**Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**

# Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR),

# Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 3, Article 1

## VHFHSZ Adoption, 2019

§ 1280.00 Definitions

Director: Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or their designee.

Local responsibility area (LRA): Those areas of land classified by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) where the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing wildfires is not that of the state or federal government, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) 4125.

Portable document format (pdf): file format used to present and exchange documents reliably, independent of software, hardware, or operating system. PDF is an open standard maintained by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

State Responsibility Area (SRA): As defined in Public Resources Code sections 4126-4127; and the California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 1.5, chapter 7, article 1, sections 1220-1220.5.

Very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ): as defined in Government Code 51177(i).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4202, 4203 and 4204, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4125, 4201, 4202, 4203 and 4204, Public Resources Code.

§ 1280.01 Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the SRA

§ 1280.02 Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the LRA

(a) Within thirty (30) days of adopting a local ordinance designating VHFHSZ pursuant to Government Code 51179(a), a local agency shall transmit a copy of the ordinance and a map depicting the adopted zones within the local agency to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board).

(b) The ordinance(s) and map(s) shall be delivered in a pdf file(s) and submitted electronically to the Board.

(c) The Board may request additional versions of the map(s) to establish greater clarity regarding the adopted zones. This request may ask for the maps in other file formats, such as Geographic Information System (GIS) shapefiles or similar, based on the Board's and the local agency's capabilities.

(d) The Board may create a form to collect information from local agencies when they submit their ordinance(s) and map(s).

(1) This form may request:

(A) the agency's name and a point of contact, including address, email, phone, and fax number

(B) information about the agency’s meeting adopting the VHFHSZ, including the date, location, agenda and agenda item number, and staff reports.

(C) information about the ordinance, including the name and/or number, copies of the signatory page(s), and the text of the ordinance.

(D) information about the section(s) of city or county code adopted or amended by the ordinance, including the name and/or number and code text.

(2) This form may ask the local agency for information about the decision, pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(b), to include areas within the jurisdiction as VHFHSZ that were not identified as such by the director. The form may ask for the finding(s) supported by substantial evidence in the record that the requirements of Government Code Section 51182 are necessary for effective fire protection in the area. This information may be in the form of staff reports, data analysis, mapping, or other background work that informed the local agency's decision.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4202, 4203 and 4204, Public Resources Code; Section 51179 Government Code. Reference: Sections 4201, 4202, 4203 and 4204, Public Resources Code; Section 51182, Government Code.