

CITY OF POMONA PHILLIPS RANCH ASSESSMENT DISTRICT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

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To: Phillips Ranch Assessment District Oversight Committee

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SUBJECT: DISCUSS PHILLIPS RANCH ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

RECOMMENDED FIRE DESIGNATION CHANGES FROM CAL FIRE

AND CURRENT ABATEMENT EFFORTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Phillips Ranch Assessment District Oversight Committee discuss an update on recommended Fire Hazard Designation changes from CAL FIRE and current abatement efforts within the District.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the 2025 fire abatement efforts and includes information on CAL FIRE's updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps. Several parcels within Phillips Ranch are now designated as High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. These changes may impact compliance obligations and may influence future costs and abatement priorities.

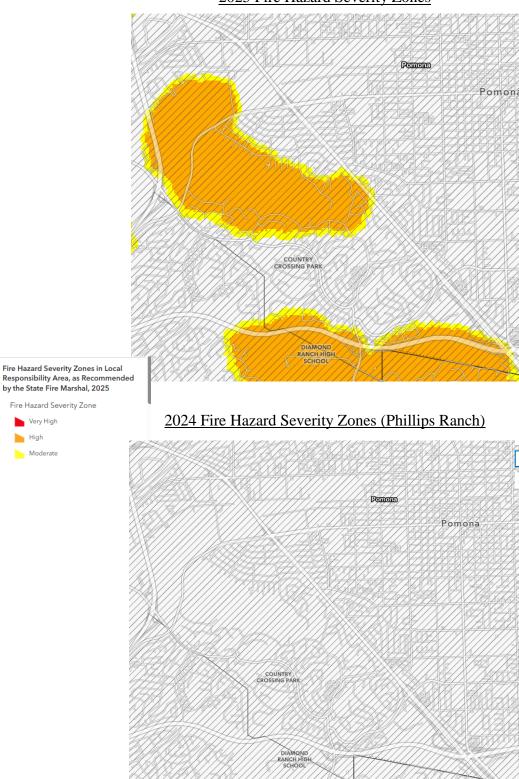
FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of the new fire designations is unknown at this time, as abatement requirements have not been issued by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

Below are map excerpts from the CAL FIRE website illustrating the fire hazard zones designated for 2025. In comparison, the 2024 maps do not show hazard classifications within Phillips Ranch. The potential implications of these new designations for the Phillips Ranch area are still being evaluated. The City currently budgets \$180,722 for weed abatement annually. This budget is to provide for the removal of vegetation (except for fire-resistant vegetation) 100 feet from home structures annually. It is anticipated that compliance with updated CAL FIRE requirements may lead to increased costs for weed abatement and other related fire-mitigation activities.

2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zones



Map Source: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/5065c998b4b0462f9ec3c6c226c610a9

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