

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, 7:00PM

Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

Instructions on how to make a public comment during the meeting: At points in the meeting when the meeting chair requests public comment, members of the public shall indicate their desire to speak. All public comments shall be addressed to the Commission and limited to three minutes per speaker. The Commission may choose to respond to comments or request staff to respond at the conclusion of the respective public comment period.

#	Item	Commission Action
1	Agenda	Adopt
2	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items <i>Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. Speakers may comment only on non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission may not take action on, consider or debate items not on the agenda except under narrow circumstances meeting statutory tests. Response to comments on non-agenda items will be limited to factual information or clarifying questions from staff or Commission. The Chair may refer the matter to staff or to a future meeting agenda.</i>	
3	Commissioner Items of Interest	Discuss
4	Draft Minutes of February 4, 2025 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map as Updated by State Fire Marshall including Local Responsibility Areas (LRA)	Review
6	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
7	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	Discuss
8	Adjourn	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 5, 2025
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
February 4, 2024

Time and Place: 7:00PM at Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Rd, San Rafael

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, John Seratt, Greg Stilson

Absent: Pascal Karsenti

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, San Rafael Fire Chief Abe Roman, San Rafael Battalion Chief Paul Bernard, Fire Captain Ryan Brackett

Board: Lisa Ruggeri

1. Agenda

No edits were requested by Commissioners. Chair Farac adopted the agenda as presented.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

The Commission received public comment regarding:

-Fire hydrant testing procedures; Status of MMWD water tanks

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

-Commissioner Stilson inquired as to current staffing and ALS status

-Commissioner Farac inquired as to fire roads and familiarity amongst firefighters

-Commissioner Farac spoke to vegetation management efforts

4. Draft Minutes of December 3, 2024 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Seratt/Stilson to approve Draft Minutes of December 3, 2024 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Farac, Seratt, Stilson. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Request response from MMWD regarding water tank practices

-Commissioner Farac asked about potential for sending alerts to residents to turn off natural gas during fire emergency

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



Staff Report

To: Fire Commission
From: Eric Dreikosen, District Manager
Date: June 3, 2025
Re: Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map

Commissioners,

This item is presented to the Fire Commission for informational purposes only.

Please see the included Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map for Unincorporated Marin County as produced and provided by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as well as a customized and enlarged map of the Marinwood-Lucas Valley area. Also included is a copy of Ordinance 2025-01 as first introduced and read by the Marinwood CSD Board of Directors at their most recent meeting conducted on May 13, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The California Office of the State Fire Marshal, under the direction of CAL FIRE, has issued updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps for Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) throughout the state, including unincorporated lands within the jurisdictional boundaries of Marinwood CSD. These maps identify areas within local jurisdictional boundaries where wildfire hazards are present, using a consistent, science-based methodology. An interactive version of these maps can be found on the State Fire Marshall website: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones>

LRAs are areas where wildfire prevention and suppression are the responsibility of the local government. In contrast, State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) – such as Marinwood Open Space Areas, Lucas Valley Estates, and portions of Northern Marinwood – fall under the primary responsibility of CAL FIRE or its contracted agencies. Residential areas of CSA 13 are within an LRA, however under the jurisdiction and authority of the County of Marin not Marinwood CSD.

Recent legislation – specifically Senate Bill 63 (Stern, 2021) – now mandates the adoption of all three fire hazard severity classes (Moderate, High, and Very High) within LRAs by local fire authorities.

The updated FHSZ maps are based on advanced fire behavior modeling and incorporate new scientific data, including localized climate patterns, vegetation types, fire history, and terrain. The maps assess *hazard*, defined as the probability and intensity of wildfire behavior in a given area, not *risk*, which would consider existing or planned mitigation measures such as defensible space or hardened structures.

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT:

District staff have made the FHSZ maps publicly available on the District's website: <https://www.marinwood.org/fhsz-map>. Included on the webpage are instructions on how to submit written comment. As of this writing, no comments have been submitted.

UPCOMING ACTION:

The District has the authority to request higher classification designation for mapped areas but does not have the authority to request lower classification designation. District staff have reviewed the updated FHSZ map and finds no basis to request changes to the classification designations.

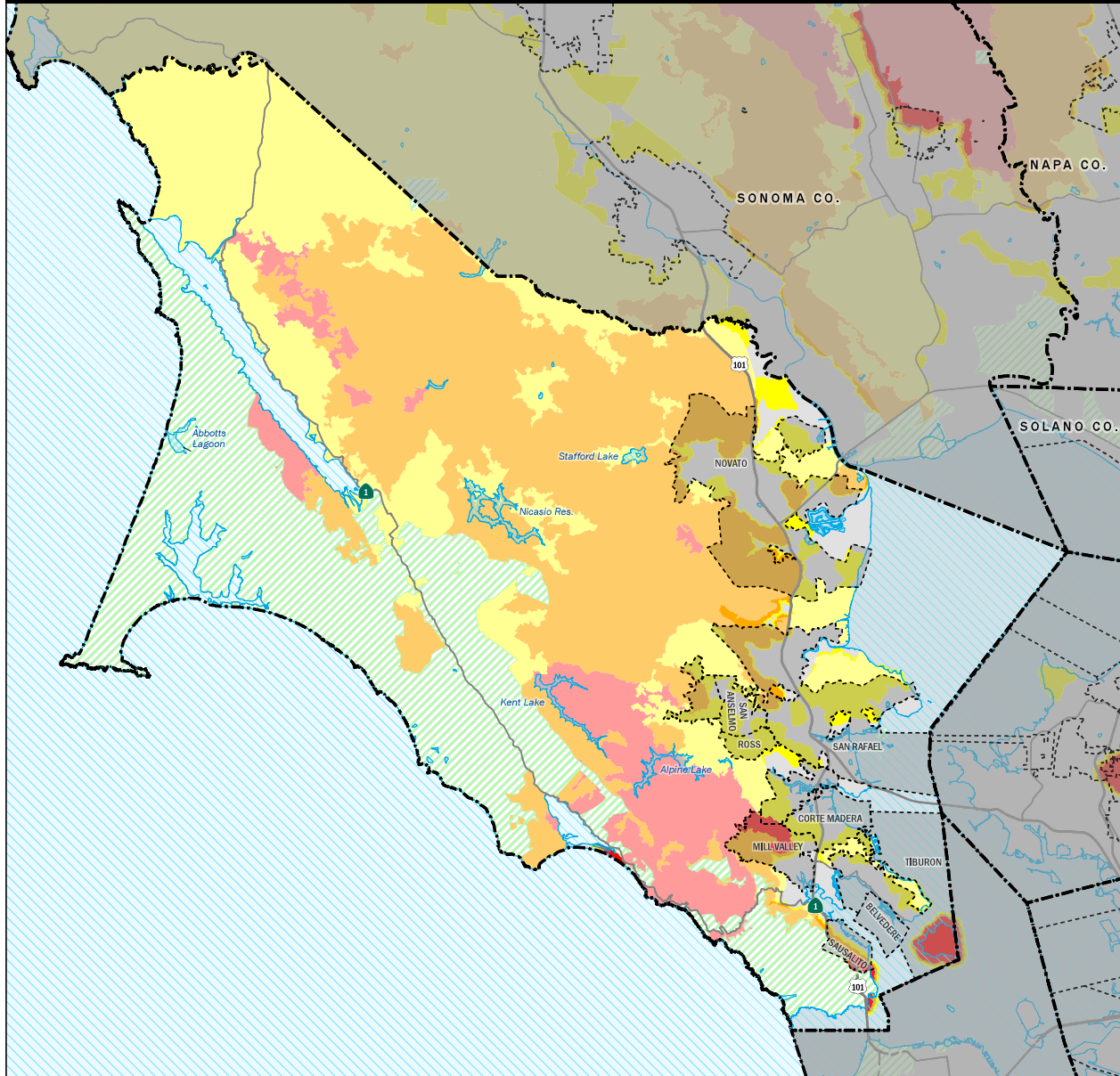
The updated FHSZ maps were released by the State on February 24, 2025. In accordance with State Law, the District has 120 days from the release date by which to adopt the associated Ordinance. The Board will return to this item for consideration and formal approval at their next regular board meeting scheduled for June 10, 2025.



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

Very High High Moderate

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

Very High High Moderate

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Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers
Scale: 1:249,000 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.

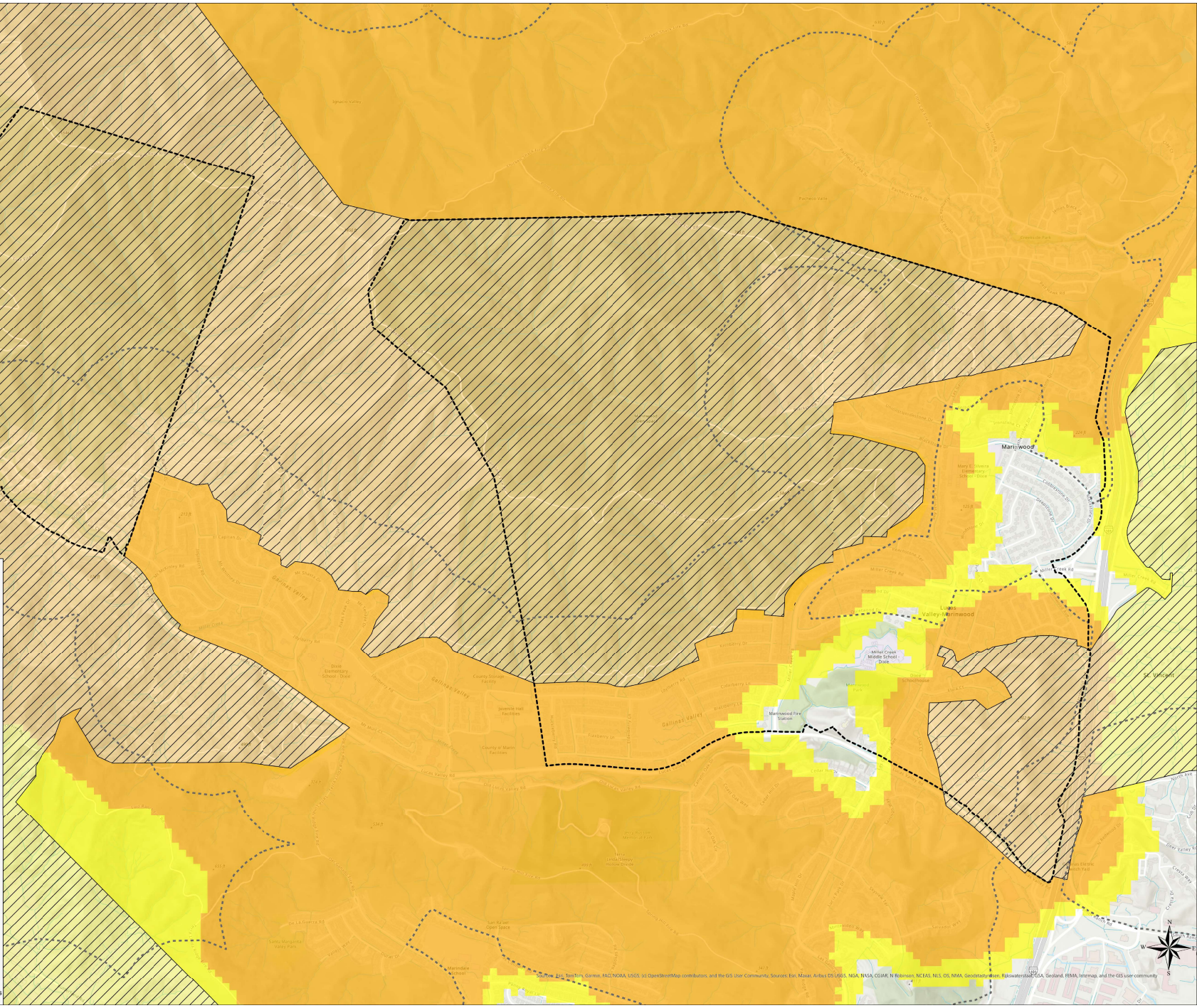
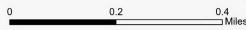
Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency
Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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)

Marinwood Community Services District Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the State Fire Marshal
February 24, 2025

- Marinwood CSD
- Wildland Urban Interface
- SRA
- LRA FHSZ 2025
 - High
 - Moderate
 - Very High
- SRA FHSZ 2024
 - High
 - Moderate
 - Very High



ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES 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, pursuant to Government Code Section 51179, the Marinwood Community Services District is required to designate by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code Section 51178;

WHEREAS, the Marinwood Community Services District's legal jurisdictional boundaries for providing fire suppression and protection reside entirely within an Unincorporated Area of Marin County, California;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance 2025-01 was introduced and read by title only at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marinwood Community Service District on May 13, 2025

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Marinwood Community Services District the following:

1. The Marinwood Community Services 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 Marinwood Community Services District, is hereby incorporated by reference, and entitled "Marin County – Unincorporated Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones" dated February 24, 2025.
3. The official map is also located electronically on the following website:
www.marinwood.org/fhsz-map

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Marinwood Community Services District, this day of June 10, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members:
NOES: Board Members:
ABSTAIN: Board Members:
ABSENT: Board Members:

Attest:

Christopher Case, Board President

Tiffany Combrink, Board Secretary



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STAFFING UPDATES

We are pleased to announce that the firefighter-paramedic candidate started the academy on May 1st and has since completed. The candidate underwent an intensive two-week fire academy followed by an EMS indoctrination. During this training period, we utilized Marinwood resources to ensure comprehensive and effective training. He has now been assigned a regular shift at the Marinwood Fire Station to continue his training and development during his probationary period.

OPERATIONS DIVISION UPDATES

Our unit, E58, responded on May 5, at approximately 2:30 p.m., fire crews were able to quickly contain a structure fire before it caused significant damage to the home. The fire began on the exterior of the dwelling and spread up the side wall and into the attic space. It’s apparent that an object in one of the trash carts located in a side yard caught fire, eventually consuming the carts and then spreading to the side yard fence, gate, vegetation and then extending up the wall and into the attic.

TRAINING DIVISION UPDATES

Wildland Field Training. This month we continue our wildland training with RT-130, Thunderstorm safety, roadside fire safety and wildland hand line construction. Wildland Classroom Training. During the last week of April, SRFD hosted S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior. This is a 32-hour classroom-based course designed to provide training on fire behavior prediction and safety for individuals working in the operations section of the Incident Command System.

PREVENTION DIVISION UPDATES

No Report

WILDFIRE MITIGATION DIVISION UPDATES

Moving forward with the Adoption of the Fire Hazard Severity zone map.