



# Coastside Fire Protection District

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Directors

**FROM:** Jed Wilson, Unit Chief

**DATE:** March 26, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **Discuss Wildfire Preparedness and Response with the District**

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### **Staff Recommendation**

Following the presentation of the District's wildfire preparedness and response, conduct a report on operational need for a Water Tender and bring a LRA FHSZ Ordinance to the Board for a first reading at the April Board of Director's Meeting.

### **Background and Discussion**

The 2025 Local Response Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps were recently released from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, with much of the District's response area now included as high or very high fire hazard. This, along with the devastating January 2025 wildfires in the Los Angeles area, has increased concern for the possibility of wildfire here in the District.

It is crucial the District has wildfire prevention and response strategies in place. These strategies range from what citizens and homeowners that reside within the District can do, as well as the tools, training, and equipment the District has for mitigating and responding to wildfire. Currently, the District implements strategies such as Fire Code compliance, public education, and weed abatement, as well as maintaining an operationally appropriate fleet. Other agencies, such as CALFIRE on the state level and San Mateo County have additional resources for the District and it's residents.

In order to respond to the general uptick in concern and FHSZs, the District will assess is current and potential ability to respond to wildfire and if there is any need for additional resources, such as a Water Tender, as well as adopting an Ordinance for the new FHSZ.

### **Attachments**

1. Coastside Fire Protection District Wildfire Preparedness and Response March 2025 Slides



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## Wildfire Preparedness and Response

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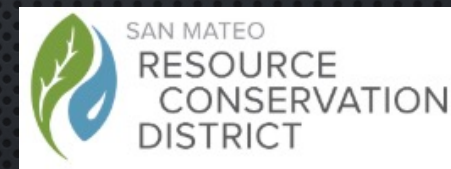
# PREPAREDNESS

- Fire Code Implementation
- Public Education
- Vegetation/Weed Abatement
- Defensible Space
- Home Hardening
- Emergency Preparedness



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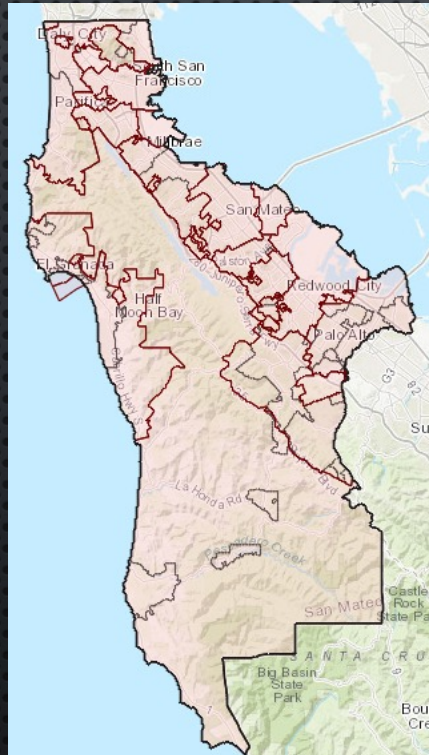
- Weed Abatement Program
- Vegetation Abatement Program (inactive)
- Chipper Program (RCD)
- El Granada Resiliency Project
- CERT



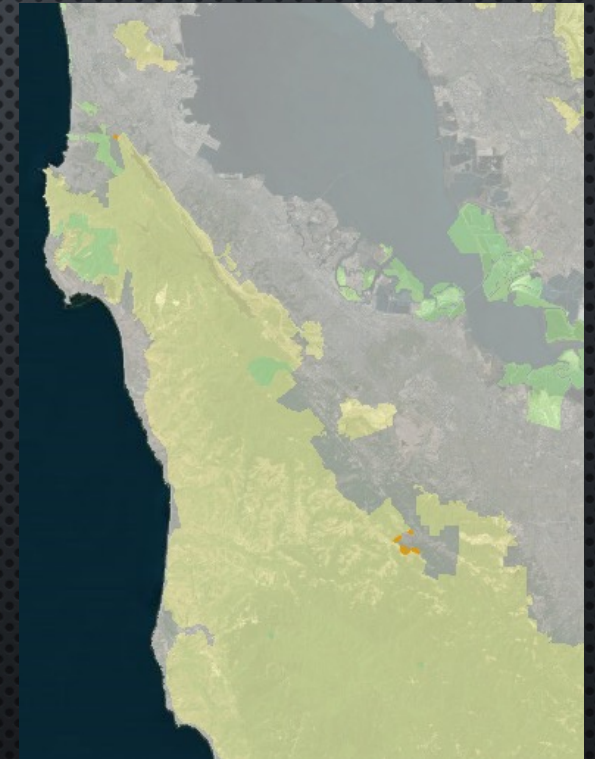


# PREPAREDNESS

LRA: Local  
Responsibility Area



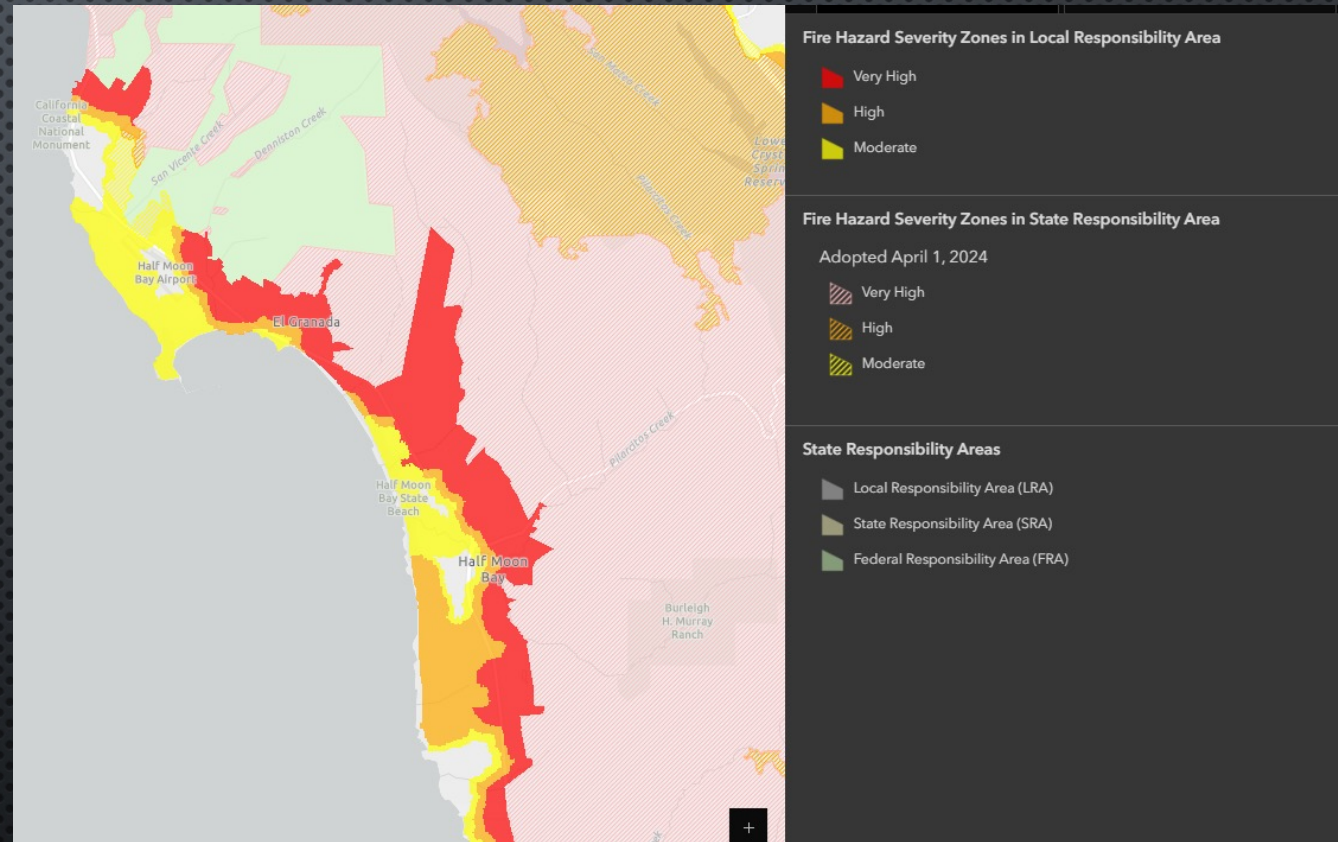
SRA: State  
Responsibility Area





# PREPAREDNESS

- 2025 LRA Fire Hazard Severity Zone
- Very High
- High
- Moderate





# PREPAREDNESS

## ZONE 0 - 0'-5'

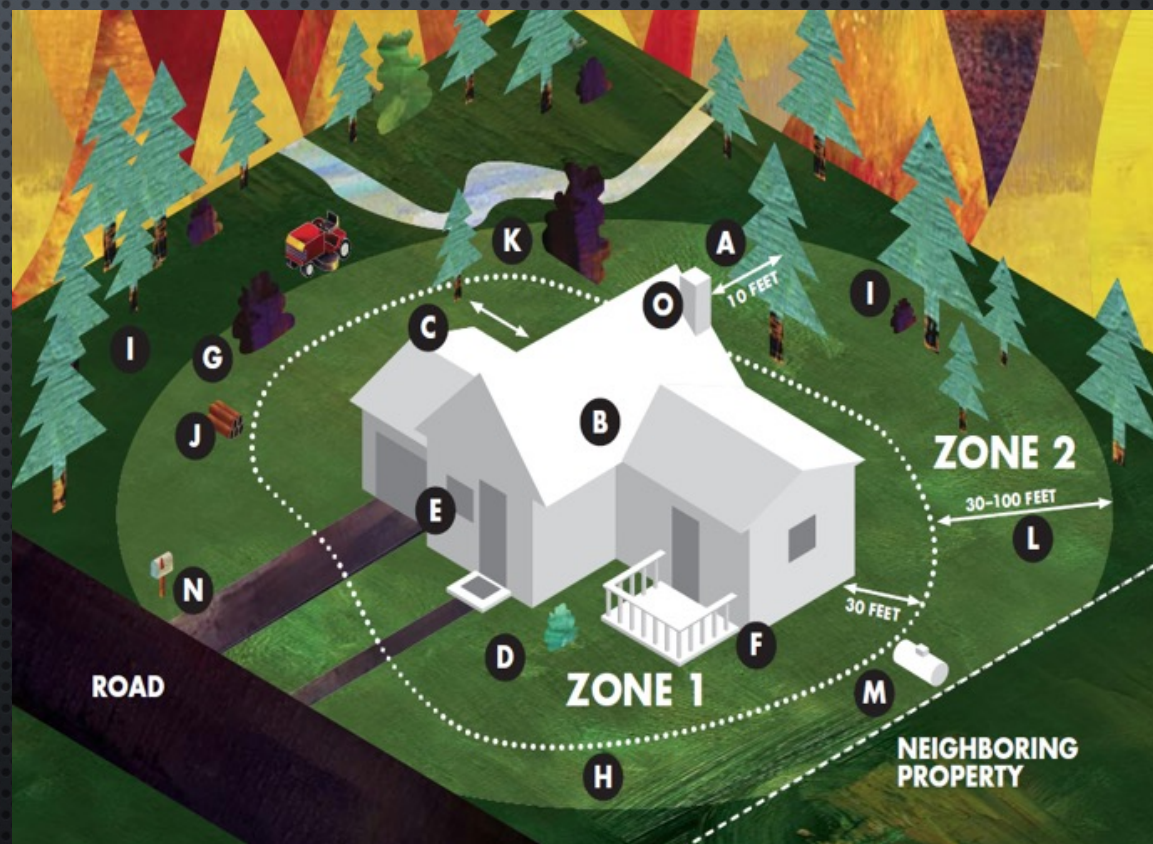
Remove woody materials/vegetation  
Remove limbs from trees/large bushes

## ZONE 1 - 5'-30'

Remove branches within 10' of chimney  
Remove or separate live ground cover  
Trim tree limbs 6-10' off ground  
Remove flammable vegetation near decks, balconies, stairs, etc.

## ZONE 3 - 30'-100'

Keep annual grasses below 4"  
Remove all piles of dead vegetation  
Work with neighbors to maintain





# RESPONSE

- 3 Stations 24/7
- 2 - TYPE 6 Engines
- 1 – TYPE 3 (on order)
- Local/State Response
- Water Tender – ?





# What we can do...

- [Defensible Space](https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace) (https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace)
- [Home Hardening](https://www.fire.ca.gov/home-hardening) (https://www.fire.ca.gov/home-hardening)
- FireSafe and [FireWise](https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa) (https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa)
- Participate evacuation drills and messaging
- Signup for [SMCA Alerts](https://www.smcgov.org/dem/smc-alert) (https://www.smcgov.org/dem/smc-alert)
- [Know your Zone](https://protect.genasys.com/) (https://protect.genasys.com/)





**QUESTIONS?**