

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.