



# LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM

## INFORMATION SHEET

CAL FIRE's Land Use Planning Program assists local government's (cities and counties), throughout California, as they address the unreasonable risk from wildfire by planning for new development in the State Responsibility Areas and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.



### About Us

The CAL FIRE Land Use Planning Program has a dedicated team of fire professionals strategically located throughout California who, in conjunction with the local CAL FIRE Unit, act as a resource for local governments in matters related to fire hazard planning. Their services include:

1. Technical guidance related specific to safety element fire hazard planning.
2. Assistance with the safety element submittal process to the Board of Forestry.
3. Guidance on the Subdivision Map Act related to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ's).
4. Assistance with SRA Fire Safe Regulation issues.



### Gov. Code Section 65302(g)(3)

Upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2014, the safety element shall be reviewed and updated as necessary to address the risk of fire. For land classified as SRA & land classified as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.



### Gov. Code Section 66474.02

Before approving a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, for an area located in a State Responsibility Area or a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (as defined in Section 51177) of a Local Responsibility Area, a legislative body of a county shall make the following three findings:

1. A finding supported by substantial evidence in the record that the design and location of each lot in the subdivision, and the subdivision as a whole, are consistent with any applicable regulations adopted by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Sections 4290 and 4291 of the Public Resource Code.
2. A finding supported by substantial evidence in the record that structural fire protection and suppression services will be available for the subdivision.
3. A finding that to the extent practicable, ingress and egress for the subdivision meets the regulations regarding road standards for fire equipment access adopted pursuant to Section 4290 of the Public Resources Code and any applicable local ordinance.



### Program Background

The Land Use Planning Program was formed as result of 2012 Senate Bill 1241 (Kehoe), fulfilling several goals of CAL FIRE's 2010 Strategic Plan. The bill requires counties with State Responsibility Area (SRA) and cities with lands designated as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) to comply with Gov. Code Section 65302(g)(3), specifically addressing fire hazard planning in their community.

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