



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research ☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Project Title: Ordinance designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(a).

Project Location - Specific: City Wide

Project Location - City: Highland

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The City of Highland is adopting an updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone map, which comes from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This update is required under Government Code Section 51175–51189, which lays out how cities must recognize and respond to fire risks in very high fire hazard areas. It helps the City make more informed decisions about development, emergency planning, and building safety. It also helps property owners better understand wildfire risks tied to their location so they can take steps to protect their homes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Highland City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Highland Community Development Dept.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b); 152680);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(c))
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. Section 15301, Class 32, In-Fill Developments
- ☒ General Rule. State code number [CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3)].

Reasons why project is exempt: The Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the General Rule (14 C. C. R. Section 15061(b)(3)) of the CEQA Guidelines, which is the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and CEQA does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. This Ordinance involves the adoption of an Ordinance designating the Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178. There is no possibility that the Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment since the action is merely the adoption of a Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map as required by Government Code Section 51179. It can be seen with certainty that the adoption of an Ordinance will have no significant negative effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lawrence Mainez, Community Development Director (909) 864-6861 Ext. 259

If filed by applicant.

1. Attach certified document of exemption findings.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature:

Date: 6/12/2025

Title: Community Development Director

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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