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Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Fred Castro; MTC-ABAG Info
Subject: RHNA vs. OPR's Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory Released

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Hello,

Can you please pass this on to the Regional Planning Committee as part of public comment on the Housing Needs Assessment agenda item today (11/12).

Dear Committee Members,

I would encourage you to refer to the new technical advisory release by the State Department's Office of Planning And Research in regards to planning, including infill and new development in Fire prone areas. Below is draft guidance stipulated on page 45 of the PDF.

It is important, again, to balance local conditions with the overall intent and need of housing in the Bay Area. I would encourage ABAG/MTC to meet with OPR representatives to further discuss this important balance and/or comment on the draft guidance.

Danielle Staude

Policy Guidance/Page 45 of the PDF (see link below):

Infill Development

* Policy Prioritize infill development within the existing developed footprint to reduce vehicle miles traveled; improve access to jobs, services, and education; increase active transportation choices; avoid future unfunded infrastructure repair and maintenance liabilities; and avoid hazardous or environmentally sensitive open space areas.

* Policy All infill development projects within the SRA or VHFHSZ shall be required to comply with all applicable state or local fire safety and defensible space regulations or standards, and any applicable fire protection or risk reduction measures identified in locally adopted plans.

* Policy Discretionary infill projects may be required to prepare a project-specific fire hazard and risk assessment and incorporate project-specific risk reduction measures, subject to the determination and approval of the local agency.

* Program Develop streamlined wildfire risk assessment and mitigation procedures for infill projects in the SRA and VHFHSZ.

* Program Conduct a feasibility study for a TDR program that identifies undeveloped wildland areas within high or very high FHSZ or subject to extreme threat as "sending areas" and areas outside of FHSZs or high fire threat areas as "receiving areas".

New Growth

* Policy Avoid expanding new development, critical facilities, and infrastructure in areas subject to extreme threat or high risk, such as High or Very High FHSZs or areas classified by CAL FIRE as having an Extreme Threat classification on

Fire Threat maps, unless all feasible risk reduction measures have been incorporated into project designs or conditions of approval.

* Policy Prohibit land uses that could exacerbate the risk of ignitions in High or Very High FHSZs, such as outdoor storage of hazardous or highly flammable materials, automobile service or gas stations, or temporary fireworks sales.

* Policy Prohibit land uses that could place occupants at unreasonable risk in high or very high fire hazard severity areas, such as areas with large events or assembly of people, health care facilities, etc.

* Policy Encourage the use of conservation easements or establish a TDR program in undeveloped wildland areas within high fire hazard severity zones.

* Program Update local zoning and subdivision codes to designate wildfire hazard overlay zones and associated conditional use, site development standards, and design criteria to mitigate wildfire hazards and reduce risks to new development within the overlay zones.

From: Erik De Kok [Erik.DeKok@OPR.CA.GOV]

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:40 PM

To: OPR Wildfire TA

Subject: Draft Update to OPR's Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory Released for Public Review

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Dear California Planning Directors and staff,

Please note that OPR has released a draft update to the Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory<<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fopr.ca.gov%2Fnews%2F2020%2F11-09.html&data=04%7C01%7Cfcastro%40bayareametro.gov%7Cf4af13bbe6e34e0a393908d8873c3db0%7Cb084c4abb194142b70382ea65a5eeb2%7C0%7C1%7C637408040096201214%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBtil6Ik1haWwiLCJXCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=r58WD1c9IXsYNaZNUxineWM%2B317NDkrqa91wVl2MNLQ%3D&reserved=0>> for public review and comment. Note also that we will be holding a public webinar next week on Weds, November 18 at 12:30 to provide an overview of the draft and answer questions. Details on how to view and comment on the document, register for the webinar, etc. are all in the notice below.

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Kind regards,

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Draft Update to OPR's Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory Released for Public Review

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NrU8VevyJ%2FXb4aSF%2BQ%3D&reserved=0>, which called for OPR to update the Fire Hazard Planning TA to include specific land use strategies to reduce fire risk to buildings, infrastructure, and communities.

The document is meant to assist cities and counties as they revise their general plans and provides guidance on:

- outreach and engagement to promote more robust and collaborative wildfire solutions;
- conducting comprehensive wildfire hazard and risk assessments;
- aligning and integrating these assessments across a variety of plans; and
- developing general plan policies and programs that reduce risk for existing and future communities.

Moreover, the TA includes sample policies and programs, case studies, potential funding sources, and numerous other resources and tools to support local level planning and implementation to reduce wildfire risk at the community scale.

Read OPR's Draft Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory<<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D0010nPgW7V6Pft6TK87ddnEuhkQJ4cjU8oWaJnIAOPdNnaL3AzJYg>-
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Public Review Process and Next Steps

Public comments on the draft are due to OPR by December 18, 2020.

OPR staff will host a webinar on November 18, 2020 to present the draft Fire Hazard Planning TA and answer questions. This webinar will be live streamed and archived on OPR's YouTube channel<

OPR staff are committed to reviewing and reflecting on all comments received and will work to the best of their ability to integrate public input into the final document. The final Fire Hazard Planning TA is expected to be released in early 2021. Once finalized, the updated Fire Hazard Planning TA will supersede the initial version published in 2015<[6](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D0010nPgW7V6Pft6TK87ddnEuhkQJ4cjU8oWaJnIA0PdNnaL3AzJYg-LPe9w7geBQz1ww46u3OWIXUQ-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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