



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 013
Agenda Date: January 13, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel on behalf of the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District
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SUBJECT: Ratification of the CARPINTERIA-SUMMERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT's adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-02 (adopting and amending the 2025 California Fire Code and Appendices; adopting and amending the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code; amending Section R309 of the 2025 California Residential Code; and repealing Ordinance No. 2022-01.)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached resolution ratifying Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District's Ordinance 2025-02 (adopting and amending the 2025 California Fire Code and Appendices; adopting and amending the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code; amending Section R309 of the 2025 California Residential Code; and repealing Ordinance No. 2022-01) (Attachment A);
- b) Upon ratification of the Ordinance, instruct the Clerk of the Board to forward a copy of the Board's ratifying Resolution, and the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District's Ordinance (including Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District's findings which are set

forth in Section 9 of the Ordinance), to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7; and

- c) Determine that the adoption of the resolution is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in compliance with Section 15061(b)(3) (no possibility of impact on the environment).

Summary Text:

The Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection (“District”) has adopted by ordinance, building standards relating to fire and panic safety that are more stringent than those adopted by the State Fire Marshal and contained in the 2025 California Fire Code and the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code. The District has also amended Section R309 of the 2025 California Residential Code and Section 1505 of the California Building Code. No ordinance adopted by a fire protection district shall be effective unless ratified by the County where the ordinance will apply. The Board may ratify, modify or deny any such ordinance.

Background:

On December 3, 2025, the District adopted Ordinance No. 2025-02 which adopted and amended the 2052 California Fire Code, adopted and amended the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, amended Section R309 of the 2025 California Residential Code and repealed Ordinance No. 2022-01. The amendments made related to: prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or explosion; adopting by reference the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District development standards; providing for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations; establishing a bureau of fire prevention and providing officers therefore and defining their powers and duties within the district; amending Section R309 of the 2025 California Residential Code and repealing Ordinance No. 2022-01. These amendments are more restrictive than the requirements contained in the State Codes.

Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7 provides that a fire protection district may adopt building standards relating to fire and panic safety that are more stringent than those building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal. More stringent building standards are contained in the District’s Ordinance No. 2025-02. the District’s findings are in Section 9 of the Ordinance.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7, the District has forwarded Ordinance 2025-02 to the County and has requested ratification by the Board of Supervisors. (December 4, 2025, Letter and Ordinance No. 2025-02 are attached). The Board may ratify, modify or deny the adopted ordinance and transmit its determination to the District within 15 days of its determination. Any modification or denial of an adopted ordinance shall include a written statement describing the reasons for any modifications or denial. The District’s Ordinance is not effective unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

Copies of the Ordinance were provided to the County on or about November 18, 2025. No written comments were returned to the District.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Not applicable.

Staffing Impacts:

Not applicable.

Special Instructions:

- a) Transmit a copy of the resolution to the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District within 15 days of its adoption.
- b) Upon ratification of the Ordinance, instruct staff to forward a copy of the Board's ratifying Resolution and the District's Ordinance (which includes the findings set forth in Article 12) to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Board of Supervisors Resolution

Attachment B – December 4, 2025, Letter from Price, Postel, & Parma LLP

Attachment C – Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District Ordinance No 2025-02

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