

Re: RHNA methodology and input data

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Mon 6/7/2021 11:56 AM

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Mark - a phone call may be more efficient. Can we schedule a time to chat briefly?

thanks

Bob

On Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 11:48 AM Bob Turcott <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Mark,

Thanks for these great resources.

Both links show Very High FHSZs in LRAs, but neither shows High FHSZs in LRAs (These are shown for SRAs only). Yet, our community has a sizable area in its LRA that was determined by CalFire to be a High FHSZ.

How do I verify that this area was accounted for in determining the Growth Geographies? How do I verify that it was excluded from the calculation of our RHNA allocation?

As you can imagine, there is enormous pressure to develop in High FHSZs, so I think it is worth validating the analysis.

thank you!

Bob

On Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 3:54 PM Mark Shorett <mshorett@bayareametro.gov> wrote:

Hi Bob,

Happy to help. The state also provides an interactive online map that should help you see any locations in your community that are in one of the Very-High or High Fire severity zones. That map is available [here](#). The areas that were excluded are shown in dark red, light red, or orange. If you are a GIS user and would like to see, or do some analysis, with the original datasets, you can download them on [this page](#) (download the "FHSZ in SRA" and "FHSZ in LRA" shapefiles at the bottom of the page). (If you are unable to use GIS, the web viewer or .pdf map is the best way to look at the original dataset).

Best,

Mark

From: Bob Turcott <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 2:57 PM

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Hi Mark,

Thanks so much for this information. Sorry for the delay. I was trying to educate myself on the methodology but it's an uphill climb.

I'd like to review the data that was actually used in determining the Growth Geographies for my community, and in particular, how many acres were excluded due to being in "High" and "Very High" severity zones. Please let me know how I can receive a copy of it.

thanks,

Bob

On Wed, May 26, 2021 at 2:54 PM Mark Shorett <mshorett@bayareametro.gov> wrote:

Hi Bob,

Gillian Adams directed your inquiry regarding Cal Fire severity zones to me. You can find the statewide map illustrating Fire Hazard Severity Zones [here](#). Where applicable, detailed maps of individual jurisdictions are available [here](#). (Note that the state identifies Very High Hazard Severity zones everywhere, but only defines High Hazard severity zones in unincorporated areas.)

Consistent with your message, areas indicated as "Very High" Severity in cities and unincorporated areas or "High" Severity in unincorporated areas were not identified as Growth Geographies in Plan Bay Area 2050, which was one input in the RHNA methodology.

Best,

Mark

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From: Bob Turcott <[REDACTED]>
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Hi Gillian,

I received your contact info from the Public Information Officer.

I understand the RHNA methodology excludes High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones as defined by Cal Fire. I'd like to clarify whether or not that exclusion was made for my community. What's the best way of finding out?

thank you,

Bob Turcott