



# Unity Forest Products

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California Building Standards Commission  
Attention: Public Comments  
2625 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130  
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: 45-Day Express Terms for Proposed Building Standards of the State Fire Marshal  
Regarding the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, California Code of  
Regulations, Titel 24, Part 7

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the fire code. Unity Forest Products is a Woman Owned and Operated Sawmill and Remanufacturing plant located in Yuba City, California established in 1988. Unity has been involved with California WUI Code since its inception. Prior to California's adoption of mandatory WUI building codes in 2008, Unity hosted a collaboration with industry professionals. This cooperation effort resulted significant advancements in fire testing and wood product approvals.

Our California small business's sole operation is wood products with over 90% of our business in California. Changes to the current regulations would cause direct harm, limiting our ability to produce essential wood products and jeopardizing the livelihoods of our employees. I urge the commission to consider the huge negative impacts on small businesses like ours and to work collaboratively with us to find viable solutions.

Unity Forest Products supports the American Wood Council's proposed revisions to the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Ryan M. Smith

Treasurer, President of Marketing