

Planning and Economic Development Commission

Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Receive a presentation from the MLFPD on the updates to the State Fire Hazard Severity Maps

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Recommended Motion: Receive a presentation from the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District on the updates to the Fire Hazard Severity Maps

Summary: CalFire is required by State statute to determine the “fire hazard severity” of all state (state-owned) and local (cities, counties) areas of the State and produce maps based on those fire hazard ratings (low, moderate, high, and very high). The local agencies are then required to adopt those maps via a local ordinance. The last update to the fire hazard ratings was in 2007.

CalFire is currently working on a statewide update to the fire hazard ratings/maps and have been releasing the maps through a systematic process based on geographic areas. The maps for Mammoth Lakes were released in March 2025 in conjunction with the release of the maps for the Los Angeles area. The updated maps show a significant change in the hazard ratings for Mammoth Lakes and have designated the majority of the Town as being in a Very High zone.

The MLFPD presentation will provide background information on the mapping and hazard designation process, highlight the changes in the maps, and provide additional information on what the changes mean for the community.

The Commission and the public will have an opportunity to ask questions about the process.