ORANGE COUNTY

Fire and Resource Assessment Program
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN UNICORPERATED LRA

As Recommended By CAL FIRE

118°6'0"W 118°0'0"W 117°54'0"W 117°48'0"W 117°42'0"W 117°36'0"W 117°30'0"W 117°24'0"W

34°0'0"N 33°54'0"N 33°48'0"N 33°42'0"N 33°36'0"N 33°30'0"N

La Habra
Brea
Fullerton
Placentia
Yorba Linda
Buena Park
La Palma
Anaheim
Cypress
Orange
Villa Park
Stanton
Los Alamitos
Garden Grove
Westminster
Seal Beach
Santa Ana
Tustin
Fountain Valley
Huntington Beach
Costa Mesa
Irvine
Silverado
Trabuco Canyon
Lake Forest
Rancho Santa Margarita
Newport Beach
Laguna Woods
Mission Viejo
Aliso Viejo
Laguna Hills
Laguna Beach
Laguna Niguel
San Juan Capistrano
Dana Point
San Clemente

LRA

Fire Hazard Severity Zones

Unincorporated LRA	State or Federal Responsibility Areas
VHFHSZ	VHFHSZ
Non-VHFHSZ	Non-VHFHSZ

City Boundary
County Boundary

Government Code 51175-89 directs the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to identify areas of very high fire hazard severity zones within Local Responsibility Areas (LRA). Mapping of the areas, referred to as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), is based on data and models of, **potential** fuels over a 30-50 year time horizon and their associated expected fire behavior, and expected burn probabilities to quantify the likelihood and nature of vegetation fire exposure (including firebrands) to buildings. Details on the project and specific modeling methodology can be found at http://frap.cdf.ca.gov/projects/hazard/methods.htm. Local Responsibility Area VHFHSZ maps were initially developed in the mid-1990s and are now being updated based on improved science, mapping techniques, and data.

In late 2005 to be effective in 2008, the California Building Commission adopted California Building Code Chapter 7A requiring new buildings in VH FHSZs to use ignition resistant construction methods and materials. These new codes include provisions to improve the ignition resistance of buildings, especially from firebrands. The updated very high fire hazard severity zones will be used by building officials for new building permits in LRA. The updated zones will also be used to identify property whose owners must comply with natural hazards disclosure requirements at time of property sale and 100 foot defensible space clearance. It is likely that the fire hazard severity zones will be used for updates to the safety element of general plans.

This specific map is based on a geographic information system dataset that depicts final CAL FIRE recommendations for Very High FHSZs within the local jurisdiction. The process of finalizing these boundaries involved an extensive local review process, the details of which are available at http://frap.cdf.ca.gov/projects/hazard/btnet/ (click on "Continue as guest without logging in"). Local government has 120 days to designate, by ordinance, very high fire hazard severity zones within its jurisdiction after receiving the recommendation. Local government can add additional VHFHSZs. There is no requirement for local government to report their final action to CAL FIRE when the recommended zones are adopted. Consequently, users are directed to the appropriate local entity (county, city, fire department, or Fire Protection District) to determine the status of the local fire hazard severity zone ordinance.

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0 5 Miles
0 10 Kilometers

California Teale Albers, NAD 1983
Scale 1: 100,000
at 30" x 34"
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DATA SOURCES
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