

ORDINANCE NO. 25-02

ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AS  
RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE  
PROTECTION WITH MODIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTION 51179.

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Uncodified Findings:** In response to the State Fire Marshal's maps, attached hereto as Exhibit A, designating fire hazard severity zones, the City Council has determined an ordinance, as authorized by Government Code section 51179, is necessary to modify the fire hazard severity zones in the State Fire Marshal's maps.

**Section 2. Adoption of Fire Maps:** The City Council hereby adopts the fire maps as modified by City staff and attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The City Council hereby designates the areas not identified as very high fire hazard severity zones by the State Fire Marshal, as very high fire hazard severity zones, as described by staff in the maps attached hereto as Exhibit B, following a finding that the requirements of Government Code Section 51182 are necessary for effective fire protection within the areas. This finding is made based on substantial evidence in the record, including in the staff report accompanying this ordinance, the testimony presented at this meeting, and all matters commonly known to the City Council and City staff.

A. The City Council hereby designates the areas not identified as

1 moderate and high fire hazard severity zones by the State Fire  
2 Marshal, as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones,  
3 respectively, as described by staff in the maps attached hereto as  
4 Exhibit B.

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6 The maps, approved by the City of Auburn, are hereby incorporated by  
7 reference, and entitled "City of Auburn Fire Hazard Severity Zones." The official  
8 maps are also located electronically on the Fire Department's website:  
9 [www.auburn.ca.gov](http://www.auburn.ca.gov)

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11 **Section 3. CEQA:** The City staff have evaluated the proposed Ordinance  
12 and determined that it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality  
13 Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15303,  
14 and 15308 on the grounds that it can be seen with certainty that the Ordinance  
15 will not have a significant effect on the environment. To the extent this is a  
16 project under CEQA, it is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines  
17 Sections 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land  
18 Use Limitations), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of  
19 Natural Resources), and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection  
20 of the Environment).

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22 **Section 4. Severability:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause,  
23 phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or  
24 unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction,  
25 such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this  
26 Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this  
27 Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion  
28 thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections,

1 phrases or portions might be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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3 **Section 5. Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days  
4 after final adoption.

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6 **Section 6. Certification:** The City Clerk shall certify to passage and adoption  
7 of this Ordinance and shall give notice of its adoption as required by law.

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9 INTRODUCED by the City Council on the 24th day of March 2025;

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11 PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on the  
12 28th day of April 2025, by the following vote:

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15 AYES: Radell-Harris, Davis, Dowdin Calvillo, Holmes, Amara

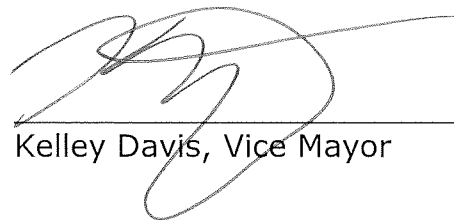
16 NOES:

17 ABSENT:

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19 ABSTAIN:

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21 ATTEST:

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23 Amy Lind, City Clerk

  
Kelley Davis, Vice Mayor

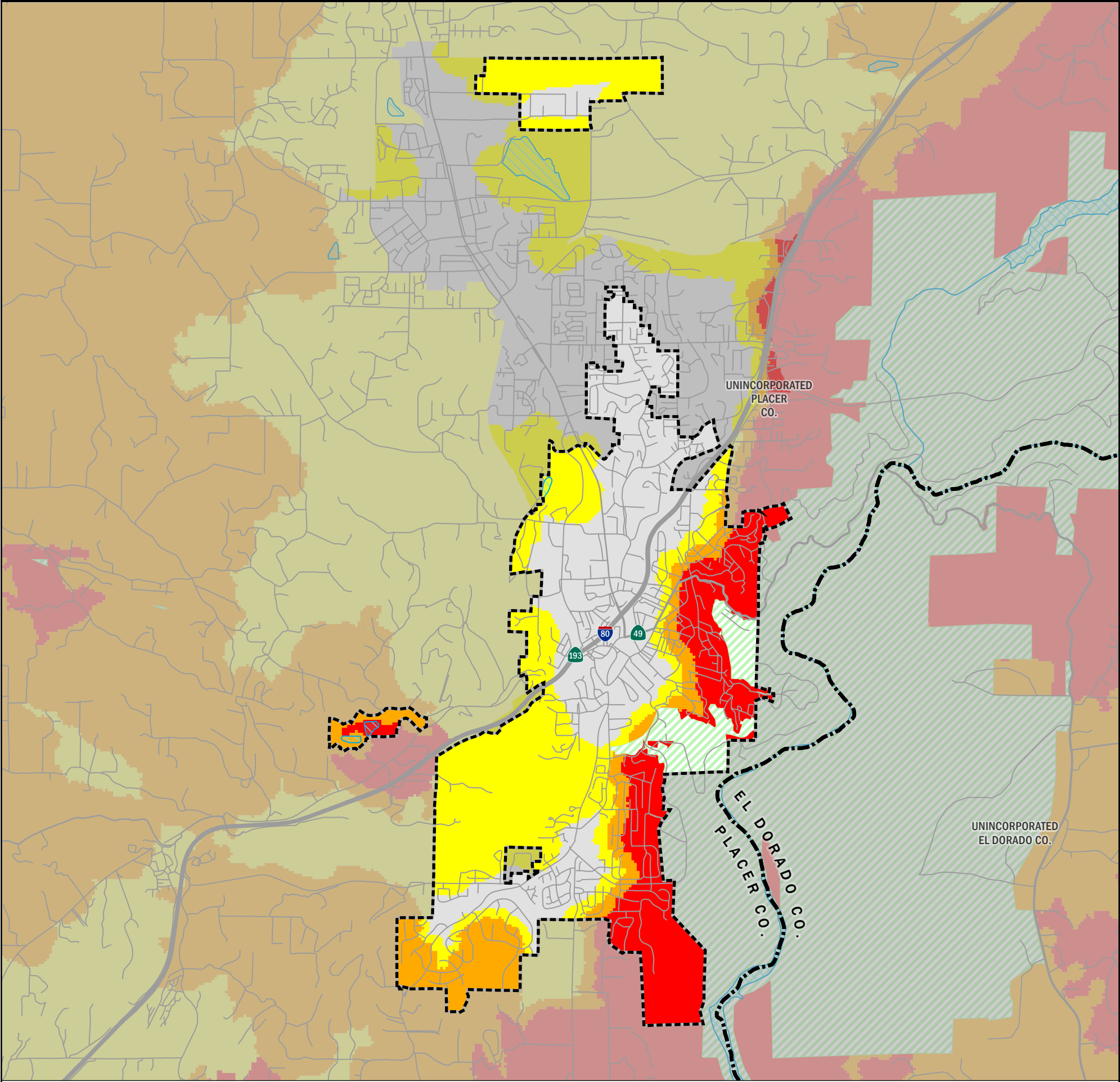
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25 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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27 Gary B. Bell, City Attorney  
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# Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the  
State Fire Marshal  
January 22, 2025

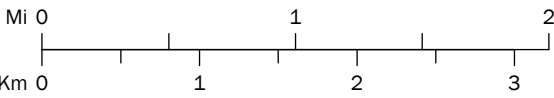


**Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal**

■ Very High    ■ High    ■ Moderate

**Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024**

■ Very High    ■ High    ■ Moderate



Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers  
Scale: 1:48,000 at 11" x 17"

- Incorporated City
- Waterbody
- Unzoned LRA
- Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Government Code section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

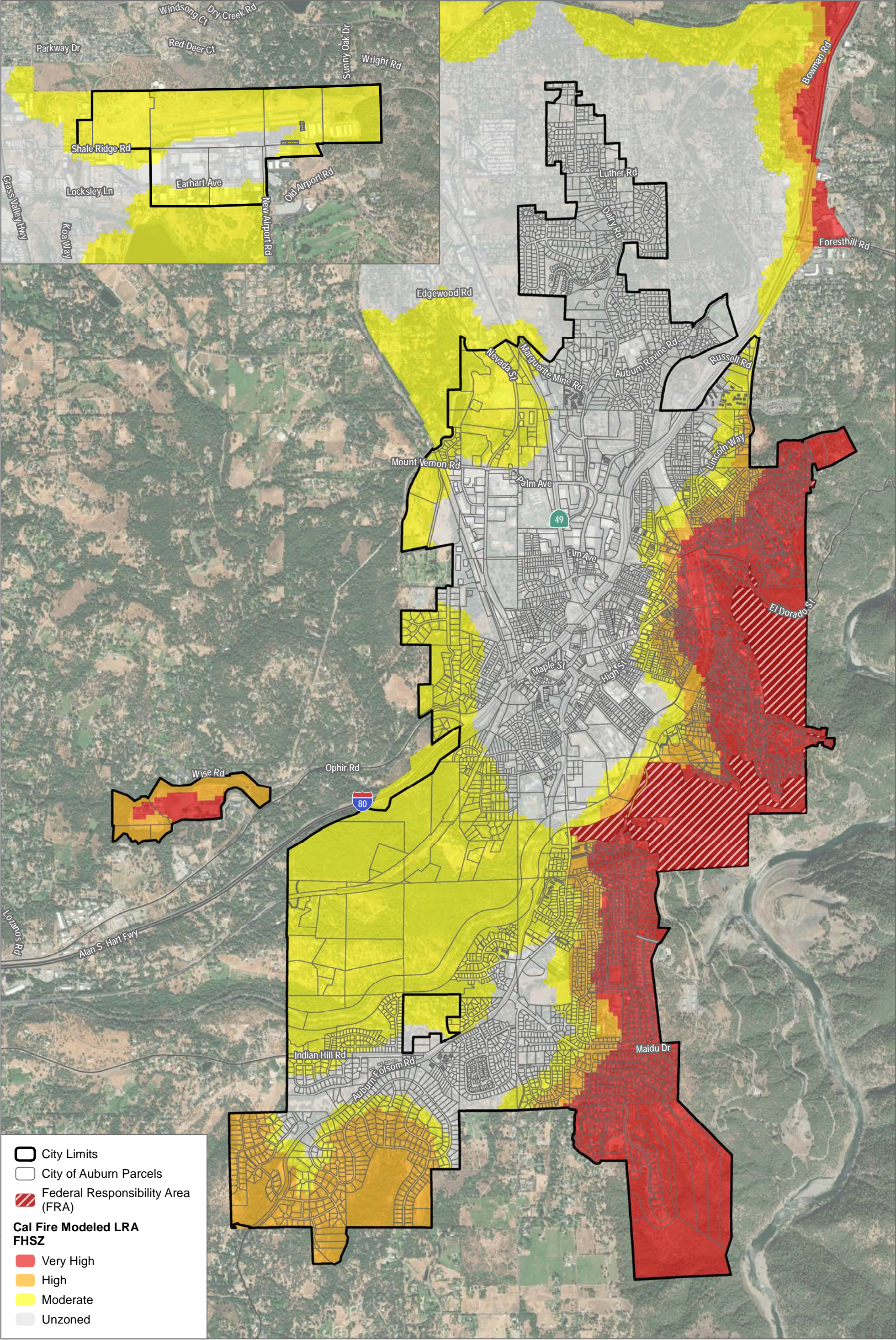
and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California  
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency  
Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

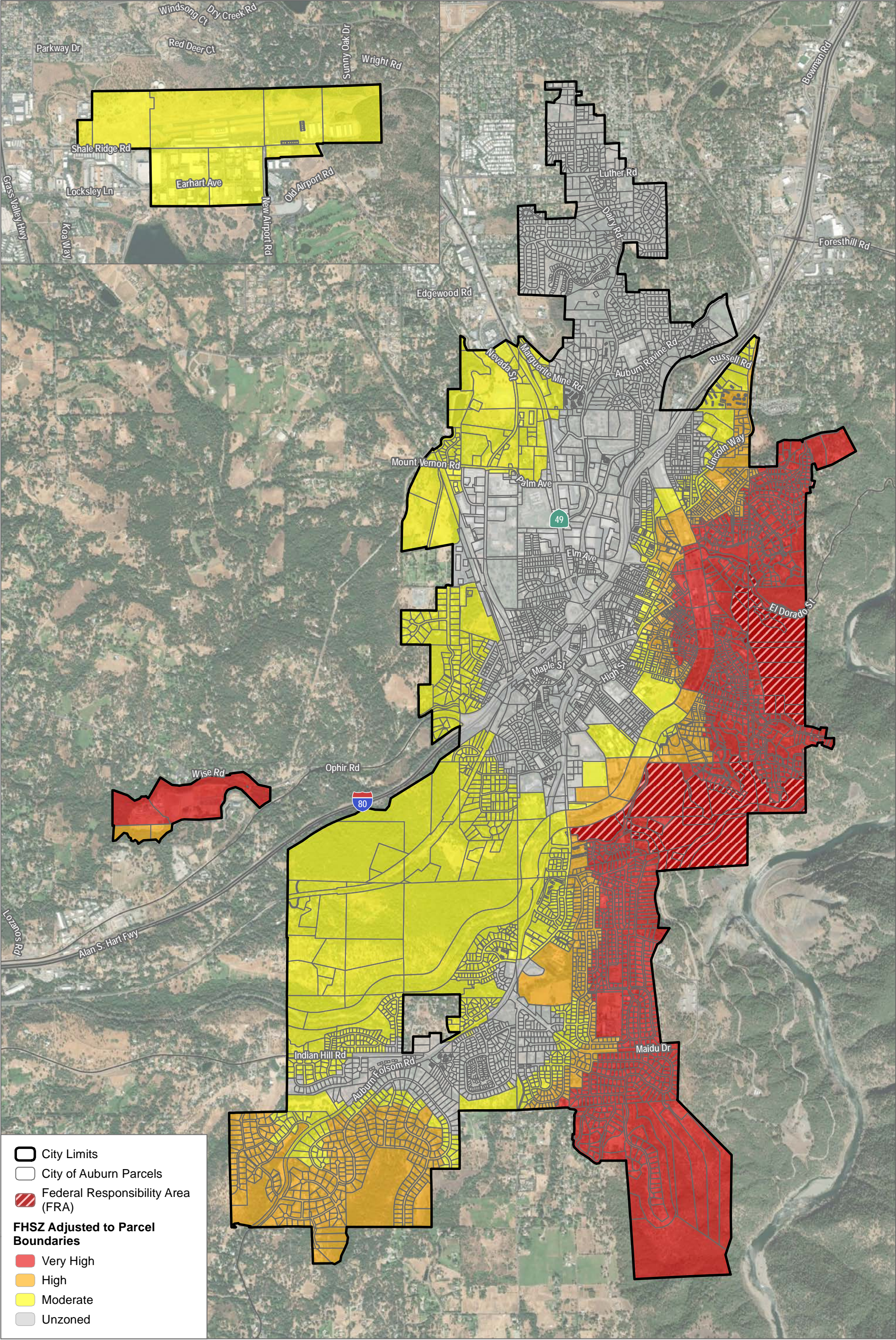
Data Sources:  
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZSRA23\_3, FHSZLRA\_25\_1)  
CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA25\_1)  
City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)





SOURCE: Placer County 2024, Cal Fire 2025





SOURCE: Placer County 2024, Cal Fire 2025