Public Resources Code 4201-4204 directs the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to map fire hazards in State Responsibility Areas (SRA), based on assessments of fuels, terrain, and weather. These maps, or very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHZ) are intended for use by property owners and others in making informed choices about land use and development. These maps do not restrict any activity or property use but do help property owners and developers make decisions about land use and development. These maps do not provide an exact prediction of whether or when a fire will occur. The maps are intended for use to identify areas with higher risk for fire growth and intensity, and to understand the potential results of such fires, which may include threats to life, homes, and businesses. The Maps were passed after significant changes to the State Responsibility Areas (SRA), based on relevant factors such as fuels, terrain, and weather.

The California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4201-4204, describes development patterns, estimated fire behavior characteristics based on potential fuels over a 30-50 year time horizon, and expected burn probabilities to quantify the likelihood and nature of vegetation fire exposure to new construction. Details on describing development patterns, estimated fire behavior characteristics based on potential fuels over a 30-50 year time horizon, and expected burn probabilities to quantify the likelihood and nature of vegetation fire exposure to new construction.

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Very High

High

Moderate

FIRE PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY

Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Local Responsibility Area (LRA) - Incorporateed

Local Responsibility Area (LRA) - Unincorporated