

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 1**AN ORDINANCE OF THE REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN THE REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA****WHEREAS:**

1. Government Code Section 51178 requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to identify areas in the State of California as either Moderate, High, or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones based on consistent statewide criteria; and
2. The OSFM has recommended Fire Hazard Severity Zones for Local Responsibility Areas across the State pursuant to Government Code Section 51178; and
3. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) released a map of the Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones recommended by the OSFM for the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District Local Responsibility Area to the City of Ukiah on February 24, 2025;
4. The map was posted in the District office for public review and comment on the date of CAL FIRE's release of the maps, February 24, 2025; and
5. California Government Code Section 51179(a) requires local agencies to designate, by ordinance, Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in their jurisdictions within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the OSFM pursuant to Section 51178.

Now, therefore, the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

The Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District hereby designates areas not already identified as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones by the OSFM, as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, following a finding supported by substantial evidence in the record that the requirements of Government Code Section 51182 are necessary for effective fire protection within the area.

SECTION 2. MODERATE AND HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

The Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District hereby designates areas not already identified as Moderate and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones by the OSFM, as Moderate and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, respectively.

SECTION 3. APPROVAL OF MAP

The map approved by the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District, for "Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District – Mendocino County" and entitled "Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones", dated February 24, 2025, is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

This Ordinance has been evaluated in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the city. It has been determined that the adoption and implementation of the Ordinance is exempt from further environmental review under the general rule in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The adoption of the fire hazard severity zone map is required by law, and not involving a commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. The District Board concurs in these findings and adopts them as its own.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE


The Ordinance shall be published as required by law in a newspaper of general circulation in Redwood Valley, and shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Introduced by title only on June 12, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Odell, Tusso, Dunken
NOES:
ABSENT: Mayfield, Woida
ABSTAIN:

Adopted on July 10, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cooper, Mayfield, Odell, Tusso, Dunken
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:



Stephanie Dunken, Board Chairperson


ATTEST: Jessica Keizer, Clerk of the Board