



POST Fire Safety

Northern Coastal Communities Association

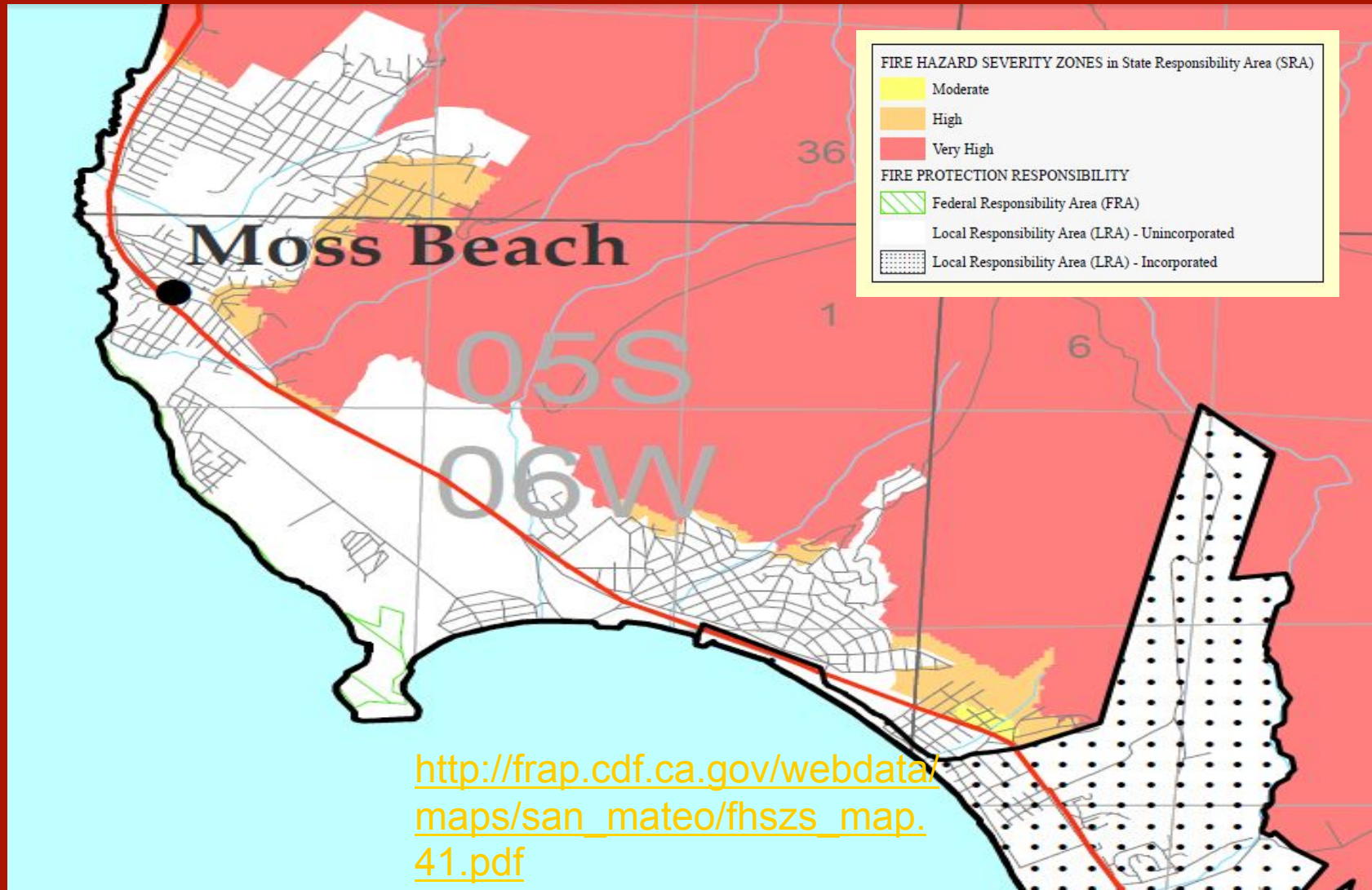




Overview

- Characterize the Problem
- ID Responsible Partys
- Over-site and Enforcement Responsibility
- Community Concerns
- Call to Action

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in SRA



Fire Safety Concerns of the Residents



- Combustible Debris in Defensible Space
- Lack of inspections and enforcement
- Groves of Eucalyptus Trees Bordering Property Lines
- Lack of Patrols/Barriers to Stop Motor Vehicle Access

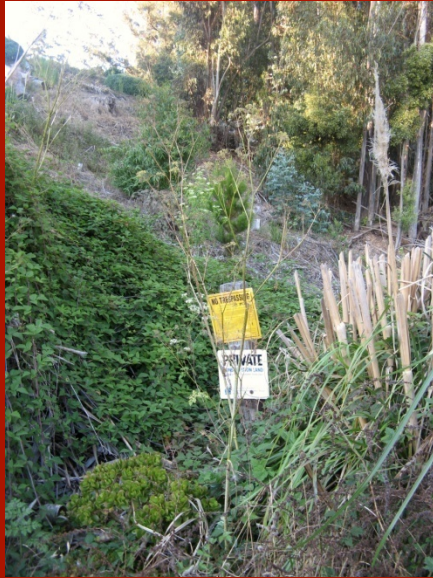
Problem Statement



- Fire Safety Concerns of the Residents
- Lack of Good Stewardship
- Confusion on Regulations
- Confusion on Enforcement
- Lack of a Single Point of Control
- Urgency with the High Fire Season Approaching



Responsible Parties

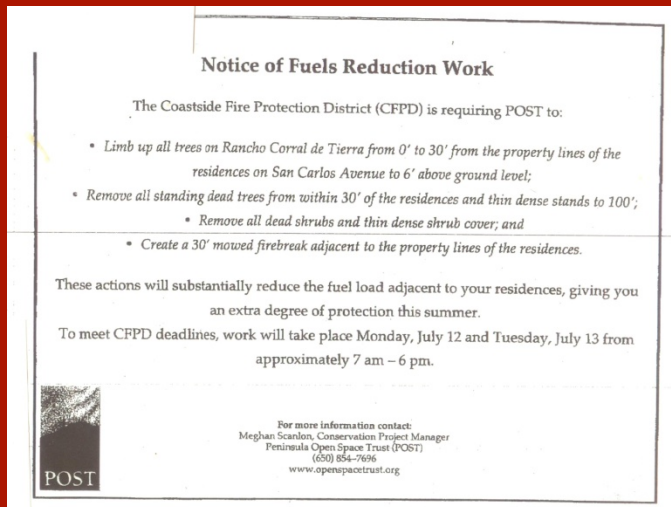


- Property Owners
 - POST
 - CUSD
 - NPS GGNRA (near Future)
 - Local Residents
 - Others?



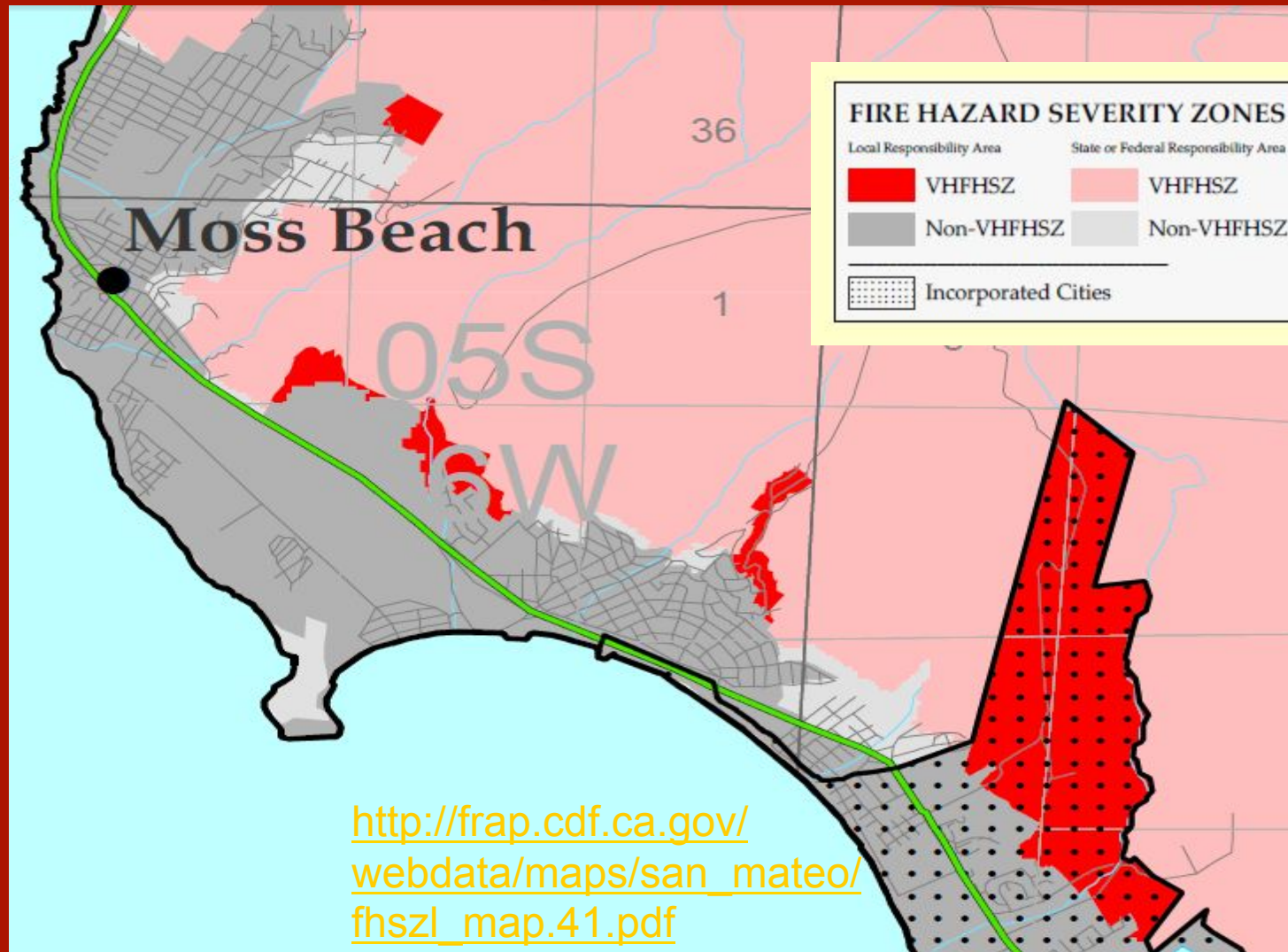
Responsible Jurisdictions

■ Fire Jurisdictions





- Coastside Fire Protection District
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Cal Fire)
- San Mateo County?
- State Agencies?

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Jurisdictions and Regulations

 **COASTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
1781 MAIN ST. HALF MOON BAY, CA 94019 TEL: (415) 724-5111 FAX: (415) 724-8111 

Correction Notice

June 23, 2010
Compliance Required By: **July 13, 2010**

To: Peninsula Open Space Trust
222 High Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

From: Battalion Chief Marc Colbert- Acting Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector Dan Voreyer

Subject: Identified Fire Hazard - APN 037-320-103, El Granada.

Dear Peninsula Open Space Trust,

The Coastside Fire District received a citizen complaint regarding the condition of your property at the above referenced location, we inspected the lot and are contacting you to advise you of the unacceptable nature of the lot and its status as a fire hazard to the neighborhood.

The lot is in violation of the Coastside Fire District's Ordinance 2009-01 adopting local amendments and amending the 2007 edition of the California Fire Code -

- **304.1.2 Vegetation.** Weeds, grass, vines or other growth that is capable of being ignited and endangering property, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the premises. Vegetation clearance requirements in urban-wildland interface areas shall be in accordance with the International Wildland-Urban Interface code.
- **304.1.2.4 Fire Breaks.** The Coastside Fire Protection District may require the installation of "fire breaks" around or within parcels of property where combustible weeds, grass, brush or other combustible materials are present. The specific width and length of the "fire breaks" will be determined by the Coastside Fire Protection District. The following conditions will be included as part of the determining factors regarding the width and length of the "fire breaks":
 1. Height and width of combustible material present
 2. Prevailing weather conditions
 3. Topography of site
 4. Available fire apparatus access

- **Coastside Fire District's Ordinance 2009-01 and the 2007 edition of the California Fire Code. The "Identified Fire Hazard" cited is California Fire Code 304.1.2**
- **California Code of Regulations Title 19, Division 1. (304.1.2 Vegetation) as well as 2010 California Fire Code, Title 24, Part 9, Chapter 49 (Requirements for Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Areas) Chapter 4901 and 4902.**


Notice of Fuels Reduction Work

The Coastside Fire Protection District (CFPD) is requiring POST to:

- Limb up all trees on Rancho Corral de Tierra from 0' to 30' from the property lines of the residences on San Carlos Avenue to 6' above ground level;
- Remove all standing dead trees from within 30' of the residences and thin dense stands to 100';
 - Remove all dead shrubs and thin dense shrub cover; and
 - Create a 30' mowed firebreak adjacent to the property lines of the residences.

These actions will substantially reduce the fuel load adjacent to your residences, giving you an extra degree of protection this summer.

To meet CFPD deadlines, work will take place Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13 from approximately 7 am - 6 pm.

 For more information contact:
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Community Concerns

- Loss of Life
- Loss of Property
- Higher Home Insurance
- Possible Devaluation of their Home Investment
- Lack of Community Fire Safety and Planning Program
- Lack of Urgency



Community Call for Action

- Immediate and Safe Removal of Combustible Debris
- Responsible Stewardship from POST NOW and NPS /GGNRA after transfer
- Public Safety Inspections, Full Code Enforcement and Publication
- Central Point of Contact for Fire Safety Information & Complaints
- County Watch Dog Committee