



**BOARD MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**


**SUPERVISORS MATT LAVERE, JEFF GORELL,  
KELLY LONG, JANICE S. PARVIN AND VIANEY LOPEZ  
May 20, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Second Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of Ventura County Fire Protection District Ordinance No. 33 Adopting the 2025 Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps as recommended by The California State Fire Marshal. (Fire Protection District)**

- (X) All Board members are present.
- (X) The Board holds a public hearing.
- (X) The following person is heard: Joe Morelli.
- (X) The following document(s) are submitted to the Board for consideration:  
(X) PowerPoint Presentation: Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 33 Adopting Cal Fire Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps
- (X) Upon motion of Supervisor Gorell, seconded by Supervisor Parvin, and duly carried, the Board hereby adopts recommendation(s) as stated in the Board letter.

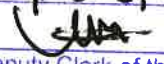


By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Mia Martinez  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true and exact copy of the document which is on file in this office.

Dr. Sevet Johnson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura, State of California

Dated: May 23, 2025  
By:   
Deputy Clerk of the Board

## **VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ORDINANCE NUMBER 33**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ADOPTING THE 2025 LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY  
ZONE MAPS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

The Board of Directors of the Ventura County Fire Protection District (Fire District)  
ordains as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1 - ADOPTION OF THE 2025 LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPS**

**1.1 Findings.** The Board of Directors finds the following:

1. The Fire District is the Local Agency defined under Government Code (GC) Section 51177(e) that provides fire protection services to the unincorporated areas of Ventura County and the incorporated areas of Camarillo, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks.
2. The California State Fire Marshal (SFM) is responsible under GC Section 51178 to identify all areas of the State as Moderate, High, and Very High fire hazard severity zones (FHSZ) and to transmit any Local Responsibility Area (LRA) FHSZ to each city, county, or district, that has LRA FHSZ identified.
3. The Fire District, as the Local Agency, shall review and adopt the SFM Recommended Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity (FHSZ) maps within the area served by the Fire District, as required by GC Section 51179.
4. The Fire District may add to or increase the SFM recommended FHSZ pursuant to the requirements of GC Section 51179(b) but may not remove or decrease the SFM recommended FHSZ in accordance with GC Section 51179(b). There are no additions to, or increases in, the 2025 LRA FHSZs as recommended by the SFM in this ordinance.
5. The State does not have procedures to automatically update the FHSZ maps when changes are made to designated State and Local Responsibility Areas and such areas will not have a proper FHSZ designation until the next statewide FHSZ update, which can take 5 or more years to accomplish.

**1.2 Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the SFM recommended 2025 LRA FHSZ maps, with local amendments to such maps if any, and to identify a procedure to assign a temporary FHSZ when there is change in the responsibility areas of land.

**1.3 Authority.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to California Government Code Sections 51177 – 51179.

**1.4 Adoption.** This ordinance shall be known as the “Ventura County Local Responsibility Area FHSZ Maps”, may be cited as such, and will be referred herein as “LRA FHSZ”.

For the purpose and ease of identifying LRA FHSZ maps for the individual incorporated cities within the Fire District, each individual City map may be labeled “Name of City” LRA FHSZs.

**1.5 Filing with the Clerk of the Board.** Not less than one (1) certified copy of the LRA FHSZ map and this ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura (County), and one (1) copy is on file at the main headquarters of the Fire District, and all such certified copies of the LRA FHSZ map shall be kept at that office for public inspection while the LRA FHSZ map is in force.

**1.6 Transmittal to the State.** A certified copy of the LRA FHSZ map and this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days of adoption.

**1.7 Posting of Notice.** A notice identifying the location of the adopted LRA FHSZ map shall be posted at the office of the County Recorder, County Assessor, and County Planning Agency, in accordance with GC Section 51179(g).

## **ARTICLE 2 - REPEAL OF PREVIOUS LRA FHSZ MAPS**

**2.1 Repeal.** All previous recommended LRA FHSZ maps dated October 6, 2010, and published by the State Fire Marshal's office, are repealed in their entirety on the effective date of this Ordinance.

## **ARTICLE 3 - AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025 LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPS**

**3.1 Amendments.** There are no additions to, or increases in, any 2025 LRA FHSZ as recommended by the SFM.

**3.2 Definitions.** For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms are defined:

**FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES.** Geographical areas designated pursuant to California Public Resources Codes, Sections 4201 through 4204 and classified as

Very High, High or Moderate in State Responsibility Areas or as Local Responsibility Area Very High, High or Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zones designated pursuant to California Government Code, Sections 51175 through 51189.

**LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREAS (LRA).** Areas of the state in which the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing fires is the primary responsibility of a city, county, city and county, or district.

**STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREAS (SRA).** Lands that are classified by the Board of Forestry pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 4125 where the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing wildfires is primarily the responsibility of the state.

**3.3 Changes in SRA/LRA Responsibility Areas.** The following procedure and designation of interim FHSZ shall apply to any changes in the SRA/LRA Responsibility Area until such time the State issues updated FHSZ maps.

**3.3.1 SRA to LRA.** The previous SRA FHSZ designation shall apply to the new LRA area.

**3.3.2 LRA to SRA.** The previous LRA FHSZ designation shall apply to the new SRA area. If no previous LRA FHSZ was designated, the minimum SRA FHSZ designation of Moderate FHSZ shall apply.

#### ARTICLE 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective 30 days from the date of its final passage or July 1, 2025, whichever is later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20 day of May, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors LaVere, Gorell, Long, Parvin, Lopez

NOES: Directors none

ABSENT: Directors none

  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Ventura County Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

DR. SEVET JOHNSON  
Clerk of the Board of Directors  
County of Ventura, State of California

By:   
Deputy Clerk of the Board

