Article 4 Fire Safety Survey

§ 1267.00 Definitions

Dwelling unit: A “dwelling unit” has the same definition as a “residential unit” below.

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.

Residential unit: Any building or portion thereof which contains living facilities, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and/or sanitation, for one or more persons. Manufactured homes, mobilehomes, and factory-built housing are considered residential units (14 CCR § 1271.00).

Road: Any surface designed, improved, or ordinarily used for vehicle travel. Includes public and private streets and lanes.

State Responsibility Area (SRA): as defined in Public Resources Code 4102.

Subdivision: an existing development of more than thirty (30) residential units, not necessarily subdivided as defined in Government Code 66424.
Very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ): as defined in Government Code 51177(i) and identified pursuant to Government Code 51178.  


§ 1267.01 Fire Safety Survey  
(a) On or before July 1, 2021, and every five years thereafter, the board, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, shall survey local governments, including counties, cities, and fire districts, to identify existing subdivisions without a secondary egress route in all SRA or LRA mapped as a very high fire hazard severity zone.  

(i) A secondary egress route is a road, navigable by class one vehicles as defined by the Federal Highway Administration, of equal construction standard to the primary road (e.g., two paved roads). The secondary road does not have to be rated to carry the same quantity of traffic (e.g., a two-lane paved road and a one-lane paved road is acceptable).  

(ii) A secondary egress route is not:  
(A) a road with locked gates or limited access; or  
(B) a road that directs traffic to the same outlet road as the primary road or results in a circular traffic flow, to the extent practicable.
(b) Local government officials, including elected officials, fire officials, or representatives of agencies that govern land use planning and subdivision design, may request the board and the State Fire Marshal survey specific subdivisions in their jurisdiction.


§ 1267.02 Fire Safety Recommendations

(a) The board, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal and the local government that identified the subdivision, shall develop recommendations to improve the subdivision’s fire safety.

(b) The board shall provide the final recommendations developed pursuant to § 1267.03(a) to the local government that identified the subdivision and to the residents of the subdivision.


§ 1267.03 Implementation Monitoring

(a) The board shall maintain a list of the subdivisions identified in § 1267.01.

(b) The board shall track the status of the implementation of the recommendations provided pursuant to § 1267.02.