

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-105

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN TO UPDATE THE WILDFIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES MAP AS PART OF CYCLE 3 OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 (GPA2025-0002).

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2025, the City of Corona received from the Office of the State of Fire Marshal a map that identifies the fire hazards severity zones within the City; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3418, amending Chapter 15.16 (Fire Hazard Severity Zones) of the Corona Municipal Code to adopt the fire hazard severity zones map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2025, the Planning and Housing Commission of the City of Corona ("Planning Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing and recommended that the City Council of the City of Corona ("City Council") approve GPA2025-0002 as part of the General Plan Amendments for Cycle 3 for calendar year 2025 to amend the City's General Plan to update the Wildfire Hazard Severity Zones Map set forth in Figure PS-11 of the Public Safety Element to be consistent with the fire hazard severity zones map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and adopted by the City Council ("General Plan Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission based its recommendation to adopt the General Plan Amendment on the findings set forth below and a determination that there is no possibility that the Amendment will have a significant effect on the environment and, thus, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing at which all persons wishing to testify in connection with the General Plan Amendment were heard and the General Plan Amendment was comprehensively reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CEQA Findings. As the decision-making body for this General Plan Amendment, the City Council has reviewed and considered the information contained in the preliminary exemption assessment and the administrative records for this General Plan Amendment, including all written and oral evidence. Based upon the facts and information contained in the administrative record, including all written and oral evidence presented to the City Council, the City Council finds this action exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the

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common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action merely replaces the existing wildfire hazard severity zones map in the Corona General Plan with the fire hazard severity zones map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal on March 24, 2025, and adopted by Ordinance No. 3418 of the Corona City Council on June 4, 2025. As such, there is no possibility that GPA2025-0002 will have a significant effect on the environment and no further environmental analysis is required.

SECTION 2. General Plan Amendment Findings for GPA2025-0002. Based on the entire administrative record before the City Council, including all written and oral evidence presented to the City Council, the City Council hereby makes and adopts the following findings:

A. The General Plan Amendment is in the public interest and would not be detrimental to public health, safety and welfare as it ensures the General Plan reflects the most current wildfire hazard data available from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. This amendment enhances public safety by improving the City of Corona’s ability to plan for, prevent, and respond to wildfire hazards, thereby protecting residents, property, and natural resources.

B. The General Plan Amendment is internally consistent with the elements of the General Plan, including the goals and policies stated therein, for the following reasons:

(i) This General Plan Amendment is consistent with the purpose of the Public Safety Element of the General Plan, which is to protect the health and safety of the residents, businesses, institutions and visitors as well as property and natural resources from hazards. By incorporating the most current fire hazard severity zones map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, this General Plan Amendment enhances the City’s ability to plan for, prevent, and respond to wildfire hazards. This ensures that the General Plan continues to guide land use, development and emergency preparedness in a manner that promotes public safety and reduces the potential for loss or damage due to wildfire.

(ii) This General Plan Amendment is consistent with General Plan Policy PS-8.9 to “continue to monitor and adhere to the latest changes in state legislation and guidelines with respect to fire planning, prevention, and suppression.” The updated fire hazard severity zones map was issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 2025 pursuant to Government Code Section 51179 and reflects the most current scientific data regarding wildfire risk. By incorporating the updated map into Figure PS-11 of the Public Safety Element, this General Plan Amendment will ensure that the General Plan remains aligned with current state legislation and guidance, thereby supporting proactive fire planning, prevention, and suppression efforts.

SECTION 3. Approval of General Plan Amendment GPA2025-0002. The General Plan Amendment (GPA2025-0002) is hereby approved as part of the General Plan Amendments for Cycle 3 of calendar year 2025. The Wildfire Hazard Severity Zones Map as set

forth in Figure PS-11 in the Public Safety Element of the General Plan shall be amended as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4. Custodian of Records. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which the findings set forth in this Resolution have been based are located at City of Corona City Hall, 400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Corona, California 92882. The custodian for these records is Joanne Coletta, Planning and Development Director.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Corona, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of November 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 5th day of November, 2025.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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EXHIBIT "A"
**PROPOSED CHANGES TO FIGURE PS-11 IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY ELEMENT
OF THE GENERAL PLAN**

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(PS-11 IS ATTACHED BEHIND THIS PAGE)

Figure PS-11 Wildfire Hazard Severity Zones

Fire Hazard Zone

- Moderate
- High
- Very High

Responsibility Areas

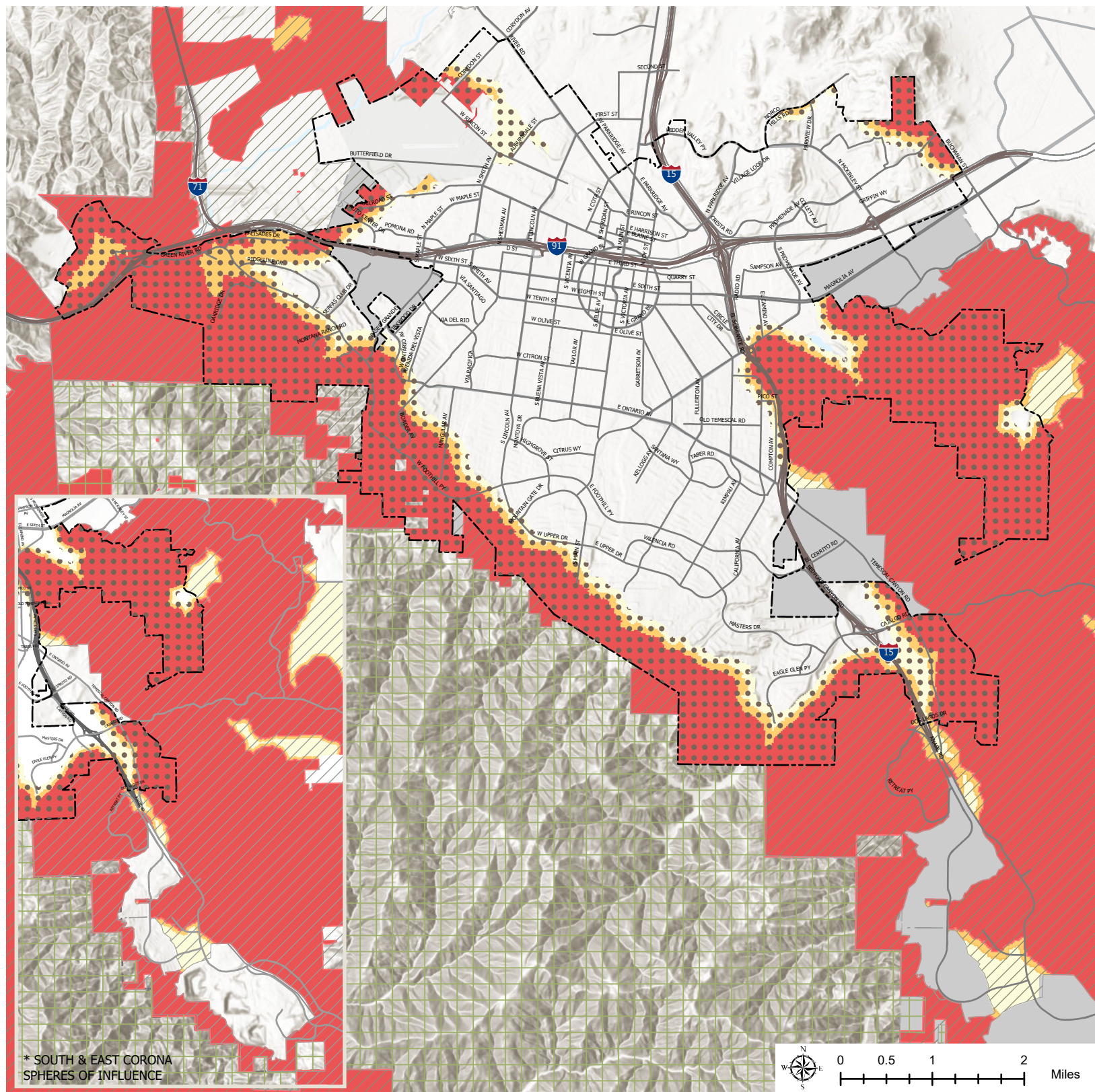
- Federal Responsibility Area
- Local Responsibility Area
- State Responsibility Area
- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence Areas

Note: Zones based on factors such as fuel (material that can burn), slope and fire weather.

Local Responsibility Area (LRA):
Local agencies have the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires.

State Responsibility Area (SRA):
The State of California has the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires.

Federal Responsibility Area:
Federal Government has the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires.



* SOUTH & EAST CORONA SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

