

October 15, 2025

Chair Nick Maduros
CA Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive
Suite 130
Sacramento, California 95833

RE: Opposition to SMF EF 01-25 Emergency Rulemaking

Dear Chair Maduros,

The City of Rocklin is registering our opposition to the Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM EF 01-25) Emergency Rulemaking: 2025 California Wildland Urban Interface Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 7. The proposed update to the regulations would require buildings in both a Very High and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones to comply with the same building codes. This is in contrast to the prior regulations, which only applied to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

Public Safety is a top priority for the City. We are invested in ensuring our community is safe from fire danger. The City of Rocklin supports the adoption of effective state building codes to promote community building safety and mitigation of natural hazards while at the same time providing flexibility to account for local conditions. The identification of Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the City of Rocklin was done without consultation from the City or our Fire Marshal. There are areas identified as High Severity Zones that would not benefit from the change in building code standards as applied to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

This proposed rulemaking does not take into account the local conditions within the City. The City opposes legislation and rulemaking that prevents or removes regulation authority from local officials, and thus we must oppose this action which mandates costly code changes for future businesses and homes.

Sincerely,

Jill Gayaldo Mayor

City of Rocklin