



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map Update

Recommendation

Receive a presentation on the changes in the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) map and how they will change for the City of Lake Elsinore.

Background

On March 24, 2025, the California Office of the State Fire Marshal issued the 2025 Recommended Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) maps for Riverside County.

The recent updates to the FHSZ in California provide a more precise assessment of wildfire risks using modern climate data and advanced fire modeling. These updates will influence fire prevention measures, including defensible space, along with affecting applicable building codes and real estate disclosure requirements.

Discussion

The presentation will include the Recommended Local Responsibility Area FHSZ maps for Riverside County with information about what areas in and around Lake Elsinore have changed, why and what this means moving forward.

Fiscal Impact

There are potential impacts to the City and other public entities regarding infrastructure and public land maintenance costs. For private entities there are potential impacts to construction cost, home maintenance, and home insurance.

Attachments

Attachment 1- LRA update 2025

