

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION  
Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations**

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**Fire Hazard Severity Zones, 2007**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) proposes to adopt the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

**PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION**

CAL FIRE proposes to amend the following sections of Title 14, Chapter 7. Fire Protection, Subchapter 3 Fire Hazard, Article 1. Fire Hazard Severity, of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR):

**§1280. Fire Hazard Severity Zones**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

CAL FIRE will hold a series of public hearings in every county with State Responsibility Areas described below pursuant to PRC 4205. At the hearings, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed action described in the *Informative Digest*. CAL FIRE requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a summary of their statements. Additionally, pursuant to Government Code § 11125.1, any information presented to CAL FIRE during the open hearing in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration becomes part of the public record. Such information shall be retained by CAL FIRE and shall be made available upon request.

The hearing locations, dates, starting time, and local contact person for all hearings are shown below:

<u>County Name</u>	<u>Hearing Date and Time</u>	<u>Hearing Location</u>	<u>Local Contact Person</u>
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Alameda	July 10, 1:00 PM	Alameda County Emergency Operations Center, 4985 Broder St., Dublin, CA 94586	Eric Wood (408) 778-8620
Alpine	June 19, 3:00 PM	Turtle Rock Park Community Center, 17300 Hwy 89, Markleeville, CA 96120	Gianni Muschetto (530) 647-5234
Amador	June 20, 3:00 PM	Sutter Creek Community Building, 33 Church Street, Sutter Creek, CA 95685	Gianni Muschetto (530) 647-5234
Butte	June 27, 3:00 PM	Butte County Employment Center, Andes Rm., 78 Table Mountain Rd., Oroville	Jeff Harter (530) 538-7111
Calaveras	June 25, 3:00 PM	Calaveras Works and Human Services Agency, Sequoia Room, 509 E. St., Charles (Hwy 49), San Andreas, CA 95249	Rich Strazzo (209) 754-2725
Colusa	June 20, 1:00 PM	Williams City Hall, 810 E St., Williams, CA 95987	Frank Kemper (707) 967-1408
Contra-Costa	July 16, 10:00 AM	The Veterans Memorial, 3780 Mt. Diablo, Lafayette, CA 94549	Eric Wood (408) 778-8620
Del Norte	June 18, 1:00 PM	Del Norte County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 981 H Street, Crescent City, CA	Jim Moranda (707) 726-1202
El Dorado	June 25, 3:00 PM	Bethell-Delfino Agriculture Building, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667	Gianni Muschetto (530) 647-5234
Fresno	July 9, 9:00 AM	Clovis Memorial Building, 453 Hughes, Ave., Clovis, CA	Brian Newlin (559) 485-7500
Glenn	July 12, 3:00 PM	Board of Supervisors Hearing Room Glenn County Courthouse, Willows, CA	Chuck Schoendienst (530) 528-5102
Humboldt	June 20, 1:00 PM	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 835 5th Street, Eureka, CA	Jim Moranda (707) 726-1202
Imperial	June 20, 9:00 AM	1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104, Heber, CA	Daryll Pina (619) 590-3129
Inyo	June 20, 6:00 PM	Board of Supervisors Room County Administrative Center, 224 North Edwards, Independence, CA 93526	Paul Camarena (909) 881-6928
Kern	July 18, 1:00 PM	Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Ave., First Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301	David Goodell (661) 330-0151
Kings	July 10, 9:00 AM	Kings County Government Center/mult-Purpose Room, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA	Brian Newlin (559) 485-7500
Lake	June 19, 1:00 PM	South Lake Fire Protection District Board Rm, 21095, Hwy 175, Middletown, CA 95461	Frank Kemper (707) 967-1408
Lassen	July 11, 4:00 PM	Lassen County Fairgrounds, 200 Russell Ave., Susanville, CA 96130	Rob Cobb (530) 257-5575
Los Angeles	July 19, 9:00 AM	Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall Of Administration 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012	J. Lopez (818) 890-5783
Madera	July 11, 6:00 PM	Madera County Resource Management Agency, The Madera Rm., 2037 W. Cleveland Ave., Madera CA 93637	Tracy Cheek (209) 966 3622
Marin	July 17, 10:00 AM	Marin County Civic Center Dr., Rm 329, San Rafael, CA 94903	Scott Alber (415) 499-6566

Mariposa	July, 12, 6:00 PM	Mariposa County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5100 Bullion St., Mariposa, CA 95338	Tracy Cheek (209) 966 3622
Mendocino	July 12, 2:00 PM	Mendocino County Board of Supervisor Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Rm 1070, Ukiah, CA	Larry Grafft (707) 459-7420
Merced	July 10, 6:00 PM	County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Board Rm, 2222 M St., Merced, CA 95340	Tracy Cheek (209) 966 3622
Modoc	July 19, 4:00 PM	Alturas City Hall, 200 North St., Alturas , CA 96101	Rob Cobb (530) 257-5575
Mono	June 19, 7:00 PM	Bridgeport Courthouse, Board Chamber, Hwy 395, Bridgeport, CA 93517	Paul Camarena (909) 881-6928
Mono	June 19, 7:00 PM.	Sierra Center Mall Social services Conference Room 3rd floor, 452 Old Mammoth Rd., mammoth, CA 93546	Paul Camarena (909) 881-6928
Monterey	July 16, 6:00 PM	Richard W. Nutter Agricultural Center Conference Room, 1432 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA 93901	Catey Trenner (831) 333-2600
Napa	July 11, 10:00 AM	County Board of Supervisor's Chamber, 1195 Third St., Napa, CA 94559	Frank Kemper (707) 967-1408
Nevada	July 12, 9:00 AM	Eric Rood Center, 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA 95959	Kathleen Edwards (530) 265-1253
Orange	July 24, 5:00 PM	Orange County Fire Authority Headquarters Board Room, 1 Fire Authority Rd., Irvine, CA	Laura Blaul (714) 573-6018
Placer	July 24, 2:00 PM	Truckee Donner Public Utility District, 11570 Donner Pass Rd., Truckee, CA 96160	Doug Rinella (530) 277-2315
Placer	July 11, 12:30 PM	Placer County Community Development Resources Agency, Planning Commission Rm., 3091 County Center Dr., Auburn, CA 95603	Brad Albertazzi (530) 745-3575 or Bob Eichotz (530) 745-3574
Plumas	June 28, 4:00 PM	Chester Veterans Hall, 500 Stone Rd., Chester, CA, 96020	Rob Cobb (530) 257-5575
Plumas	July 9, 4:00 PM	Plumas County Planning and Building Office, 555 Main St. Quincy, CA	Jeff Harter (530) 538-7111
Riverside	July 10, 6:00 PM	Ben Clark Training Center Auditorium, 3409 Plummer Ave., Riverside, CA 92518	Ken Twardowski (951) 659-3337
Sacramento	August 1, 10:00 AM	Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 9th St. Sacramento, CA	Chris Zimny (916) 653- 9418
San Benito	July 17, 6:00 PM	San Benito County Board of Supervisors, 481 4th St., 1st floor, Hollister, CA 95023-3840	Catey Trenner (831) 333-2600
San Bernardino	June 29, 6:00 PM	Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (Oak Room), 400 N Pepper Ave., Colton, CA 92324	Paul Camarena (909) 881-6928
San Diego	June 21, 10:00 AM	Pacific Coast Hearing Room, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego	Daryll Pina (619) 590-3129
San Diego	June 21, 2:00 PM	Pacific Coast Hearing Room, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego	Daryll Pina (619) 590-3129
San Joaquin	June 27, 3:00 PM	Clements Fire District Station 61, 18901 E. Highway 88, Clements, CA 95227	Rich Strazzo (209) 754 2725
San Luis Obispo	July 12, 1:00 PM.	Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, Ca	Denny O'Neil (805) 543-4244
San Mateo	July 9, 3:00 PM	San Mateo County Government Center Hall of Justice and Records Board's Chamber, 400 County Center Hall of Justice, Redwood City, CA 94063-	John Martinez (831) 335-6728

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Santa Barbara	July 18, 3:00 PM	County Administration Building Board Hearing Room, Fourth Floor, 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101	David Neels (805) 686-5068
Santa Clara	June 21, 6:30 PM	Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell, CA 95008	Eric Wood (408) 778-8620
Santa Cruz	July 12, 3:00 PM	Santa Cruz Board's Chambers Governmental Center Building, 701 Ocean Street, Room 525, Santa Cruz, CA 95060	John Martinez (831) 335-6728
Shasta	July 5, 1:00 PM	Shasta County Board of Supervisor Chambers, 1450 Court Street, Redding, CA	Scott McDonald (530) 225-2406
Sierra	July 25, 10:00 AM	Sierra County Board of Supervisors Chamber, 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA 95939	Kathleen Edwards (530) 265-1253
Siskiyou	June 27, 10:00 AM	Miners Inn convention Center, 122 E. Miner Street, Yreka, CA 96097	Ron Bravo (530) 842-3516
Solano	July 12, 10:00 AM	Cordelia Fire Protection District Assembly Hall, 2155 Cordelia Road, Fairfield, CA 94534	Frank Kemper (707) 967-1408
Sonoma	July 18, 10:00 AM	Sonoma County Board of Supervisor's Chambers, 575 Administrative Dr., Room 102A, Santa Rosa, 95403	Frank Kemper (707) 967-1408
Stanislaus	June 28, 3:00 PM	Regional Fire Science Training Center, Room 107 and 108, 1220 Fire Science Ln., Modesto CA, 95351	Rich Strazzo (209) 754-2725
Tehama	July 11, 3:00 PM	Board of Supervisors Board Room Tehama County Courthouse, Red Bluff, CA	Chuck Schoendienst (530) 528-5102
Trinity	July 6, 9:00 AM	Weaverville Fire Department, 100 Bremer Street, Weaverville, CA	Scott McDonald (530) 225-2406
Tulare	July 20, 3:00 PM	Tulare County Board of Supervisor's Chambers, 2800 West Burnet, Visalia, CA 93291	Bill Hoover (559) 358-7122
Tuolumne	June 26, 3:00 PM	Tuolumne County Ambulance and Fire Admin Building-Training Room, 18440 Striker Court, Sonora, CA 95370	Rich Strazzo (209) 754 2725
Ventura	July 2, 10:00 AM	Ventura County Government Center Hall of Administration Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA 93009	Christina Jamison (805) 947-8527
Yolo	June 21, 1:00 PM	Woodland City Fire Department Station 3, 1550 Spring Lake Ct., Woodland, 95776	Frank Kemper (707) 967-1408
Yuba	July 13, 10:00 AM	Marysville County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA	Matt Furtado (530) 749-5649

### ADA Notice

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals who because of a disability need special assistance to attend or participate in (the meeting), may request assistance (see contacts above). Requests should be made one week in advance whenever possible.

## **WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Any person, or authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to CAL FIRE. The written comment period ends at 5:00 P.M., on Tuesday, July 31, 2007. CAL FIRE will consider only written comments received at the Department office by that time (in addition to those written comments received at the public hearing). CAL FIRE requests, but does not require, that persons who submit written comments to CAL FIRE reference the title of the rulemaking proposal in their comments to facilitate review.

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

Christopher Zimny  
Regulations Coordinator  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
P.O. Box 944246  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

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  
Resources Building  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> St., Room 1517  
Sacramento, CA 95818

Written comments may also be sent to CAL FIRE via facsimile at the following phone number:

(916) 653-8957

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

[chris.zimny@fire.ca.gov](mailto:chris.zimny@fire.ca.gov)

## **AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

Under the authority of Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 4202 - 4204, CAL FIRE is amending Article 1, Chapter 7, to Title 14 California Code of Regulations. References include Sections 4202-4204 of the Public Resources Code.

## **INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is proposing amendments to the regulation in 14 CCR, Section 1280, which designates Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in State Responsibility Area (SRA). Within this section are referenced maps titled "Maps of the Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in State Responsibility Areas of California". These maps are being updated as part of the proposal pursuant to California Public Resource Code (PRC) Sections 4201- 4204.

Fire Hazard Severity Zones are geographical areas (lands) designated pursuant to PRC Sections 4201- 4204 and classified as Very High, High or Moderate in State Responsibility Area (SRA). Lands are grouped into these classes in accordance with the severity of wildfire hazard expected to prevail in those areas.

The zones are designated so that measures may be identified which will reduce the potential for losses to life, property and resources from wildfire. Building standards are effectuated by the proposed FHSZ maps, meaning some special fire resistant building code requirements will depend on the hazard zone in which the building is located.

While CAL FIRE creates fire hazard severity maps for the entire State, the maps/zones proposed for adoption in this regulation apply to SRA.

#### **DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION**

CAL FIRE has determined the proposed action will have the following effects:

- **Costs or savings to any State agency:** None
- **Cost to any local agency or school district that must be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable Government Code (GC) sections commencing with GC § 17500:** None
- **Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts, including reimbursable state mandate:** None
- **Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed upon local agencies:** None
- **Cost or savings in federal funding to the State:** None
- **Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Business, including ability of California Businesses to compete with businesses in other states:** None
- **Cost impacts on representative private persons or businesses:** The Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private

person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- **Significant effect on housing costs:** None
- **Adoption of these regulations will not:** (1) create or eliminate jobs within California; (2) create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California; or (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.
- **Effect on small business:** None. The regulation does not impose any new fire prevention standards.
- The proposed rules do not conflict with, or duplicate Federal regulations.

### **BUSINESS REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

The regulation does not require a report that applies to businesses.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

In accordance with Government Code § 11346.5(a) (13), CAL FIRE must determine that no reasonable alternative it considers or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CAL FIRE would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the *Initial Statement of Reasons*, modified text of the regulations and any questions regarding the substance of the proposed action may be directed to:

Christopher Zimny  
Regulations Coordinator  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
P.O. Box 944246  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

The designated backup person in the event Mr. Zimny is not available is Doug Wickizer, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, phone number (916) 653-5602 at the above address.

The regulation, maps, and Geographic Information System data for the maps can be electronically viewed and downloaded at: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/wildland.php>

## **AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

CAL FIRE has prepared an *Initial Statement of Reasons* providing an explanation of the purpose, background, and justification for the proposed regulations. The statement is available from the contact person on request.

When the *Final Statement of Reasons* has been prepared, the statement will be available from the contact person on request.

A copy of the express terms of the proposed action using UNDERLINE to indicate an addition to the California Code of Regulations and ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~ to indicate a deletion, is also available from the contact person named in this notice.

CAL FIRE will have the entire rulemaking file, including all information considered as a basis for this proposed regulation, available for public inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at the following address.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Resources Building  
Room 1517  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Sacramento, CA 94816  
Attention: Christopher Zimny  
Tel: (916) 653-9418

**All of the above referenced information is also available on the CAL FIRE website at: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/wildland.php>**

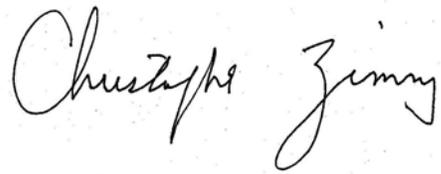
## **AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT**

After holding the hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, CAL FIRE may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If CAL FIRE makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text—with the changes clearly indicated—available to the public for at least 15 days before CAL FIRE adopts the regulations as revised. Notice of the comment period on changed regulations, and the full text as modified, will be sent to any person who:

- a) testified at the hearings,
- b) submitted comments during the public comment period, including written and oral comments received at the public hearing, or
- c) requested notification of the availability of such changes from CAL FIRE.

Requests for copies of the modified text of the regulations may be directed to the contact person listed in this notice. CAL FIRE will accept written comments on

the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Zimny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "Z".

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Christopher Zimny  
Regulations Coordinator  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection