

January 3, 2024

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Subject: Draft Yorba Linda Safety Element Amendment Submittal in Accordance with Government Code 65302.5(b)

To the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection:

On behalf of the City of Yorba Linda, we are pleased to submit the Draft Yorba Linda Safety Element Amendment for review, in accordance with Government Code 65302.5(b). Government Code 65302.5(b) requires the draft element or draft amendment to the safety element be submitted to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for any city/county that contains very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZ). The City of Yorba Linda includes mapped VHFHSZ within the northeastern portion of the jurisdiction. Therefore, this submittal is intended to fulfill the requirements of Government Code 65302.5(b).

The Safety Element was updated in accordance with Government Code Section 65302(g), and follows recent regulatory and policy guidance as issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Preparation of the Safety Element Update was a collaborative planning process lead by Nate Farnsworth, Planning Manager. The Safety Element Update is also consistent with the recently approved Yorba Linda Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2023).

We have included the following for your review and use:

- One electronic PDF of the DRAFT Yorba Linda Safety Element Amendment,
- One electronic editable word document of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection/Cal FIRE General Plan Safety Element Assessment, with feedback provided from Fire Captain Joseph Kennedy.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself at 949.855.3683 or noelle.anderson@mbakerintl.com, with any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,



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