

ATTACHMENT A

Findings for Approval Safety Element Fire Hazards Update

1.0 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FINDINGS

Government Code Section 65358(a) requires a general plan amendment to be in the public interest.

In order to address fire protection and prevention, Senate Bill 1241 (SB 1241) (2012) requires jurisdictions to update the Seismic Safety and Safety Element (Safety Element) with new information regarding fire hazards. California's increasing population and expansion of development into previously undeveloped areas is creating "wildland-urban interface" (WUI) issues with a corresponding risk of economic loss caused by wildland fire. The changing climate, specifically the rising temperatures and increasing temporal variability of water availability, is substantially increasing wildfire risk in many areas. Ultimately, the Safety Element update will ensure that the County has a set of feasible implementation goals designed to continue to carry out the existing fire protection policies within the Safety Element. Overall, it is in the public interest to adopt this legislation, as all residents of the County should receive adequate fire protection.

2.0 CEQA FINDINGS

The Board of Supervisors find the proposed project exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Please see Attachment B, Notice of Exemption.

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