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1 **WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section §51179 requires local jurisdictions
2 with areas that receive Very High Fire Hazard Severity designations to:

3 • make the information, including the maps, available for public review and comment
4 within 30 days of receiving the recommended maps; and

5 • approve an ordinance adopting the recommended maps within 120 days of receiving the
6 maps; and

7 • submit the adopted ordinance and other required documents to the Board of Forestry and
8 Fire Protection within 30 days of its adoption; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fire Chief may increase an area as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity
10 Zone, that is not identified by Cal Fire, “following a finding supported by substantial evidence
11 in the record that the requirements of the California Government Code Section §51182 are
12 necessary for effective fire protections within those areas;” and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Building Official shall enforce the provisions of Title 24 California
14 Code of Regulations, California Building Code, Part 2, Chapter 7A, in all designated Very High
15 Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

16 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Chico as follows:

17 **SECTION 1.** The above recitals are incorporated herein as part of the findings.

18 **SECTION 2.** The Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act
19 (“CEQA”) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the common sense exemption, because it can be
20 seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed map designations may have a
21 significant effect on the environment.

22 **SECTION 3.** Specific areas within the City of Chico are hereby designated as either
23 moderate, high and very high Fire Hazard Severity Zones, as indicated on the map attached
24 hereto.

1 **SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of adoption
2 by the City Council.

3 **SECTION 5.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance
4 and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

5 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Chico at its meeting held
6 on May 20, 2025, 2025 by the following vote:

7 AYES: **Goldstein, Hawley, O'Brien, van Overbeek, Winslow, Bennett, Reynolds**

8 NOES: **None**

9 ABSENT: **None**


10 ABSTAIN: **None**

11 DISQUALIFIED: **None**

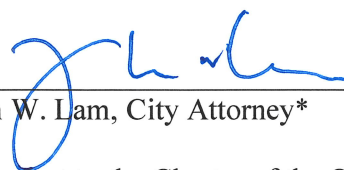
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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deborah R. Presson
City Clerk



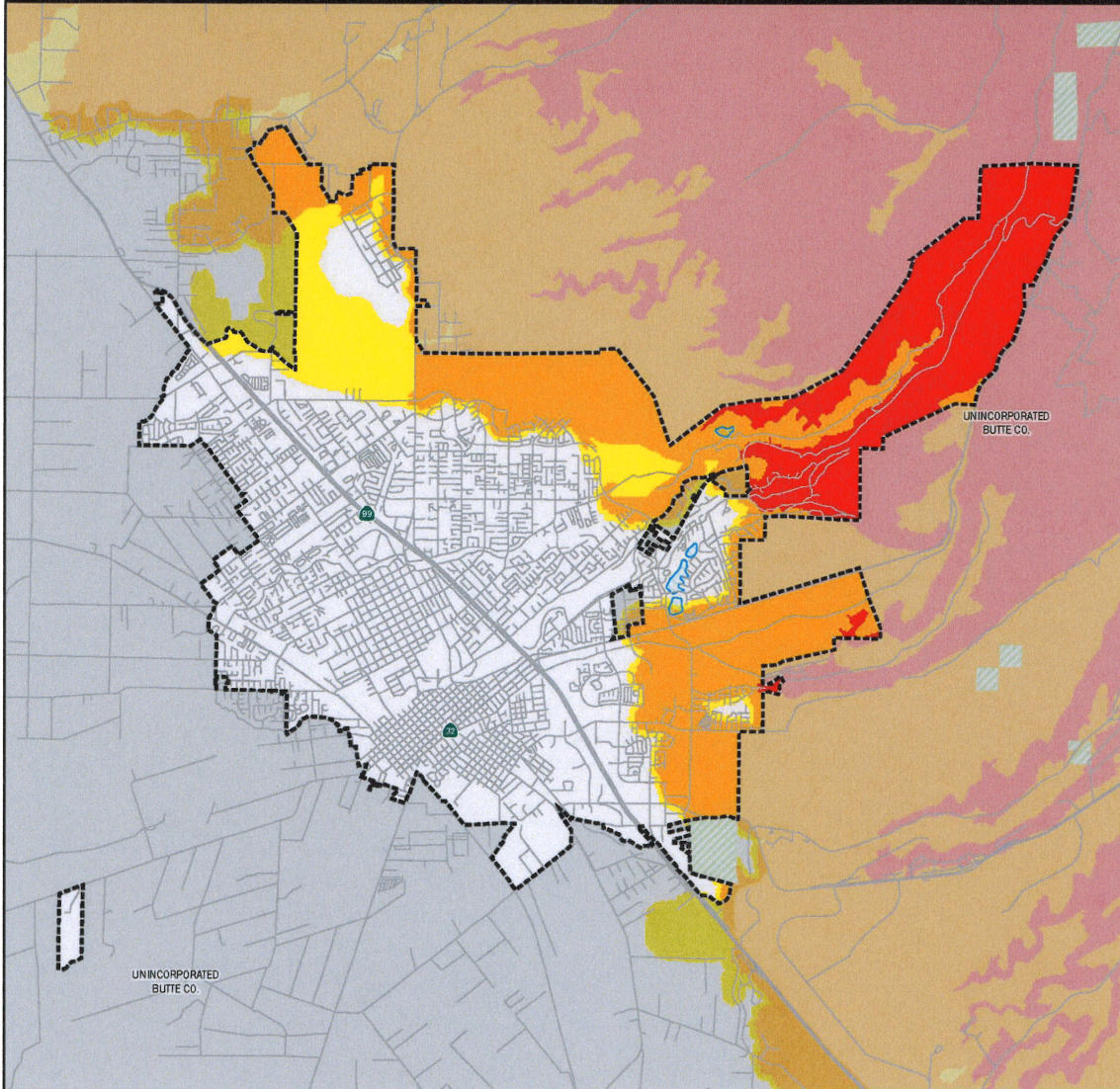
John W. Lam, City Attorney*
*Pursuant to the Charter of the City of
Chico, Section 906(E)



Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

January 22, 2025

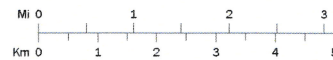


Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

Very High 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: 1:73,000 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)