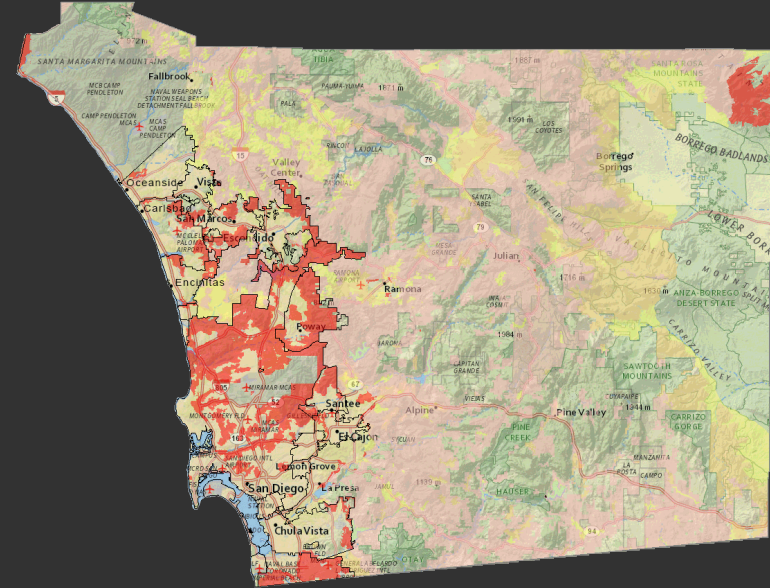


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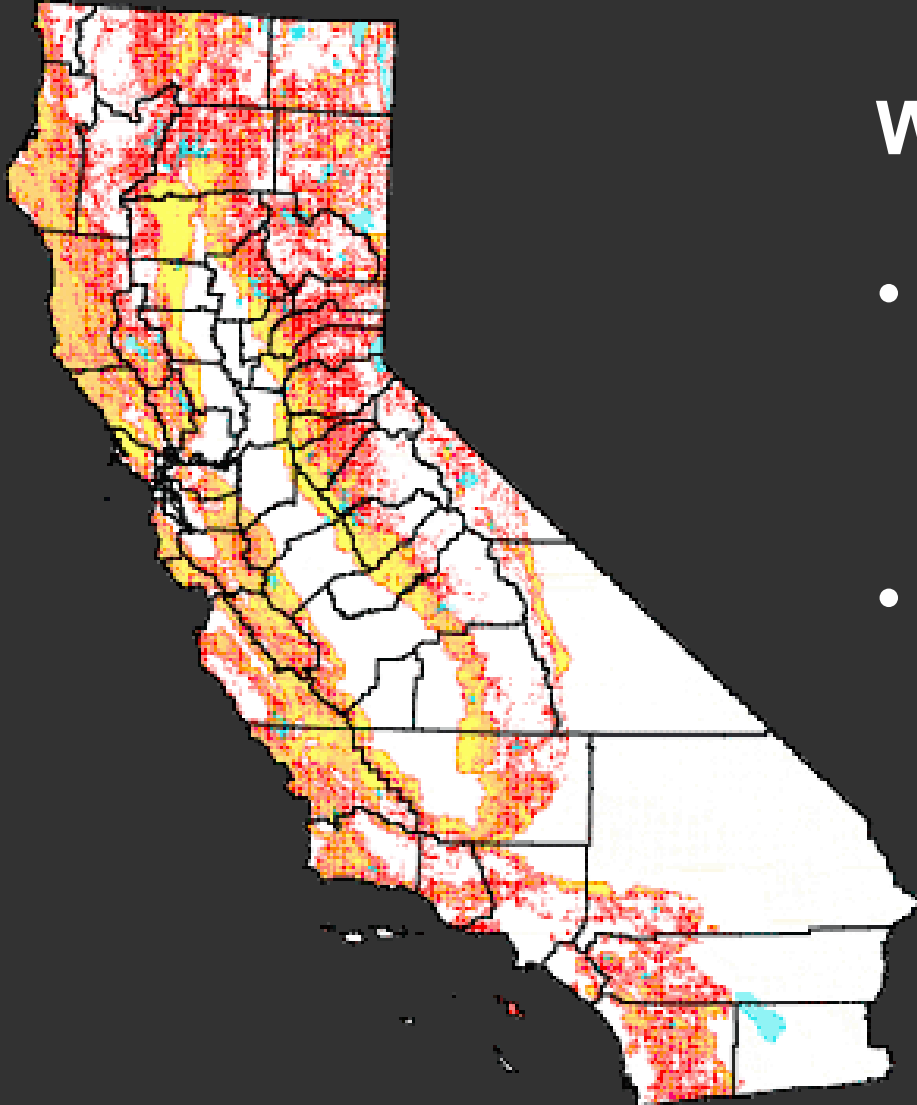
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What are the Zones?

- The zones are required by Government Code 51178 & 51179
- Identify levels of fire hazard
 - 3 levels (Moderate, High, & Very High)



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How are the Zones determined?

- CAL FIRE used the best available science and data to develop, and field test a model that served as the basis of zone assignments. The model evaluated the probability of the area burning and potential fire behavior.
- Factors: fire history, vegetation, flame length, blowing embers, proximity to wildland, terrain, and weather



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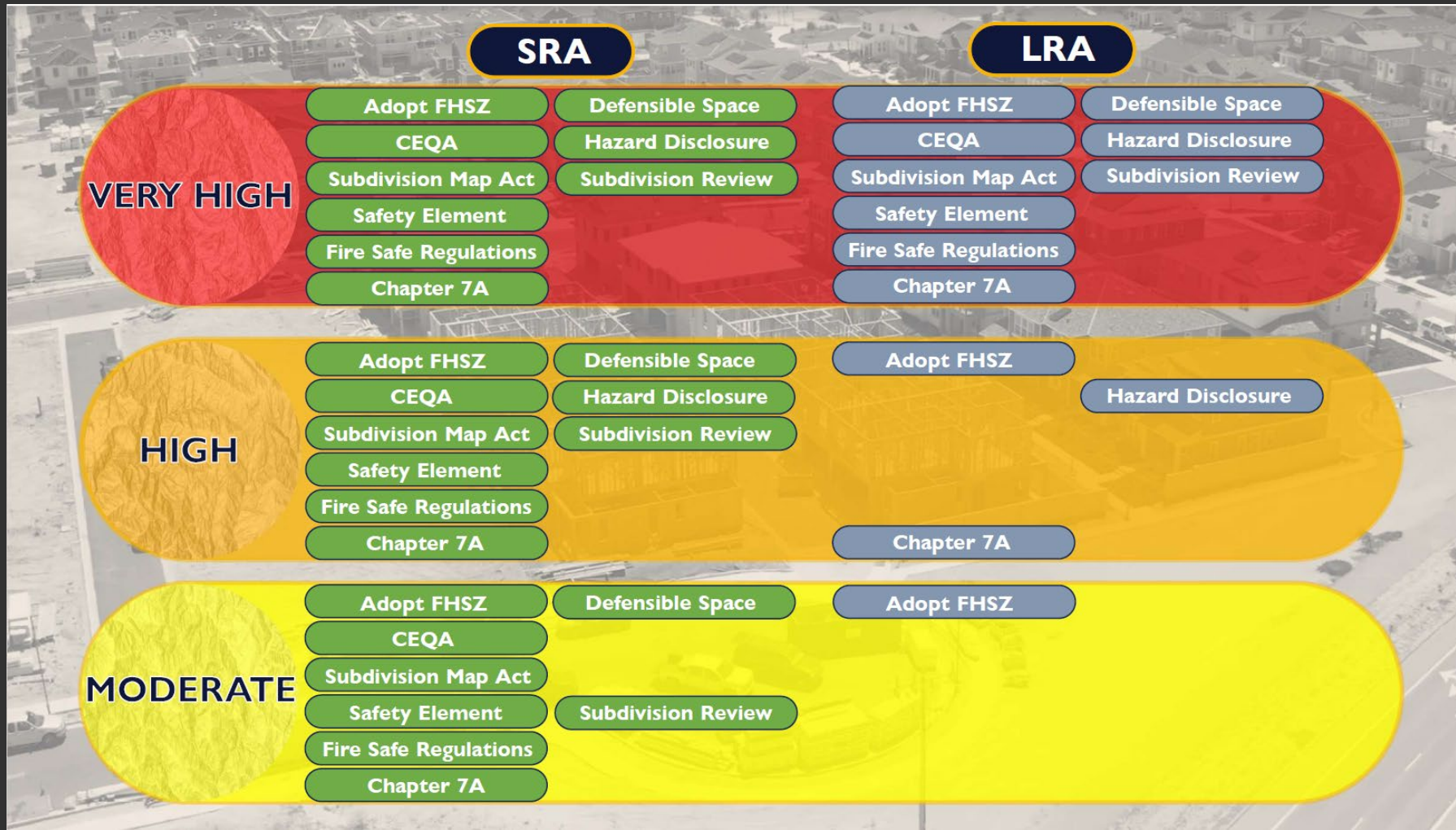
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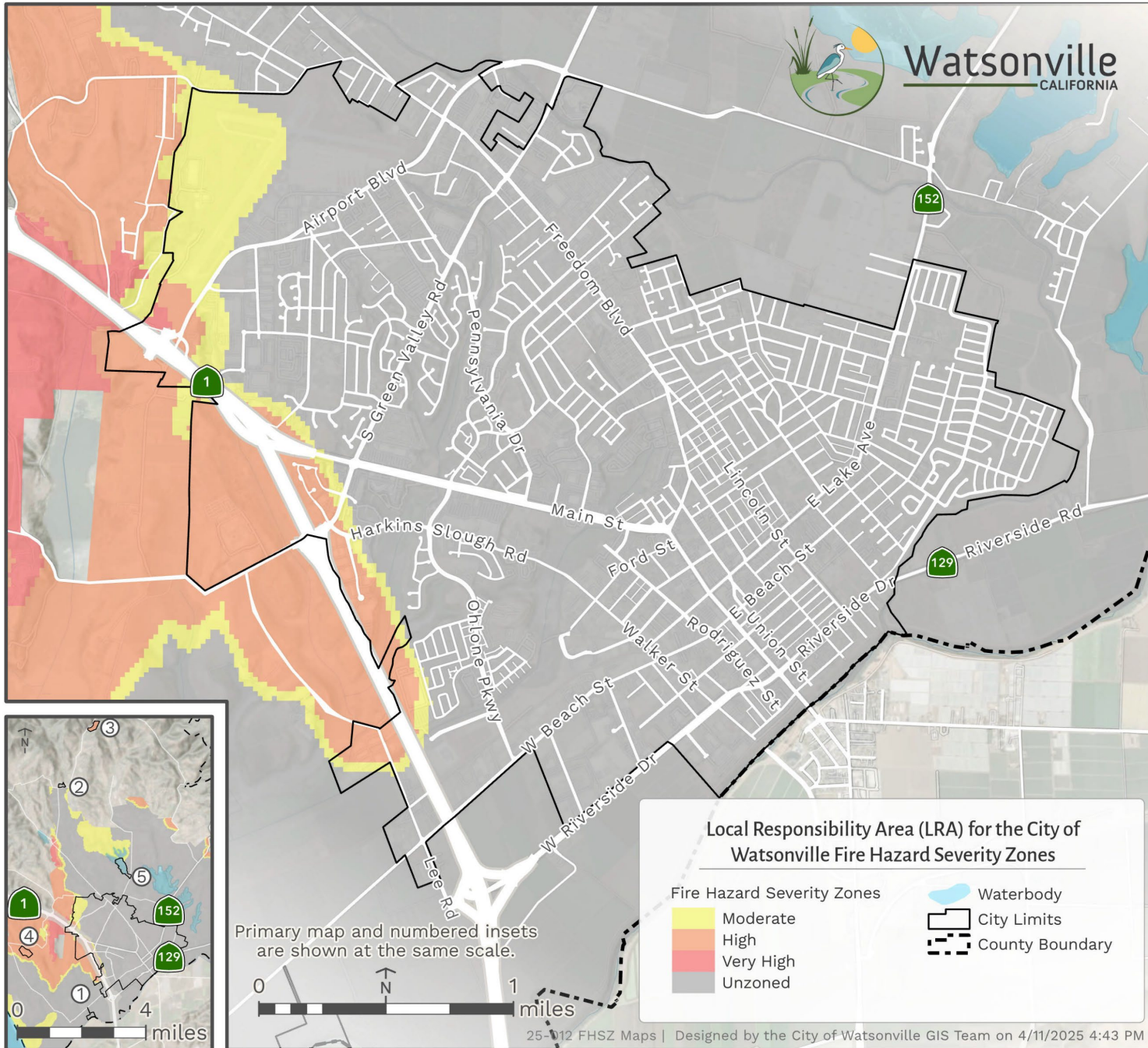
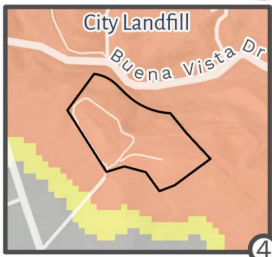
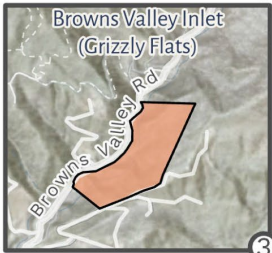
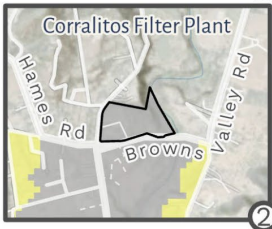
- Building standards for new construction in the Wildland-Urban Interface (California Building Code Chapter 7A)
- Property development standards such as road widths, water supply and signage (Fire Safe Regulations)
- Defensible Space Requirements (Government Code 51182)
- Natural hazard real estate disclosure

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What's Impacted...

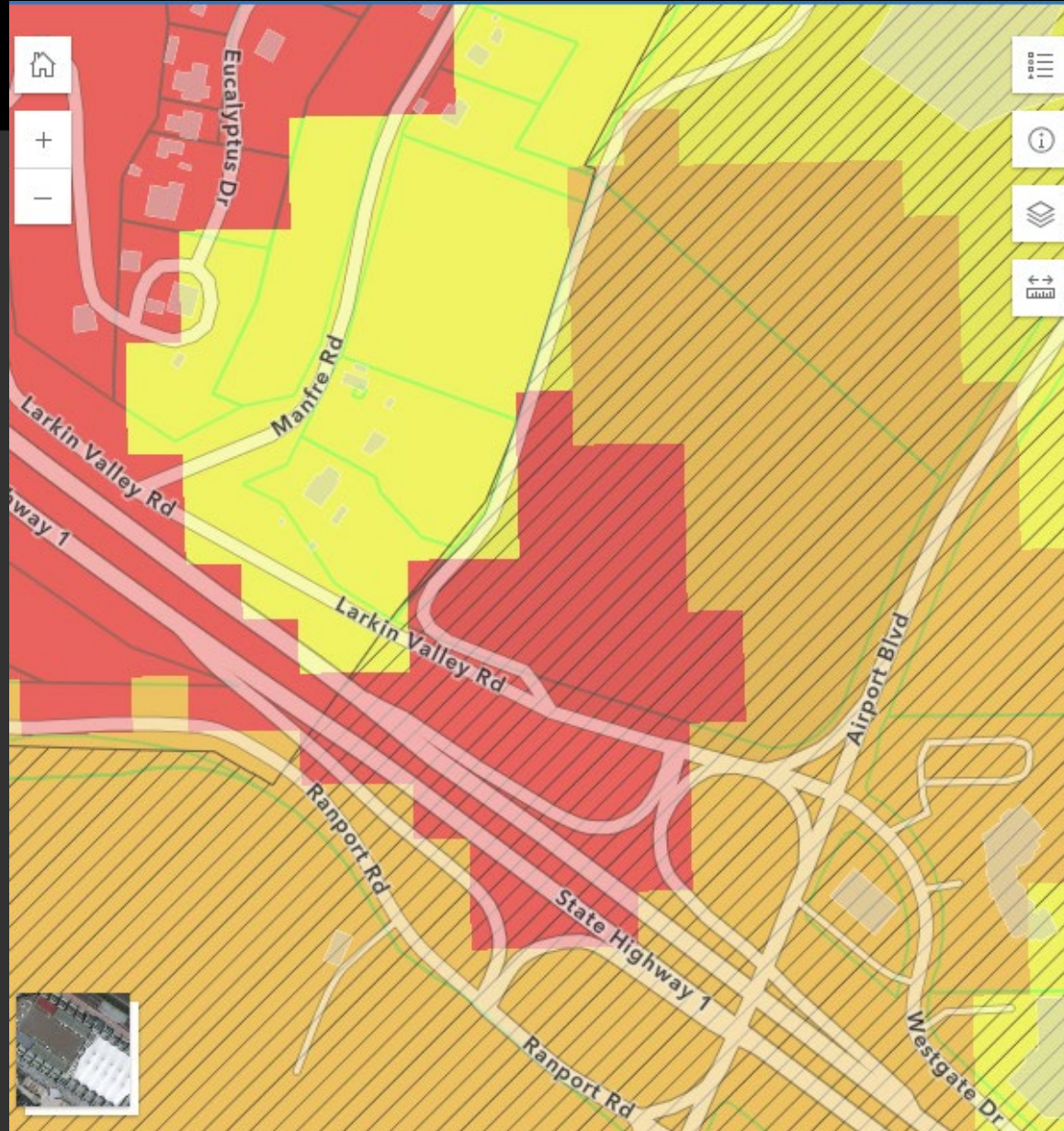




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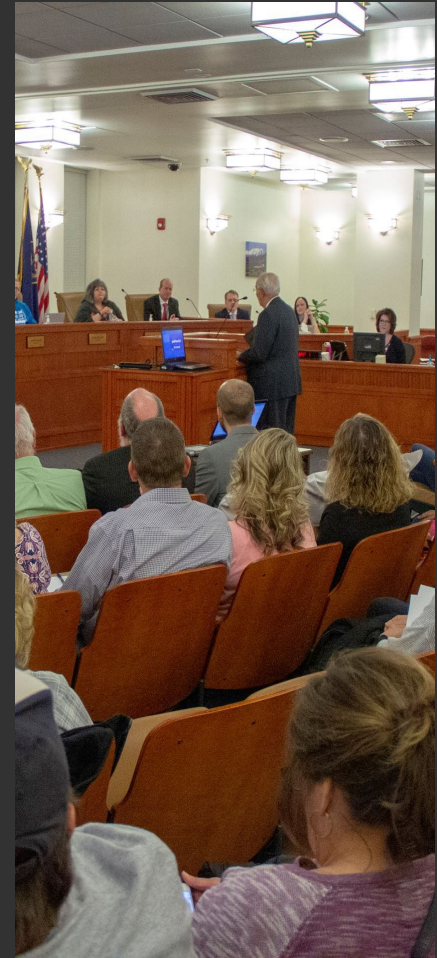


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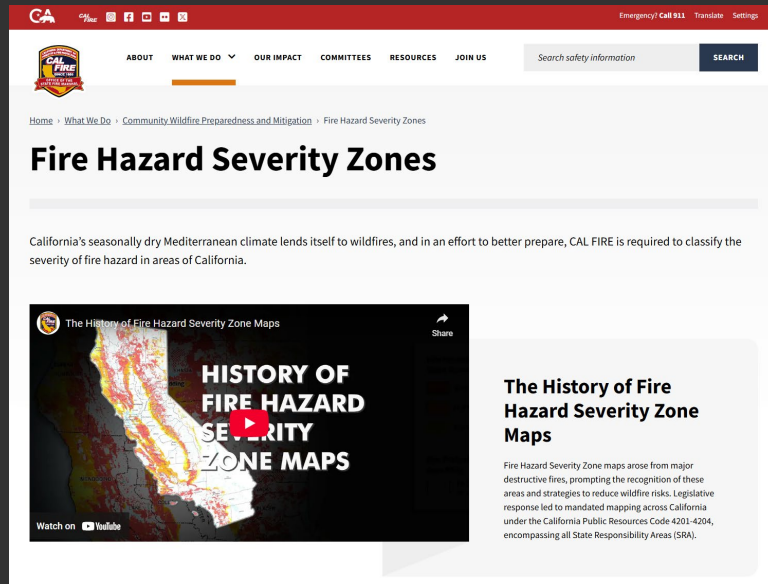
- **First reading of proposed ordinance: May 13, 2025**
- **Public review and comment thru June 1, 2025**
- **Ordinance presented for adoption June 10, 2025**



Questions?



Additional Resources:



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