

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ACTION (NOPA)

45-Day Public Comment Period [December 16, 2022, through February 3, 2023]

# California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 17

## Fire Hazard Severity Zones, 2022

The State Fire Marshal is providing notice to adopt proposed regulations pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 4202-4204, relating to the classifying of lands in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) into Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZs).

#### WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any person, or authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Written comments will be accepted beginning **December 16, 2022, through February 3, 2023.** OSFM will consider only written comments received by the end of the written comment period (in addition to those written comments received at the public hearing). OSFM requests, but does not require, that persons who submit written comments to CAL FIRE reference the title of the rulemaking proposal in their comments to facilitate accuracy and efficiency of review.

Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail to the following address:

Office of the State Fire Marshal
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
Attn: Scott Witt, Deputy Chief

Written comments can also be hand delivered or sent by courier to the contact person listed in this notice at the following address:

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Office of the State Fire Marshal C/O: Scott Witt California Natural Resources Building 715 P Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor Sacramento, CA 95818

Written comments may also be delivered via e-mail at the following address:

fhszcomments@fire.ca.gov

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

CAL FIRE will hold a series of public hearings in every county with SRA described below pursuant to PRC 4203. At the hearings, any person may present comments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed action described in the *Informative Digest*. Such information shall be retained by OSFM and shall be made available upon request.

The hearing locations, dates, starting time, and local contact person for all hearings are shown below:

County: Alameda

Hearing Date & Time: 1/17/23 at 1:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Hayward Fire Department Training Center

1401 West Winton Avenue Hayward Ca 94545

**Local Contact Person:** Marcus Hernandez (408) 472-1603

marcus.hernandez@fire.ca.gov

County: Alpine

Hearing Date & Time: 1/11/23 at 5:00PM

Hearing Location: Turtle Rock Park Community Center

17300 State Route 89/4, Markleeville, CA 96120

Local Contact Person: Megan Scheeline (530) 708-2705 megan.scheeline@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Amador

Hearing Date & Time: 1/18/23 at 4:30PM

Hearing Location: Volcano Communications Tech Center

19888 Church Street, Pine Grove, CA 95665

Local Contact Person: Megan Scheeline (530) 708-2705 megan.scheeline@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Butte

Hearing Date & Time: 1/12/23 at 4:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Butte County Association of Governments

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100 Chico, CA 95928

Local Contact Person: Bryon Vance (530) 520-8651 Byron.vance@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Calaveras

Hearing Date & Time: 12/16/22 at 9:00AM

**Hearing Location:** San Andreas Community Hall

24 Church Hill Rd, San Andreas, CA 95249

Local Contact Person: Jon Andahl (209) 419-4425 jon.andahl@fire.ca.gov

County: Colusa

Hearing Date & Time: 1/03/23 at 5:30PM

Hearing Location: Stonyford Community Center,

229 Market Street Stonyford, CA 95979

**Local Contact Person:** Marshall Turbeville (707) 877-1770

marshall.turbeville@fire.ca.gov

County: Contra Costa

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/24/23 at 1:00PM

Hearing Location: Orinda Library Auditorium & Garden Room

26 Orinda Way Orinda CA 94563

**Local Contact Person:** Marcus Hernandez (408) 472-1603

marcus.hernandez@fire.ca.gov

County: Del Norte

Hearing Date & Time: 1/11/23 at 9:00AM

**Hearing Location:** Crescent Fire Protection District Headquarters

225 West Washington Blvd, Crescent City, CA

Local Contact Person: Chris Ramey (707) 599-6442 <a href="mailto:chris.ramey@fire.ca.gov">chris.ramey@fire.ca.gov</a>

County: El Dorado

**Hearing Date & Time:** 12/16/22 at 9:00AM **Hearing Location:** El Dorado Hills at Station 85 1050 Wilson BLVD El Dorado Hills. 95762

Local Contact Person: Megan Scheeline (530) 708-2705

megan.scheeline@fire.ca.gov

County: Fresno

Hearing Date & Time: 12/20/22 at 5:00PM

Hearing Location: Clovis Veterans Memorial District Building

808 Fourth Street Clovis, CA 93612

Local Contact Person: Thorin Day (559) 291-4337 thorin.day@fire.ca.gov

County: Glenn

Hearing Date & Time: 1/17/23 at 2:00PM

**Hearing Location:** CAL FIRE Elk Creek Fire Station

3288 Ivory Mill Road Elk Creek, CA 95939

Local Contact Person: Matt Reich (530) 200-2523 matt.reich@fire.ca.gov

County: Humboldt

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/10/23 at 2:00PM **Hearing Location:** Fortuna River Lodge 1800 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna, CA

Local Contact Person: Chris Ramey (707) 599-6442 chris.ramey@fire.ca.gov

County: Imperial

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/11/23 at 1:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Imperial Valley Desert Museum

11 Frontage Road Ocotillo, CA 92259

Local Contact Person: Eric Just (619) 590-3103 eric.just@fire.ca.gov

County: Inyo

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/24/23 at 11:00AM **Hearing Location:** County Administration Office 224 N. Edwards St. Independence, Ca 93526.

Local Contact Person: Stephen Volmer (661) 618-4908 <a href="mailto:stephen.volmar@fire.ca.gov">stephen.volmar@fire.ca.gov</a>

County: Kern

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/19/23 at 10:00AM

Hearing Location: Golden Hills Community Service District

21415 Reeves St. Tehachapi, CA 93561

Local Contact Person: Andrew Kennison (661) 330-0194 akennison@kerncountyfire.org

County: Kings

Hearing Date & Time: 12/21/22 at 5:00PM Hearing Location: Avenal Movie Theater

233 E Kings St Avenal, CA 93204

Local Contact Person: Thorin Day (559) 291-4337 thorin.day@fire.ca.gov

County: Lake

Hearing Date & Time: 1/24/23 at 9:15AM

**Hearing Location:** Board of Supervisors Board Chambers

255 North Forbes Street Lakeport, CA 95453

**Local Contact Person:** Marshall Turbeville (707) 877-1770

marshall.turbeville@fire.ca.gov

County: Lassen

Hearing Date & Time: 1/10/23 at 6:00PM

Hearing Location: Lassen County Fairgrounds, Jensen Hall

195 Russell Ave Susanville, CA 96130

Local Contact Person: Adam Mattos (530) 310-2201 adam.mattos@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Los Angeles

Hearing Date & Time: 1/14/23 at 10:00AM Hearing Location: College of the Canyons 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Room 258

Santa Clarita, 91355

Local Contact Person: Trevor Moore (213) 259-4587 trevor.moore@fire.lacounty.gov

**County:** Madera

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/12/23 at 5:30PM **Hearing Location:** Oakhurst Community Center 39800 Fresno Flats Road Oakhurst CA 93644

Local Contact Person: Mike Keyser (559) 706-8824 michael.keyser@fire.ca.gov

County: Marin

Hearing Date & Time: 1/26/23 at 6:00PM Hearing Location: San Geronimo Golf Club

5800 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. San Geronimo CA 94963

Local Contact Person: Scott Alber (415) 717-7424 <a href="mailto:salber@marincounty.org">salber@marincounty.org</a>

County: Mariposa

Hearing Date & Time: 1/10/23 at 5:30PM

**Hearing Location:** Mariposa County Fire Department

4802 CA-140 Mariposa CA 95338

Local Contact Person: Mike Keyser (559) 706-8824 michael.keyser@fire.ca.gov

County: Mendocino

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/04/23 at 10:00AM

**Hearing Location:** Willits City Hall 111 E Commercial St Willits, CA, 95490

Local Contact Person: Michael Sachelli (707) 459-7424 michael.sachelli@fire.ca.gov

County: Merced

Hearing Date & Time: 1/11/23 at 6:00PM Hearing Location: Castle Training Center 3405 Hardstand Avenue Atwater CA 95301

Local Contact Person: Mike Keyser (559) 706-8824 michael.keyser@fire.ca.gov

County: Modoc

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/24/23 at 6:00PM **Hearing Location:** Devil's Garden Fire Center

2300 County Rd 74 Alturas, CA 96101

Local Contact Person: Adam Mattos (530) 310-2201 adam.mattos@fire.ca.gov

County: Mono

Hearing Date & Time: 12/20/22 at 10:00AM Hearing Location: County Administration Office 437 Old Mammoth Rd Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

Local Contact Person: Stephen Volmer (661) 618-4908 stephen.volmar@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Monterey

Hearing Date & Time: 1/18/23 at 3:00PM Hearing Location: The Mott Training Room 2221 Garden Rd., Monterey Ca 93940

Local Contact Person: Chad Cooper (831) 375-4204 chad.cooper@fire.ca.gov

County: Napa

Hearing Date & Time: 1/09/23 at 2:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Napa Library 580 Coombs Street Napa, CA 94559

**Local Contact Person:** Marshall Turbeville (707) 877-1770

marshall.turbeville@fire.ca.gov

County: Nevada

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/5/23 at 10:00AM

**Hearing Location:** Nevada County Rood Center 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959

Local Contact Person: Steve Garcia (530)277-2306 <a href="mailto:steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov">steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov</a>

County: Orange

Hearing Date & Time: 1/10/23 at 6:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Orange County Fire Authority – RFOTC 1 Fire Authority, Irvine, CA 92602 Building A, Board Room

Local Contact Person: Jennifer Bower (714) 573-6251 jenniferbower@ocfa.org

County: Placer

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/17/23 at 10:00AM

**Hearing Location:** Community Development Resource Agency

3091 County Center Dr. Auburn, CA 95603

Local Contact Person: Steve Garcia (530)277-2306 steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov

County: Plumas

Hearing Date & Time: 1/17/23 at 6:00PM

Hearing Location: Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds, Mineral Building

204 Fairgrounds Rd Quincy, CA 95971

Local Contact Person: Adam Mattos (530) 310-2201 adam.mattos@fire.ca.gov

County: Riverside

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/17/23 at 10:00AM **Hearing Location:** County Admin. Building 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, CA 92501

Local Contact Person: Scott Bethurum (951) 940-6980 scott.bethurum@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Sacramento

Hearing Date & Time: 1/24/23 at 9:00AM

Hearing Location: California Natural Resources Building

715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Local Contact Person: Scott Witt (408) 465-6172 scott.witt@fire.ca.gov

County: Sacramento

Hearing Date & Time: 2/03/23 at 9:00AM

**Hearing Location:** California Natural Resources Building

715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Local Contact Person: Scott Witt (408) 465-6172 scott.witt@fire.ca.gov

County: San Benito

Hearing Date & Time: 1/19/23 at 3:00PM Hearing Location: Hollister Fire Station 1979 Fairview Rd. Hollister Ca. 95023

Local Contact Person: Chad Cooper (831) 375-4204 <a href="mailto:chad.cooper@fire.ca.gov">chad.cooper@fire.ca.gov</a>

County: San Bernardino

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/10/23 at 11:00AM **Hearing Location:** County Administrative Office 385 N. Arrowhead Dr San Bernardino, Ca 92415.

**Local Contact Person:** Stephen Volmer (661) 618-4908 stephen.volmar@fire.ca.gov

County: San Diego

Hearing Date & Time: 1/09/23 at 1:00PM

**Hearing Location:** San Diego County Operations Center – Chambers

5520 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123

Local Contact Person: Josh Black (619) 609-3413 josh.black@fire.ca.gov

County: San Joaquin

Hearing Date & Time: 1/5/23 at

1:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Clements Community Hall

19051 N Hwy 88 Lockeford, CA 95237

Local Contact Person: David Riley (408) 779-2121 david.riley@fire.ca.gov

County: San Luis Obispo

Hearing Date & Time: 12/20/22 at 3:00PM Hearing Location: South Bay Training Center 880 Manzanita Ave, Los Osos, CA 93402

Local Contact Person: Jason Potts (805) 903-3426 jason.potts@fire.ca.gov

County: San Mateo

Hearing Date & Time: 1/11/23 at 2:00PM

**Hearing Location:** San Mateo County Regional Operations Center

501 Winslow St. Redwood City, CA 94063

Local Contact Person: Frank Rodgers (831) 254-1728 franks.rodgers@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Santa Barbara

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/18/23 at 1:00PM **Hearing Location:** Veterans Memorial Building

1745 Mission Drive, Solvang CA 93463

Local Contact Person: Anthony Stornetta (805) 423-6406 astornet@countyofsb.org

**County:** Santa Clara

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/10/23 at 1:00PM

Hearing Location: Morgan Hill City Council Chamber Building

17555 Peak Avenue Morgan Hill CA 95037

**Local Contact Person:** Marcus Hernandez (408) 472-1603

marcus.hernandez@fire.ca.gov

County: Santa Cruz

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/10/23 at 1:30PM **Hearing Location:** Ben Lomond Training Center

13575 Empire Grade. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Local Contact Person: Frank Rodgers (831) 254-1728 frank.rodgers@fire.ca.gov

County: Shasta

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/09/23 at 7:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Cornerstone Marketing Center

4300 Caterpillar Road Redding, CA 96003

Local Contact Person: Aaron Hathaway (530) 448-2422 <a href="mailto:aaron.hathaway@fire.ca.gov">aaron.hathaway@fire.ca.gov</a>

County: Sierra

Hearing Date & Time: 1/27/23 at 10:00AM Hearing Location: County Courthouse

100 Courthouse Square Downieville, CA 95936

Local Contact Person: Steve Garcia (530)277-2306 steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov

County: Siskiyou

Hearing Date & Time: 1/10/23 at 6:00PM

Hearing Location: CAL FIRE Yreka Station - Trygar Room

1809 Fairlane Rd. Yreka CA 96097

Local Contact Person: Jake Burgess (530) 842-3516 jake.burgess@fire.ca.gov

County: Solano

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/17/23 at 5:30PM

**Hearing Location:** Solano County Event Center

601 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533

**Local Contact Person:** Marshall Turbeville (707) 877-1770

marshall.turbeville@fire.ca.gov

County: Sonoma

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/12/23 at 2:00PM **Hearing Location:** Board Chambers 575 Administration Drive, Suite 102A

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Local Contact Person:** Marshall Turbeville (707) 877-1770

marshall.turbeville@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Stanislaus

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/3/23 at 10:00AM **Hearing Location:** Oakdale Community Center

110 S 2nd Ave, Oakdale, CA 95361

Local Contact Person: Jon Andahl (209) 419-4425 jon.andahl@fire.ca.gov

County: Tehama

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/10/23 at 2:00PM **Hearing Location:** Red Bluff Community Center 1500 S. Jackson Street Red Bluff, CA. 96080

Local Contact Person: Matt Reich (530) 200-2523 matt.reich@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Trinity

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/16/23 at 7:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Trinity County Board of Supervisors

11 Court St, Weaverville CA. 96093

Local Contact Person: Aaron Hathaway (530) 448-2422 <a href="mailto:aaron.hathaway@fire.ca.gov">aaron.hathaway@fire.ca.gov</a>

County: Tulare

Hearing Date & Time: 1/26/23 at 6:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Three Rivers Memorial District

43490 Sierra Drive Three Rivers, CA 93271

Local Contact Person: Dave Shy (559) 280-5077 <a href="mailto:david.shy@fire.ca.gov">david.shy@fire.ca.gov</a>

County: Tuolumne

Hearing Date & Time: 12/20/22 at 10:00AM

Hearing Location: Tuolumne County Fire Building

18440 Striker Ct, Sonora, CA 95370

Local Contact Person: Jon Andahl (209) 419-4425 jon.andahl@fire.ca.gov

County: Ventura

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/17/22 at 1:00PM **Hearing Location:** Freedom Center 515 Eubanks St., Camarillo, CA 93010

Local Contact Person: Larry Williams (805) 947-8543 larry.williams@ventura.org

County: Yolo

Hearing Date & Time: 1/05/23 at 2:00PM

**Hearing Location:** Winters Fire Station Conference Room

700 West Main Street Winters, CA 95694

**Local Contact Person:** Marshall Turbeville (707) 877-1770

marshall.turbeville@fire.ca.gov

**County:** Yuba

**Hearing Date & Time:** 1/11/23 at 10:00AM

Hearing Location: Yuba County Government Center

915 8th Street, Suite 109 Marysville, CA 95901

Local Contact Person: Steve Garcia (530)277-2306 steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov

If an additional public hearing is held, the OSFM will provide notice of the hearing in accordance with the requirements of Gov. Code sec. 11346.8(a), in addition to posting the information on our website.

The public hearing facilities are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. If any special assistance is required (i.e., interpreter), please notify the contact person named in this notice at least 15 days prior to the public hearing for the county you wish to attend.

At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the proposed action described in the *Informative Digest*. It is requested, but not required, that persons making oral comments at the hearing submit a written copy of their testimony at the hearing.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT**

Following the 45-day comment period, the OSFM may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If modifications are made which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, the modified text – with changes indicated – shall be made available to the public for at least 15 days before the OSFM adopts, amends, or repeals the regulations as revised. The OSFM will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modified regulations. Requests should be sent to the contact person at the address indicated above.

#### **AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

Under the authority of Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 4202 - 4204, OSFM is amending, and relocating from Title 14, Chapter 7, Article 1 to Title 19, Division 1, new Chapter 17, new Article 1. References include Sections 4202-4204 of the Public Resources Code.

## INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The OSFM is proposing amendments to, and the relocation of, the regulation in 14 CCR, Section 1280, which designates FHSZ in SRA. Within this section are referenced maps titled "Maps of the Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in State Responsibility Areas of California. November 21, 2022". These maps are being updated as part of the proposal pursuant to California PRC) Sections 4201- 4204.

In 2021, Assembly Bill 9 amended PRC Sections 4202-4204 to require the OSFM, and not the Director, to take several actions related to FHSZs. Therefore, for the regulations to accurately reflect the recent amendments to these laws, they are also being relocated to Title 19.

FHSZs are geographical areas (lands) designated pursuant to PRC Sections 4201- 4204 and classified as Very High, High or Moderate in SRA. Each zone is assigned one of these ratings to reflect the degree of severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in the zone.

The zones are designated so that measures may be identified which will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire. Building standards are effectuated by the proposed FHSZ maps, meaning some building code requirements will depend on the hazard zone in which the building is located.

While OSFM maps fire hazard severity for the entire State, the map/zones proposed for adoption in this regulation apply only to the SRA.

## **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

The documents incorporated by reference in Title 19 have also been included in this rulemaking file as follows:

 Map entitled "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones. November 21, 2022"

## Summary of Existing Laws

PRC Sections 4202-4204, the OSFM, shall classify lands in the SRA into FHSZs based on multiple factors and shall adopt regulations reflecting such designation. The statutes also require periodic review of the map and updating by the OSFM when required.

## Summary of Existing Regulations

The current regulations are in Title 14, Chapter 7, Article 1. The OSFM proposes to move the regulations to Title 19, Chapter 17 to accurately reflect the recent amendments to the PRC requiring the OSFM, and not the Director of CAL FIRE, to take several actions related to FHSZs.

## Summary of Effect

The designation of a FHSZ allows the people of California to take measures that will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire.

## Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations.

## Evaluation of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

After conducting a review of any and all other regulations that would relate to FHSZs in the SRA, the OSFM concluded that this proposed rulemaking is the only rulemaking that concerns the designation of FHSZs in the SRA. The OSFM has determined this proposed regulation is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations.

#### Objective and Anticipated Benefits

The broad objective of the proposed rulemaking is to ensure that the people of California understand the degree of severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in the zone in which they live and can identify and implement the measures that will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire. The anticipated benefit will enhance public safety and protect California's vital natural resources and wildlife.

## OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the OSFM, or to any specific regulation or class of regulations. There are no other matters to identify.

#### DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The OSFM has made the following initial determinations:

- 1. Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None
- 2. Cost or savings to any other State agency: None
- 3. Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code, Sections 17500-17630: **None**
- 4. Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed upon local agencies: None
- 5. Cost or savings in federal funding to the State: None
- 6. Significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other States: **None**
- 7. Significant effect on housing costs: None

#### COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PERSON OR BUSINESS:

OSFM is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. The proposed regulation will comply with statutory mandate, enhance public safety, and protect California's vital natural resources and wildlife.

#### **DECLARATION OF EVIDENCE**

The OSFM has determined that this proposed action will not have a significant adverse economic impact. The OSFM has not relied on any other facts, evidence, documents, or testimony to make its initial determination of no statewide adverse economic impact.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS EFFECTS**

The proposed regulation may affect small business.

## RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

The OSFM concludes that the proposed regulatory action, within the State of California, would have no significant adverse economic impact and adoption of these regulations will affect the following:

- a) Will not affect the creation or elimination of jobs within California;
- b) Will not affect the creation of new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California; or
- Will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.
- d) Will benefit the public health and welfare of California residents, enhance public safety, and benefit the environment by protecting California's vital natural resources and wildlife.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5(a)913), OSFM must determine that no reasonable alternative it considers or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of OSFM would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy of other provision of law.

#### **BUSINESS REPORT**

This regulatory proposal does not mandate any new annual reporting or recordkeeping requirements beyond the business practice that has already been established by the OSFM.

#### **CONTACT PERSON**

Requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the *Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR)*, modified text of the regulations and any questions regarding the substance of the proposed action may be directed to:

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Office of the State Fire Marshal C/O Scott Witt P.O. Box 944246 Sacramento, CA 94244-2460 fhszcomments@fire.ca.gov

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Office of the State Fire Marshal C/O Jamie Sammut P.O. Box 944246 Sacramento, CA 94244-2460 fhszcomments@fire.ca.gov

## AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The OSFM will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office located at 715 "P" Street, Sacramento, California 95814. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the OSFM's rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, the ISOR for the proposed action, all documents incorporated by reference and an economic impact assessment contained in the ISOR. Copies may be obtained through the contact(s) at the address or telephone numbers listed above.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by making a written request to the contact person at the above address or by accessing the website listed below.

## **AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET**

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), the text of proposed regulations in underline and strikeout, documents incorporated by reference and all information upon which this rulemaking is based may be accessed through the OSFM web site at:

https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/code-development-and-analysis/title-19-development/