

1 **Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**
2 **Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR),**
3 **Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 3, Article 1**
4 **VHFHSZ Adoption, 2019**

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6 § 1280.00 Definitions

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

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

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

18 State Responsibility Area (SRA): As defined in Public Resources
19 Code sections 4126-4127; and the California Code of Regulations,
20 title 14, division 1.5, chapter 7, article 1, sections 1220-
21 1220.5.

22 Very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ): as defined in
23 Government Code 51177(i).
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1 Note: Authority cited: Sections 4202, 4203 and 4204, Public
2 Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4125, 4201, 4202, 4203 and
3 4204, Public Resources Code.

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5 § 1280.01 Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the SRA

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7 § 1280.02 Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the LRA

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

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

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

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

22 (1) This form may request:

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

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

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

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

10 (2) This form may ask the local agency for information
11 about the decision, pursuant to Government Code Section
12 51179(b), to include areas within the jurisdiction as VHFHSZ
13 that were not identified as such by the director. The form may
14 ask for the finding(s) supported by substantial evidence in the
15 record that the requirements of Government Code Section 51182
16 are necessary for effective fire protection in the area. This
17 information may be in the form of staff reports, data analysis,
18 mapping, or other background work that informed the local
19 agency's decision.

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