

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2025 FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL

The City Council of the City of Escondido, California does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, Government Code § 51178 requires the California State Fire Marshal to identify and recommend areas within the state as moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, through the Office of the State Fire Marshal, has developed maps of Fire Hazard Severity Zones (“FHSZ”) within the State Responsibility Area consistent with its obligations under Government Code § 51178; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code § 51179, local agencies are required to adopt the fire hazard severity zone designations within 120 days of receiving the recommendations from the State Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido is within a Local Responsibility Area and is required to designate and adopt the map of the FHSZ by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2025, the City of Escondido received the 2025 FHSZ identifying designated zones within the City’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the specific map for the City of Escondido and surrounding area is attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A” and is also available on the City’s public website at: [Fire Severity Zone | Escondido, CA](#); and

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido has made the FHSZ map available for public review, provided proper public notice in accordance with state law, and held a public hearing on May 14, 2025, to receive public input; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido finds that the adoption of Exhibit "A" hereto is in the interests of public safety, supports fire prevention and mitigation efforts, and ensures compliance with applicable state law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido has not reduced or altered the fire hazard severity designations established by the State Fire Marshal, and this adoption is consistent with the model ordinance requirements by the State Fire Marshal.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. That the above recitations are true.

SECTION 2. Adoption of 2025 FHSV Map and Designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The areas designated as Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones on the map attached as Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance, as released by the California Office of the State Fire Marshal, are hereby adopted without alteration and designated as Fire Hazard Severity Zones under California Government Code § 51179.

SECTION 3. Public Hearings. Proper notices of a public hearing have been given and public hearings have been held before the City Council on this issue.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and 30 days after its final passage and adoption at its second reading. After its adoption, City staff shall submit the ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection or as otherwise provided by state law.

SECTION 5. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. This Ordinance is not subject to CEQA (Public Resources Code §21000, et seq.) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15000 et seq.) Section 15060(c)(2) as the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. This ordinance shall be liberally construed to achieve its purpose and preserve its validity. If any section, subsection sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk is hereby directed to certify to the passage of this Ordinance and to cause the same or a summary to be published one time within 15 days of its passage in a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Escondido.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido at a regular meeting thereof this 4th day of JUNE, 2025 by the following vote to wit:

AYES : Councilmembers: C. GARCIA, J. GARCIA, MARTINEZ, WHITE

NOES : Councilmembers: NONE

ABSENT : Councilmembers: FITZGERALD

APPROVED:

DocuSigned by:
Dane White
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DANE WHITE, Mayor of the
City of Escondido, California

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:
Zack Beck
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ZACK BECK, City Clerk of the
City of Escondido, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO : ss.
CITY OF ESCONDIDO)

I, Zack Beck, City Clerk of the City of Escondido, hereby certify that the foregoing ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03 passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Escondido held on the 4th day of June, 2025.

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Zack Beck
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ZACK BECK, City Clerk of the
City of Escondido, California

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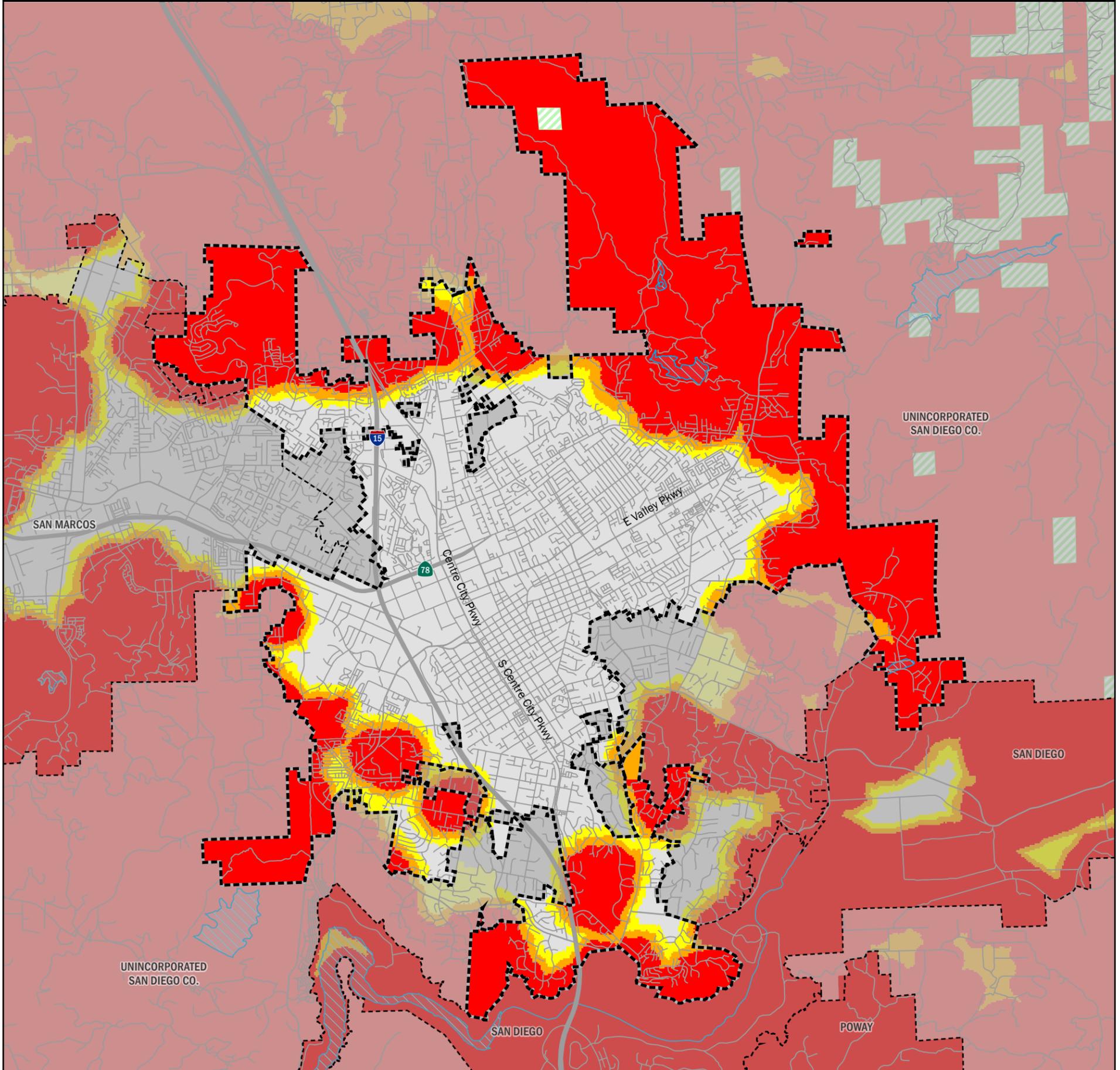


CITY OF ESCONDIDO – SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

March 24, 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: 1:75,000 at 11" x 17"

- Incorporated City
- Unzoned LRA
- Waterbody
- 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)