



ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREAS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 51178, the State Fire Marshal shall identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas.

WHEREAS, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

WHEREAS Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) are in incorporated cities, urban regions, agricultural lands, and portions of the desert where the local government is responsible for wildfire protection. This is typically provided by city departments, fire protection districts, counties, and by CALFIRE under contract.

WHEREAS this Ordinance No. 2025-1 was introduced and read by title only at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District on the 7th day of April 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District the following:

SECTION 1.

1. The district hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.
2. The map approved by the district, is hereby incorporated by reference, and entitled "Novato Fire Protection District LRA Fire Hazard Severity Zones."
3. The official map is located electronically with the Novato Fire District at www.novatofire.org.

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-1** was read and introduced at a Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District held on the 9th day of April 2025 and ordered passed to print by the following vote, to wit:

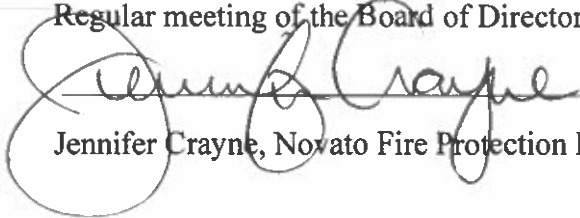
AYES: Board Members:

NOES: Board Members:

ABSTAIN: Board Members:

ABSENT: Board Members:

and will come up for adoption as an Ordinance of the Novato Fire Protection District at a Regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on the 4th day of June 2025.



Jennifer Crayne, Novato Fire Protection District, Clerk of the Board

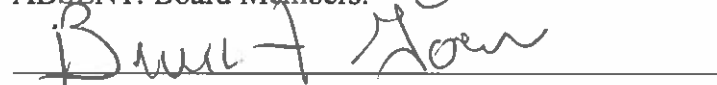
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, Novato Fire Protection District, on the 4th day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members: Davis, Francisco, Hadfield, Goines, Silverma

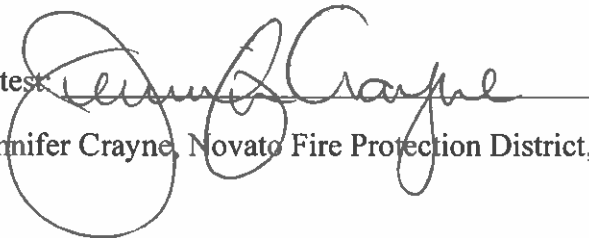
NOES: Board Members: 0

ABSTAIN: Board Members: 0

ABSENT: Board Members: 0



Bruce Goines, President of the Board of Directors

Attest: 

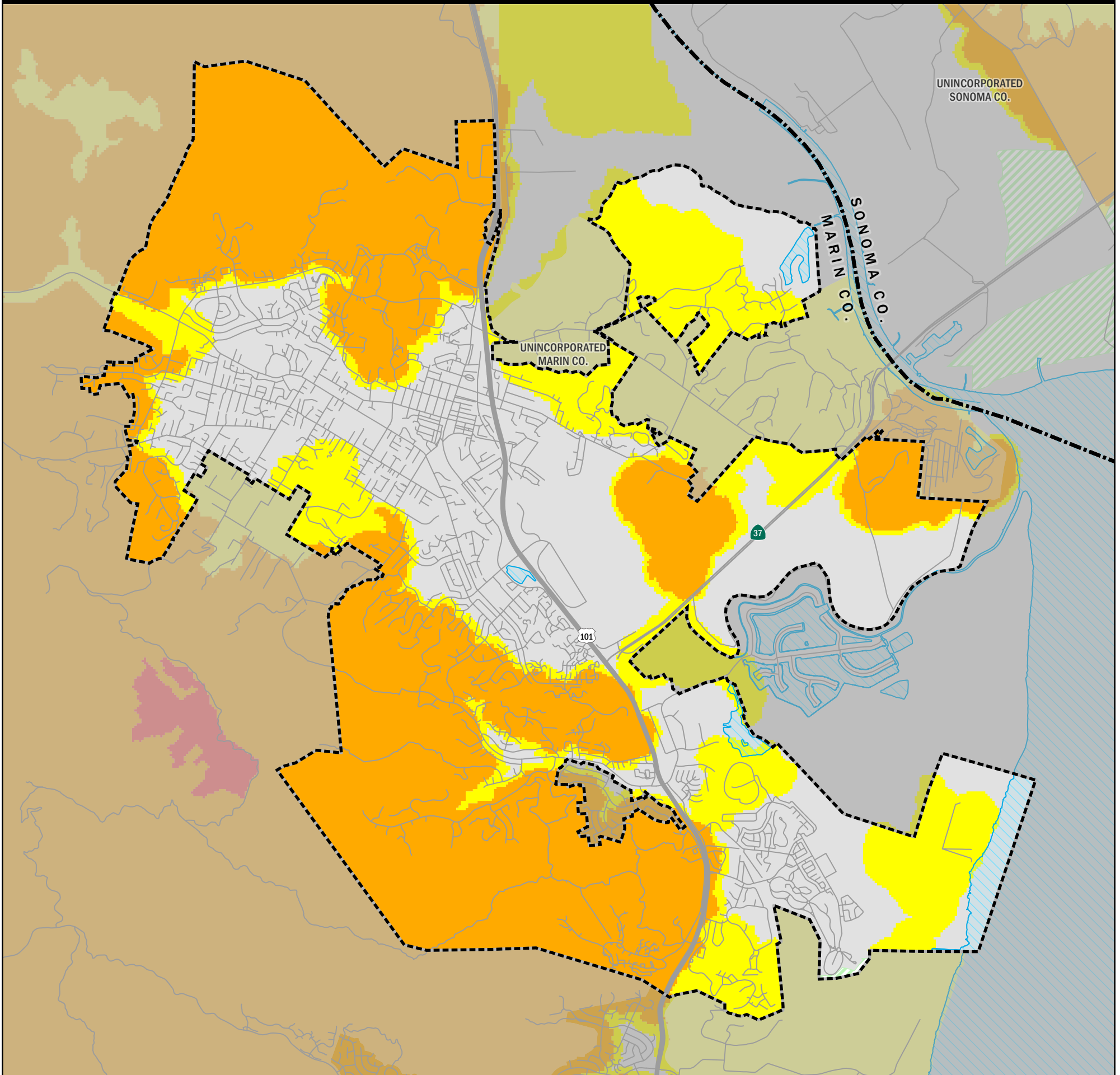
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Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

February 24, 2025

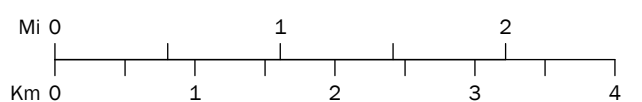


Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

High Moderate

Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024

Very High High Moderate



Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers
Scale: 1:54,000 at 11" x 17"

- Incorporated City
- Waterbody
- Unzoned LRA
- Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Government Code section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency
Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Data Sources:
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZSRA23_3, FHSZLRA_25_1)
CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA25_1)
City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)