

General Plan Safety Element Assessment

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Purpose and Background

Upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2014, the safety element is required to be reviewed and updated as necessary to address the risk of fire for land classified as state responsibility areas and land classified as very high fire hazard severity zones. (Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (g)(3).)

The safety element is required to include:

- Fire hazard severity zone maps available from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
- Any historical data on wildfires available from local agencies or a reference to where the data can be found.
- Information about wildfire hazard areas that may be available from the United States Geological Survey.
- The general location and distribution of existing and planned uses of land in very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZs) and in state responsibility areas (SRAs), including structures, roads, utilities, and essential public facilities. The location and distribution of planned uses of land shall not require defensible space compliance measures required by state law or local ordinance to occur on publicly owned lands or open space designations of homeowner associations.
- The local, state, and federal agencies with responsibility for fire protection, including special districts and local offices of emergency services. (Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (g)(3)(A).)

Based on that information, the safety element shall include goals, policies, and objectives that protect the community from the unreasonable risk of wildfire. (Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (g)(3)(B).) To carry out those goals, policies, and objectives, feasible implementation measures shall be included in the safety element, which include but are not limited to:

- Avoiding or minimizing the wildfire hazards associated with new uses of land.
- Locating, when feasible, new essential public facilities outside of high fire risk areas, including, but not limited to, hospitals and health care facilities, emergency shelters, emergency command centers, and emergency communications facilities, or identifying construction methods or other methods to minimize damage if these facilities are located in the SRA or VHFHSZ.
- Designing adequate infrastructure if a new development is located in the SRA or VHFHSZ, including safe access for emergency response vehicles, visible street signs, and water supplies for structural fire suppression.
- Working cooperatively with public agencies with responsibility for fire protection. (Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (g)(3)(C).)

The safety element shall also attach or reference any fire safety plans or other documents adopted by the city or county that fulfill the goals and objectives or contains the information required above. (Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (g)(3)(D).) This might include Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, Unit Fire Plans, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, or other plans.

There are several reference documents developed by state agencies to assist local jurisdictions in updating their safety elements to include wildfire safety. The Fire Hazard Planning, General Plan Technical Advice Series from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), referenced in Government Code section 65302, subdivision (g)(3) and available at

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The Technical Advice Series is also available from the OPR website ([Technical Advice Series link](#)).*

The Technical Advice Series provides policy guidance, information resources, and fire hazard planning examples from around California that shall be considered by local jurisdictions when reviewing the safety element of its general plan.

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) utilizes this Safety Element Assessment in the Board's review of safety elements under Government Code section 65302.5. At least 90 days prior to the adoption or amendment of their safety element, counties that contain SRAs and cities or counties that contain VHFHSZs shall submit their safety element to the Board. (Gov. Code, § 65302.5, subd. (b).) The Board shall review the safety element and respond to the city or county with its findings regarding the uses of land and policies in SRAs or VHFHSZs that will protect life, property, and natural resources from

unreasonable risks associated with wildfires, and the methods and strategies for wildfire risk reduction and prevention within SRAs or VHFHSZs. (Gov. Code, § 65302.5, subd. (b)(3).)

The CAL FIRE Land Use Planning team provides expert fire protection assistance to local jurisdictions statewide. Fire captains are available to work with cities and counties to revise their safety elements and enhance their strategic fire protection planning.

Methodology for Review and Recommendations

Utilizing staff from the CAL FIRE Land Use Planning team, the Board has established a standardized method to review the safety element of general plans. The methodology includes

- 1) reviewing the safety element for the requirements in Government Code section 65302, subdivision (g)(3)(A),
- 2) examining the safety element for goals, policies, objectives, and implementation measures that mitigate the wildfire risk in the planning area (Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (g)(3)(B) & (C)), and
- 3) making recommendations for methods and strategies that would reduce the risk of wildfires (Gov. Code, § 65302.5, subd. (b)(3)(B)).

The safety element will be evaluated against the attached Assessment, which contains questions to determine if a safety element meets the fire safety planning requirements outlined in Government Code, section 65302. The reviewer will answer whether or not a submitted safety element addresses the required information, and will recommend changes to the safety element that will reduce the wildfire risk in the planning area. These recommended changes may come from the list of sample goals, policies, objectives, and implementation measures that is included in this document after the Assessment, or may be based on the reviewer's knowledge of the jurisdiction in question and their specific wildfire risk. By answering the questions in the Assessment, the reviewer will determine if the jurisdiction's safety element has adequately addressed and mitigated their wildfire risk. If it hasn't, any specific recommendations from the reviewer will assist the jurisdiction in revising the safety element so that it does.

Once completed, the Assessment should provide clear guidance to a city or county regarding any areas of deficiency in the safety element as well as specific goals, policies, objectives, and implementation measures the Board recommends adopting in order to mitigate or reduce the wildfire threat in the planning area.

General Plan Safety Element Assessment

Jurisdiction: Whittier	Notes:	CAL FIRE Unit: BDU	Date Received:
County: Los Angeles County	LUPP Reviewer: Redden	UNIT CONTACT: Ron Janssen	Date Reviewed:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION SUMMARY

The safety element must contain specific background information about fire hazards in each jurisdiction.

Instructions for this table: Indicate whether the safety element includes the specified information. If YES, indicate in the comments where that information can be found; if NO, provide recommendations to the jurisdiction regarding how best to include that information in their revised safety element.

Required Information	Yes or No	Comments and Recommendations
Are Fire Hazard Severity Zones Identified? <i>CAL FIRE or Locally Adopted Maps</i>	Yes	Pg. PSNH-22, Figure PSNH 4, Wildfire Hazards
Is historical data on wildfires or a reference to where the data can be found, and information about wildfire hazard areas that may be available from the United States Geological Survey, included?	Yes	Pg. PSNH-22, Figure PSNH 4, Wildfire Hazards
Has the general location and distribution of existing and planned uses of land in very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZs) and in state responsibility areas (SRAs), including structures, roads, utilities, and essential public facilities, been identified?	Yes	Pg. PSNH-22, Figure PSNH 4, Wildfire Hazards
Have local, state, and federal agencies with responsibility for fire protection, including special districts and local offices of emergency services, been identified?	Yes	Page PSNH-11, In addition to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the following agencies are involved with fire and emergency response: Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Management, Mutual Aid Region, State Emergency Management, City of Whittier Police.
Are other fire protection plans, such as Community Wildfire Protection Plans, Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, CAL FIRE Unit or Contract County Fire Plans, referenced or incorporated into the Safety Element?	Yes	Page PSNH-8, Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan "The City has prepared a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) in response to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (called a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in the federal law).
Are residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes identified?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.6 (Page PSNH-23) requires new development within VHFHSZs to provide a pre-plan that will include the identifying the location and

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		<p>direction of evacuation route and at least two points of ingress and egress</p> <p>Goal 5, PSNH 5.10 (Page PSNH-24) speaks to identifying at-risk populations that would be vulnerable during wildfire evacuations.</p>
<p>Have evacuation routes and their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios been identified?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Goal 5, PSNH 5.14 (Page PSNH-22) State the city will conduct a survey of public and private streets to determine those that lack two means of ingress and egress and inadequate evacuation routes. Identify and implement measures to mitigate the single access.</p>

<p>Is there any other information in the Safety Element regarding fire hazards in SRAs or VHFHSZs?</p>
<p>Yes</p>

GOALS, POLICIES, OBJECTIVES, AND FEASIBLE IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

The safety element must contain a set of goals, policies, and objectives based on the above information to protect the community from unreasonable risk of wildfire and implementation measures to accomplish those stated goals, policies, and objectives.

Instructions for this table: Critically examine the submitted safety element and determine if it is adequate to address the jurisdiction's unique fire hazard. Answer YES or NO appropriately for each question below. If the recommendation is irrelevant or unrelated to the jurisdiction's fire hazard, answer N/A. For NO, provide information in the Comments/Recommendations section to help the jurisdiction incorporate that change into their safety element revision. This information may utilize example recommendations from Sample Safety Element Recommendations and Fire Hazard Planning in Other Elements of the General Plan below, may indicate how high of a priority this recommendation is for a jurisdiction, or may include other jurisdiction-specific information or recommendations.

Section 1 Avoiding or minimizing the wildfire hazards associated with new uses of land		
Questions	Yes or No	Comments and Recommendations
Does local ordinance require development standards that meet or exceed title 14, CCR, division 1.5, chapter 7, subchapter 2, articles 1-5 (commencing with section 1270) (SRA Fire Safe Regulations) and title 14, CCR, division 1.5, chapter 7, subchapter 3, article 3 (commencing with section 1299.01) (Fire Hazard Reduction Around Buildings and Structures Regulations) for SRAs and/or VHFHSZs?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.3 (Page PSNH-23) speaks to ensure new development adheres to California Government Code sections 51175 and 51189 related to VHFHSZs, all requirements in the California Building Code and California Fire Code, and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations.
Are there goals and policies to avoid or minimize new residential development in VHFHSZs?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.1 to PSNH 5.8 (Page PSNH-23) covers the goals and policies to avoid or minimize new development in VHFHSZs.
Has fire safe design been incorporated into future development requirements?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.3 (Page PSNH-23) ensures the incorporation of fire safe design into ne development.
Are new essential public facilities located outside high fire risk areas, such as VHFHSZs, when feasible?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.12 (Page PSNH-24) speaks to the location of essential public facilities out of high-risk, wildfire-prone areas.
Are there plans or actions identified to mitigate existing non-conforming development to contemporary fire safe standards, in terms of road standards and vegetative hazard?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.9 (Page PSNH 24) discusses a survey of existing residential structures within the Very High Fire Severity Zones to identify non-conforming buildings related to fire safety standards. PSNH 5.14 (Page PSNH-25) Conduct a survey of public and private streets to determine those that lack two means of ingress and egress and inadequate evacuation routes. Identify and implement measures to mitigate the single access.

Questions	Yes or No	Comments and Recommendations
		Program 151: At-Risk Structures for Fire (Page IP-32) addresses that the city will conduct a survey of residential structures in the Very High Fire Severity Hazard zone to identify nonconforming structures related to fire standards. Consult with the property owners to bring structures into compliance.
Does the plan include policies to evaluate re-development after a large fire?	Yes	PSNH-5.15 (Page PSNH-25) Require all structures re-developed/re-built in the VHFSZs after a large fire to comply with building and fire codes in effect at the time of the re-development. PSNH-5.16 (Page PSNH-25) Conduct a study to establish re-development policy for all structures in VHFSZs after large fires.
Is fuel modification around homes and subdivisions required for new development in SRAs or VHFHSZs?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.5, PSNH 5.7 and PSNH 5.8 (Pages PSNH 23 and 24) all discuss the requirement for fuel modification around homes and subdivisions located in SRA or VHFSZs.
Are fire protection plans required for new development in VHFHSZs?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.6 (Page 23) speaks to the requirement of a fire protection plan for new development in VHFSZs.
Does the plan address long term maintenance of fire hazard reduction projects, including community fire breaks and private road and public road clearance?	Yes	Goal 5, Policy PSNH 5.8 (Page 23) requires long-term maintenance of defensible space clearances around structures, subdivisions, and fuel breaks within VHFSZs. Goal 5, Policy PSNH 5.7 (Page 23) requires new development within and adjoining VHFSZ to prepare a roadside fuel reduction plan to prevent fires along public roads.
Is there adequate access (ingress, egress) to new development in VHFHSZs?	Yes	Goal 5, Policy PSNH 5.6 (Page 23) requires new development within VHFSZs to provide a pre-plan that will include the identifying of location and direction of evacuation route and at least two points of ingress and egress.
Are minimum standards for evacuation of residential areas in VHFHSZs defined?	Yes	Goal 5, Policy PSNH 5.6 (Page 23) requires new development within VHFSZs to provide a pre-plan that will include the identifying the location and

Questions	Yes or No	Comments and Recommendations
		direction of evacuation route and at least two points of ingress and egress within residential areas in VHFSZs.
If areas exist with inadequate access/evacuation routes, are they identified? Are mitigation measures or improvement plans identified?	Yes	Goal 5, Policy PSNH_5.14 (Page PSNH-25) Conduct a survey of public and private streets to determine those that lack two means of ingress and egress and inadequate evacuation routes. Identify and implement measures to mitigate the single access.
Are there policies or programs promoting public outreach about defensible space or evacuation routes? Are there specific plans to reach at-risk populations?	Yes	Goal 5, Policy PSNH 5.10 (Page PSNH-25) speaks to identifying at-risk populations that would be vulnerable during wildfire evacuations and provide information regarding defensible space and evacuation routes. Implementation Plan Program 70 (Page IP-17) At Risk Occupants' Evacuation Plans states that the city will survey and identify properties within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones to determine at-risk occupants located within elderly care facilities, convalescence facilities, schools or similar that would pose a significant concern for evacuation and/or shelter-in-place during a wildfire event. Develop a plan to accommodate these target occupants.
Does the plan identify future water supply for fire suppression needs?	Yes	Page PSNH 4, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Services "The City's water pumping plant has a capacity of 3,700 gallons per minute and has guidelines set for operational, fire, and emergency storage stated in the 2018 Water Master Plan. Fire flow guidelines are established by land use type and are based on the local fire authority and requirements of the California Fire Code."
Does new development have adequate fire protection?	Yes	Page PSNH 11 discusses the contract between the city and Los Angeles County Fire department for a multitude of prevention and responsive services.

Section 2 Develop adequate infrastructure if a new development is located in SRAs or VHFHSZs.

Does the plan identify adequate infrastructure for new development related to:	Yes or No	Comments and Recommendations
Water supply and fire flow?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.4 (Page 24) discusses the regulation and enforcement of the installation of fire protection water system standards for all new construction projects within VHFSZs, including the installation of fire hydrants providing adequate water flow, fire sprinklers or suppression systems.
Location of anticipated water supply?	Yes	Page PSNH 4, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Services “The City’s water pumping plant has a capacity of 13,700 gallons per minute and has guidelines set for operational, fire, and emergency storage stated in the 2018 Water Master Plan. Fire flow guidelines are established by land use type and are based on the local fire authority and requirements of the California Fire Code.”
Maintenance and long-term integrity of water supplies?	Yes	Page PSNH 4, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Services “The City’s water pumping plant has a capacity of 13,700 gallons per minute and has guidelines set for operational, fire, and emergency storage stated in the 2018 Water Master Plan. Fire flow guidelines are established by land use type and are based on the local fire authority and requirements of the California Fire Code.”
Evacuation and emergency vehicle access?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.6 (Page 23) requires new development within VHFSZs to provide a pre-plan that will include the identifying the location and direction of evacuation route and at least two points of ingress and egress. Page PSNH 4, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Services “California Fire Code requires a minimum of 40-foot right-of-way and a grade less than six percent (or 10 percent if topical constraints exist) to ensure adequate access for fire emergencies.”
Fuel modification and defensible space?	Yes	Goal 5, PNSH 5.5 and PNSH 5.8 (Page 23) both speak to fuel modification and defensible space by

Does the plan identify adequate infrastructure for new development related to:	Yes or No	Comments and Recommendations
		<p>way of fire protection plans and long- term maintenance.</p> <p>Goal 5, PSNH 5.3 (Page PSNH 23) speaks to ensure new development adheres to California Government Code sections 51175 and 51189 related to VHFSZs, all requirements in the California Building Code and California Fire Code, and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations.</p>
Vegetation clearance maintenance on public and private roads?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.7 (Page 23) requires new development within and adjoining VHFSZ to prepare a roadside fuel reduction plan to prevent fires along public roads.
Visible home and street addressing and signage?	Yes	Goal 5, PSNH 5.3 (Page PSNH 23) speaks to ensure new development adheres to California Government Code sections 51175 and 51189 related to VHFSZs, all requirements in the California Building Code and California Fire Code, and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations.
Community fire breaks? Is there a discussion of how those fire breaks will be maintained?	Yes	<p>Goal 5, Policy PSNH 5.13, (Page PSNH-25) discusses the collaboration with the regional fire agencies and the Puente Hills Landfill Habitat Preservation Authority on different strategies available to maintain diverse plant composition (e.g., less combustible native plants), undertake appropriate thinning of vegetation, and maintain fuel breaks without permanently damaging native habitat. As appropriate, refer to and implement appropriate strategies of the Los Angeles County Implementation Plan Program 22 (Page IP-8) in “Fire Hazard Severity Zones Review”, the city has stated that within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones determine appropriate design or mitigation, The City of Whittier will adhere to Los Angeles County Fire Department Fuel Modification Plan</p>

Does the plan identify adequate infrastructure for new development related to:	Yes or No	Comments and Recommendations
		Guidelines, including roadside fuel reduction plan to prevent fires caused by vehicles along new roads as required to serve new developments.

Section 3 Working cooperatively with public agencies responsible for fire protection.

Question	Yes or No	Comments and Recommendations
Is there a map or description of existing emergency service facilities and areas lacking service, specifically noting any areas in SRAs or VHFHSZs?	Yes	Pg. PSNH 22, Figure PSNH 4, Wildfire Hazards
Does the plan include an assessment and projection of future emergency service needs?	Yes	Page PSNH 11 discusses the contract between the city and Los Angeles County Fire department for a multitude of prevention and responsive services.
Are goals or standards for emergency services training described?	Yes	Page PSNH 25, Policy PSHN-5.17, "Continue to work with Los Angeles County Fire Department to ensure that fire services are maintained at adequate levels. While working with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, monitor the City of Whittier's fire protection rating and work with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to correct deficiencies and to ensure ongoing training is conducted."
Does the plan outline inter-agency preparedness coordination and mutual aid multi-agency agreements?	Yes	Page PSNH-11 discusses the contract between the city and Los Angeles County Fire department for a multitude of prevention and responsive services. Policy PSNH-1.2 (Page PSNH-11) speaks to the promoting the improved inter-jurisdictional consultation and communication regarding disaster or emergency plans of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Implementation plan, Program 111 (Page-IP-25) Mutual Aid speaks of the City of Whittier continuing to engage with the City of Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County, and other emergency response agencies to provide for mutual aid.

Sample Safety Element Recommendations

These are examples of specific policies, objectives, or implementation measures that may be used to meet the intent of Government Code sections 65302, subdivision (g)(3) and 65302.5, subdivision (b). Safety element reviewers may make recommendations that are not included here.

A. MAPS, PLANS AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. Include or reference CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps or locally adopted wildfire hazard zones.
2. Include or reference the location of historical information on wildfires in the planning area.
3. Include a map or description of the location of existing and planned land uses in SRAs and VHFHSZs, particularly habitable structures, roads, utilities, and essential public facilities.
4. Identify or reference a fire plan that is relevant to the geographic scope of the general plan, including the Unit/Contract County Fire Plan, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and any applicable Community Wildfire Protection Plans.
5. Align the goals, policies, objectives, and implementation measures for fire hazard mitigation in the safety element with those in existing fire plans, or make plans to update fire plans to match the safety element.
6. Create a fire plan for the planning area.

B. LAND USE

1. Develop fire safe development codes to use as standards for fire protection for new development in SRAs or VHFHSZs that meet or exceed the statewide minimums in the SRA Fire Safe Regulations.
2. Adopt and have certified by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection local ordinances which meet or exceed the minimum statewide standards in the SRA Fire Safe Regulations.
3. Identify existing development that do not meet or exceed the SRA Fire Safe Regulations or certified local ordinances.
4. Develop mitigation measures for existing development that does not meet or exceed the SRA Fire Safe Regulations or certified local ordinances or identify a policy to do so.

C. FUEL MODIFICATION

1. Develop a policy to communicate vegetation clearance requirements to seasonal, absent, or vacation rental owners.
2. Identify a policy for the ongoing maintenance of vegetation clearance on public and private roads.
3. Include fuel breaks in the layout/siting of subdivisions.
4. Identify a policy for the ongoing maintenance of existing or proposed fuel breaks.
5. Identify and/or map existing development that does not conform to current state and/or locally adopted fire safety standards for access, water supply and fire flow, signing, and vegetation clearance in SRAs or VHFHSZs.
6. Identify plans and actions for existing non-conforming development to be improved or mitigated to meet current state and/or locally adopted fire safety standards for access, water supply and fire flow, signing, and vegetation clearance.

D. ACCESS

1. Develop a policy that approval of parcel maps and tentative maps in SRAs or VHFHSZs is conditional based on meeting the SRA Fire Safe Regulations and the Fire Hazard Reduction Around Buildings and Structures Regulations, particularly those regarding road standards for ingress, egress, and fire equipment access. (See Gov. Code, § 66474.02.)
2. Develop a policy that development will be prioritized in areas with an adequate road network and associated infrastructure.

3. Identify multi-family housing, group homes, or other community housing in SRAs or VHFHSZs and develop a policy to create evacuation or shelter in place plans.
4. Include a policy to develop pre-plans for fire risk areas that address civilian evacuation and to effectively communicate those plans.
5. Identify road networks in SRAs or VHFHSZs that do not meet title 14, CCR, division 1.5, chapter 7, subchapter 2, articles 2 and 3 (commencing with section 1273.00) or certified local ordinance and develop a policy to examine possible mitigations.

E. FIRE PROTECTION

1. Develop a policy that development will be prioritized in areas with adequate water supply infrastructure.
2. Plan for the ongoing maintenance and long-term integrity of planned and existing water supply infrastructure.
3. Map existing emergency service facilities and note any areas lacking service, especially in SRAs or VHFHSZs.
4. Project future emergency service needs for the planned land uses.
5. Include information about emergency service trainings or standards and plans to meet or maintain them.
6. Include information about inter-agency preparedness coordination or mutual aid agreements.

Fire Hazard Planning in Other Elements of the General Plan

When updating the General Plan, here are some ways to incorporate fire hazard planning into other elements. Wildfire safety is best accomplished by holistic, strategic fire planning that takes advantage of opportunities to align priorities and implementation measures within and across plans.

LAND USE ELEMENT

Goals and policies include mitigation of fire hazard for future development or limit development in very high fire hazard severity zones.

Disclose wildland urban-interface hazards, including fire hazard severity zones, and/or other vulnerable areas as determined by CAL FIRE or local fire agency.

Design and locate new development to provide adequate infrastructure for the safe ingress of emergency response vehicles and simultaneously allow citizen egress during emergencies.

Describe or map any Firewise Communities or other fire safe communities as determined by the National Fire Protection Association, Fire Safe Council, or other organization.

HOUSING ELEMENT

Incorporation of current fire safe building codes.

Identify and mitigate substandard fire safe housing and neighborhoods relative to fire hazard severity zones.

Consider diverse occupancies and their effects on wildfire protection (group housing, seasonal populations, transit-dependent, etc).

OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENTS

Identify critical natural resource values relative to fire hazard severity zones.

Include resource management activities to enhance protection of open space and natural resource values.

Integrate open space into fire safety planning and effectiveness.

Mitigation for unique pest, disease and other forest health issues leading to hazardous situations.

CIRCULATION ELEMENT

Provide adequate access to very high fire hazard severity zones.

Develop standards for evacuation of residential areas in very high fire hazard severity zones.

Incorporate a policy that provides for a fuel reduction maintenance program along roadways.