

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE OF CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

The Board of Directors of the Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Map. The Central Fire District ("District") of Santa Cruz County hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.

The map showing the fire zone designations, including the City of Capitola and portions of the unincorporated county within the District attached hereto as Attachment A, is approved by the District, hereby incorporated by reference, and entitled "Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County Fire Hazard Severity Zones." The map is also located at the following internet address: <https://www.centralfiresc.org/2305/Fire-Hazard-Severity-Zones-FHSZ>.

SECTION 2. Environmental Findings. The Board of Directors finds that this ordinance is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to following sections of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3: (1) Section 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment); and (2) Section 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) because the subject ordinance has no potential for resulting in any significant physical change to the environment, either directly or indirectly.

SECTION 3. Publication. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is directed to cause this ordinance to be published as required by State law.

This ordinance was introduced before the Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County at a regular meeting on April 10, 2025 and passed on May 8, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Directors: () ^{JW} Faulkner, Hess, Hushaw, Littlefield, Lucchesi,
NOES: 0 Directors: ()
ABSENT: 0 Directors: ()
ABSTAIN: 0 Directors: ()

SO ORDERED:



John Lucchesi, Board Chair

ATTEST:

BY: 

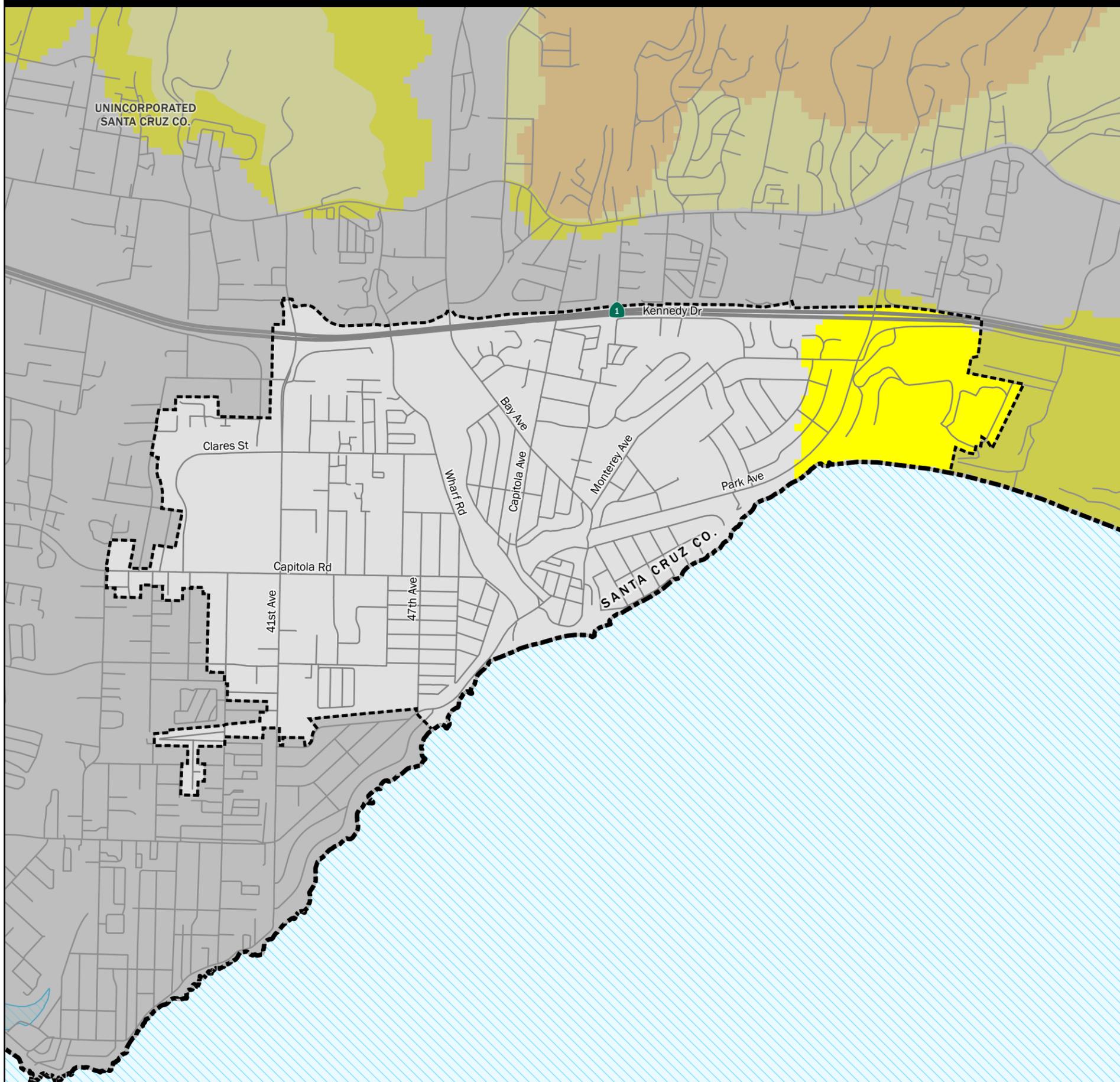
Jason Nee
Secretary to the Board of Directors



Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

February 24, 2025

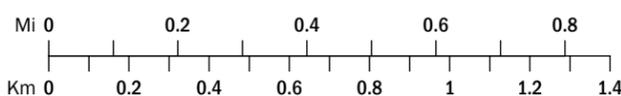


Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

Moderate

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

High Moderate



Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers
Scale: 1:18,000 at 11" x 17"

- Incorporated City
- Waterbody
- Unzoned LRA

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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.

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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)

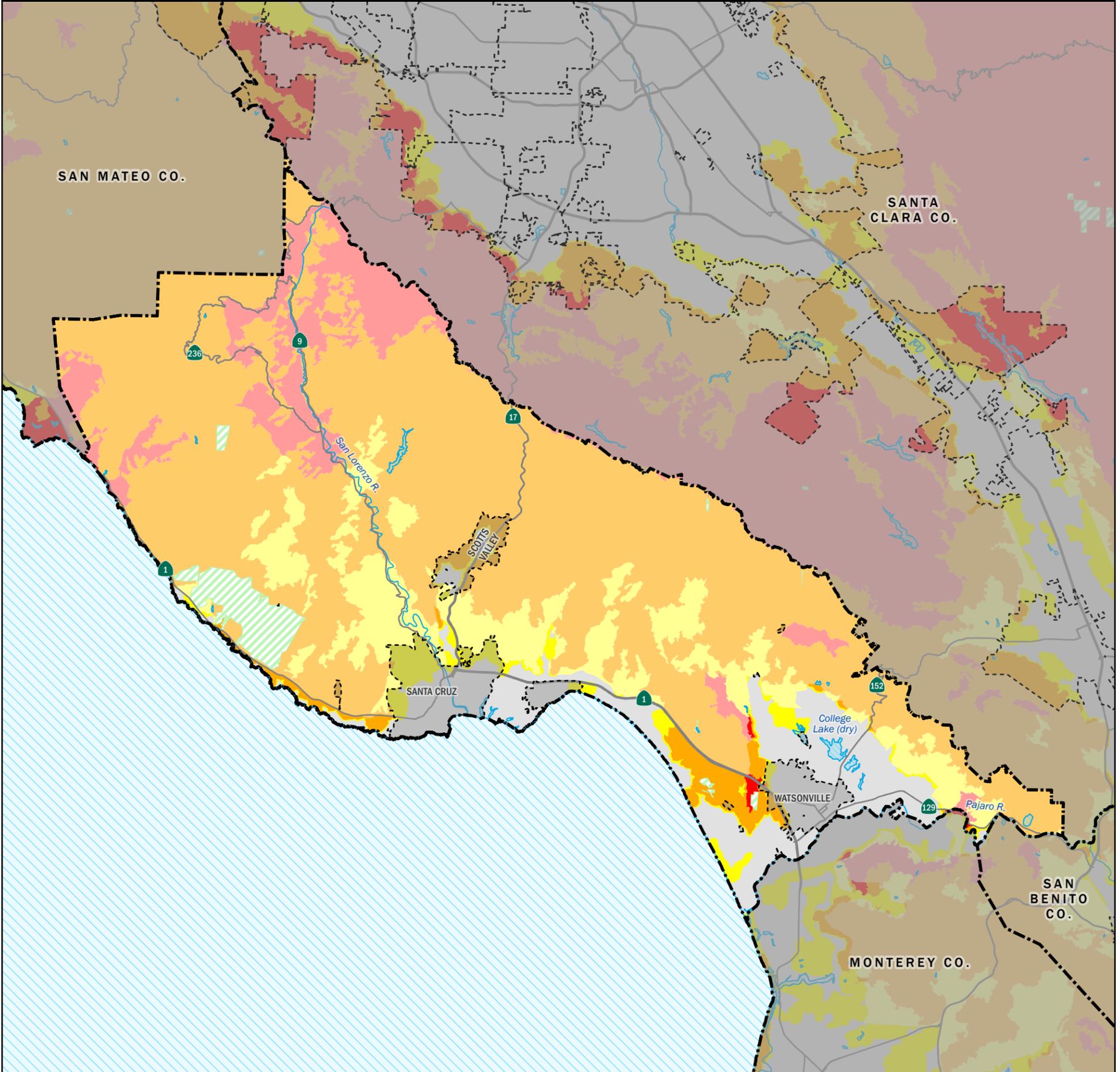


SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – UNINCORPORATED LRA

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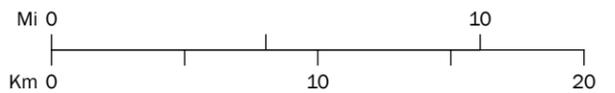


Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

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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- Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

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