 19 Development \(ca.gov\)](http://title19development.ca.gov) under the tab titled: (FHSZ) Fire Hazard Severity Zones Classification in the State Responsibility Area.