**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-142**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RUBIDOUX COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51178**

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 51178 requires the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (“Cal Fire”) to identify areas in the state as Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) based on consistent statewide criteria and the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2025, the Office of the State Fire Marshal released updated FHSZ maps for all Local Responsibility Areas, including the service area of the Rubidoux Community Services District (“District”); and,

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 51179 requires local agencies to adopt these FHSZ designations by ordinance within 120 days of receipt, and provides that local jurisdictions may assign more restrictive designations but not less restrictive ones; and,

**WHEREAS**, the updated FHSZ maps reflect advances in fire hazard modeling and incorporate data on historical fire patterns, topography, vegetation, climate conditions, and ember transport potential, which are especially relevant to the District given its proximity to wildland-urban interface areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the updated FHSZ map supports public safety, wildfire mitigation, and regulatory compliance with California Building Code Chapter 7A and Government Code Section 51182; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District has made the updated map publicly available on its website and at the District office for review and comment since April 23, 2025, consistent with the transparency and notice provisions of state law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RUBIDOUX COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS**:

**SECTION 1. Designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones**. The Board of Directors of the Rubidoux Community Services District hereby approves the recommendation of the State Fire Marshal made pursuant to California Government Code Section 51178 and designates those areas within the District’s jurisdiction as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones as shown on the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map published by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

**SECTION 2. Adoption of Map**. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the portion of the State Fire Marshal’s Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map covering the District’s jurisdiction as the “Rubidoux Community Services District Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map.” A copy of the Rubidoux Community Services District Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map can be accessed at the District’s Administrative Office at 3590 Rubidoux Blvd., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509 and can also be found online at the District’s website (<https://www.rcsd.org/fire-hazard-severity-zone-maps>) or Cal Fire’s Riverside County Fire site (<https://www.rvcfire.org/our-departments/fire-marshal/fire-hazard-severity-zones>).

**SECTION 3. Severability**. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions. The Board of Directors declares that it would have adopted this ordinance, and each part of it, regardless of the fact that any portion may be declared invalid.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date**. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption and shall establish the official fire hazard designations within the District’s Local Responsibility Area as of July 22, 2025.

**INTRODUCED** this 5th day of June, 2025, **ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 19th day of June, 2025, upon the following roll call vote:

AYES:

 **NOES:**

 **ABSENT:**

 **ABSTENTIONS:**

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 Hank Trueba Jr., President

 Rubidoux Community Services District

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**ATTEST:**

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Brian R. Laddusaw, General Manager-Secretary

Rubidoux Community Services District

**APPROVED TO FORM AND CONTENT:**

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John R. Harper, District General Counsel