§ 1265.03. Safety Element Review Response.

(a) Prior to the adoption of its draft of or draft amendment to, or annexation of or appendix to, a local jurisdiction's safety element, the board of supervisors of a county or the city council of a city shall consider the recommendations, if any, made by the Board and any local agency that provides fire protection to the territory in the city or county.

(b) If the board of supervisors or city council determines not to accept all or some of the recommendations, if any, made by the Board or local fire agency, the board of supervisors or city council shall communicate in writing to the Board and/or the local fire agency its reasons for not accepting the recommendations to the postal or email address stated in section 1265.01, subdivision (c).

(c) The Board, within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the board of supervisors’ or city council’s written response, may request in writing a consultation with the board of supervisors or city council to discuss the Board's recommendations and the board of supervisors’ or city council’s response.
(1) This consultation shall occur no later than thirty (30) business days after the Board's request.

(2) The consultation may be conducted in person, electronically, or telephonically.

(3) If a consultation is requested by the Board, the board of supervisors or city council shall not approve the draft element or draft amendment until after the consultation takes place.

(d) If the Board's or local fire agency's recommendations are not available within the time limits required by section 1265.02, subdivision (a), the board of supervisors or city council may act without those recommendations. The board of supervisors or city council shall take the recommendations into consideration the next time it considers amendments to the safety element.