



**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** July 22, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services

**SUBJECT:** Adopt an uncodified ordinance adopting the 2025 Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones in unincorporated Nevada County, as identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Ordinance.

**FUNDING:** Not Applicable

**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance is the final requirement under existing state law regarding the designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZs) in Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) as mandated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Nevada County's LRA is the unincorporated portion of the County outside the State Responsibility Area.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is mandated by Government Code section 51178 to identify levels of fire hazard in the LRA based on consistent statewide criteria and the expected severity of fire hazards, and Government Code section 51179 requires the State Fire Marshal to make recommendations of FHSZs to local agencies, for city and county designation and adoption by ordinance.

Nevada County received the maps delineating fire hazard severity zones from the Office of the State Fire Marshal on February 10, 2025. Pursuant to Government Code section 51178.5, Nevada County OES made the information available for public review and comment by posting on the County webpage at: <https://nevadacountyca.gov/4091/Fire-Hazard-Severity-Zones>. The LRA for which Nevada County is responsible comprises six parcels, totaling roughly 43 acres.

This ordinance was first introduced, and the first reading waived at the July 8, 2022 meeting of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors (File # SR 25-1861). After adoption of the ordinance designating the FHSZs, Nevada County will transmit a copy of the ordinance to the State Fire Marshal within 30 days.

**Item Initiated by:** AJ Zekanoski, Administrative Analyst I

**Approved by:** Alex Keeble-Toll, Director of Emergency Services