**October 25, 2022**

***Resource Protection Committee (RPC)***

*The mission of the Resource Protection Committee is to develop and promote a policy and regulatory program that implements fire safe land use planning and effective vegetation management, pursues a fire prevention program in alignment with the State Fire Plan, and improves forest and rangeland health in California.*

**Completed or Substantially Completed IN 2022**

**1. Fire Safe Development Regulations Rulemaking**

***Objective:*** *Made amendments to the Fire Safe Regulations for compliance with SB 901 (Dodd, 2018).*

***Status:*** *Permanent regulations are currently under review by the Office of Administrative Law.*

**2. Fire Risk Reduction Communities List Rulemaking**

***Objective:*** *Clarify, interpret, or make specific new legislation from 2018 (AB 2911, SB 1260, SB 901) via regulation, as necessary. By July 1, 2022, develop a list of local agencies undertaking fire risk reduction activities.*

***Status:*** *New regulations approved by OAL and made effective on February 7, 2022. The list of local agencies was compiled and posted on the Board’s website prior to July 1, 2022.*

**3. Fire Risk Reduction Communities List Implementation**

***Objective:*** *Develop the first iteration of the Fire Risk Reduction Communities List, in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 4290.1 and the Board’s forthcoming regulations, to be posted on the Board’s website no later than July 1, 2022.*

***Status:*** *Applications were solicited from January-April 2022. Application evaluation and list development were completed in April-May 2022, with the list approved by the Board for publication on June 7, 2022.*

**Annual ongoing items**

**1. Safety Element Review (all counties with SRA; cities with VHFHSZ)**

***Objective:*** *Review General Plan Safety Elements of all counties with SRA and cities with Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.*

***Status:*** *Review of safety elements ongoing.*

**2. Forest Pest Council**

***Objective:*** *Ongoing monitoring, management, and education and outreach (for professionals and lay people) regarding invasive pests and pathogens of concern in California’s urban and wildland forests.*

*Ongoing effort to offer relevant, practical information on tree dieoff as well as native and invasive pests and pathogens affecting California’s urban and wildland forests.*

*Ongoing effort to further advance the CA Firewood Task Force ‘Buy It Where You Burn It’ message as well as the risks associated with spread of invasive species through the long-distance movement of firewood.*

***Status:*** *Ongoing review.*

**3. Fire Safety Survey**

***Objective:*** *With the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), by July 1, 2021 survey existing subdivisions of 30 or more residential structures without secondary access at high fire risk, and develop recommendations to improve those subdivisions’ fire safety.*

***Status:*** *OSFM has identified subdivisions to survey across the state. Surveys are ongoing with 1,100 surveys completed out of 1,800 identified subdivisions.*

**Priorities FOR 2023**

**1. 14 CCR 1299 Defensible Space Revisions**

***Objective:*** *Develop regulations in accordance with changes to PRC 4291 enacted by AB 3074, including new requirement for a zero to five-foot ember resistant zone around structures within the SRA and VHFHSZ in LRA.*

***Status:*** *In progress. Updates at Resource Protection Committee meetings. Anticipated draft for 45-day noticing in first quarter 2023.*

**2. LRA VHFHSZ Map Collection**

***Objective:*** *Establish form and collection process for LRA VHFHSZ map submittal from local jurisdictions. Align California Code of Regulations Title 14 sections 1280.00, 1280.01, and 1280.02 with CAL FIRE’s regulatory process for Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps.*

***Status:*** *Ongoing. Timeline dependent on CAL FIRE’s release of Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps.*

**3. CalVTP Implementation**

***Objective:*** *Provide instructional resources to those wishing to tier the environmental analysis of a vegetation treatment project off the CalVTP PEIR.*

***Status:*** *The Board has received $4 million to provide technical assistance for PSA completion for approximately 50 projects. The identification of appropriate projects is ongoing.*