The version dated September 17, 2007 of the map shown here represents draft VHFHSZs within LRA, for review describing development patterns, growth, and fire behavior in both urban and wildland areas. The updated zones reflect multiple data sources and models that are intended to ensure that the zones are consistent with the established objective of planning for fire hazards. This map has been created by CAL FIRE's Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) using data and models appropriate construction materials for new buildings in the Wildland-Urban Interface. The updated fire hazard severity zones will be used by building officials to determine appropriate construction materials for new buildings in the Wildland-Urban Interface. The California Building Commission adopted the Wildland-Urban Interface codes in late 2005 to be effective October 1, 2006. The codes require that construction materials be selected and installed in such a manner that during the first 120 seconds after a fire starts, the risk of a structure burning is reduced to an extreme degree. These materials include both non-combustible and some pre-combustion combustible materials as defined in the Building Code. Rider 1.1 of the California State Building Code requires the use of Building Division materials in Cal FIRE Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) with very high fire hazard severity zones. Rider 1.1 does not apply to structures in the LRA where the updated zones are yet to be adopted. Rider 1.1 of the California State Building Code identifies CAL FIRE's updated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) as areas of very high fire hazard within Local Responsibility Areas (LRA). Mapping of the areas, referred to as "inholdings," is based on the updated Very High Fire Hazard Zones (VHFHZ) and is intended to improve the accuracy of identifying these high hazard areas. CAL FIRE is committed to working with all communities and stakeholders to ensure that the adopted zones are consistent with the established objective of planning for fire hazards.