

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Project Summary

The **Community Wildfire Protection (CWP) Ordinance** is being developed to reduce and manage wildfire and disaster risks to people and property located in the *Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone* (“VHFHSZ”) and *Hillside Management Area* (“HMA”).

The CWP Ordinance amends Title 21 (Subdivisions) and 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the County Code to address adequate evacuation routes during disasters, to improve public safety, and to reduce risks to development and environmental resources located within the VHFHSZ and HMA.

For new subdivisions located within the VHFHSZ, the CWP Ordinance amends the Los Angeles County Code Title 21 (Subdivisions) to:

- 1) Reduce of the number of units or parcels that can be created through subdivision with only a single means of access; and
- 2) Increase road requirements for emergency access; and
- 3) Require the analysis of evacuation routes as part of the tentative map application.

For new development located within the HMA, the CWP Ordinance also amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) to:

- 1) Require a Hillside Management Area Conditional Use Permit where new primary structures are proposed on terrain with 50% slope or steeper; and
- 2) Provide additional standards for site planning, road circulation, building design, and landscaping to address hazardous conditions such as wildfire, landslides, and flooding to improve structural protection and survivability and protect built and environmental resources.

To learn more about this project, review the draft changes to the CWP Ordinance, and provide comments, please visit the project website at: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/cwpo>

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