

Appendix E:

Comparison of Rural Fire Hazards and Management Standards in Monterey County Coastal Zone

Table CH-9.a includes specific management standards for various regions of Monterey County as required by local fire protection districts shown in Maps CH-9a and CH-9b. Also included are the Monterey County Ordinance 3600 standards, which are applicable to State Responsibility Areas within Monterey County. Detailed information on management standards required for specific areas of concern, such as vegetation clearing requirements, roadway widths, and setbacks for structure defensible space, etc., are included.

Rural fire hazards and management standards data was obtained through local fire protection district fire marshals and staff. Sources of data include:

- Monterey County – *Ordinance 3600*
- Aromas/Big Sur/California Department of Forestry – *Structural Fire Prevention Field Guide for Mitigation of Wildland Fires*, April, 2000
- North County – *Single Family Dwelling Requirements & Fees; How to Prepare for the Fire Department Final Inspection*
- Carmel Highlands/Cypress – *Fire Safety Requirements, Instructions to Applicant for One or Two Single Family Dwellings on Existing Lots of Record*
- Pebble Beach – *Wildfire Protection Standards in State Responsibility Areas; Public Resources Code 4291; General Provisions for Safety – Article 9 Fire Department Access and Water Supply; Fire Hazard Abatement Checklist for Vacant Lot Owners*

Terms in Table CH-9.a are defined as follows (from Monterey County Ordinance 3600 unless otherwise noted):

Defensible Space = Area within perimeter of a parcel development, neighborhood, or community where basic wildland fire protection practices are implemented

Driveway = Vehicular access that serves no more than 2 buildings with no more than 3 dwelling units on a single parcel & any number of accessory structures.

Fuel Modification Area = Area where the volume of flammable vegetation has been reduced, providing reduced fire intensity and duration

Roads, Streets, Private Lanes = Vehicular access to more than one parcel; or access to more than one parcel with more than 2 buildings or 4 or more dwelling units.

Very high fire hazard severity zone = an area designated by the Director pursuant to Sec. 51178 that is not a State Responsibility Area (SRA) (from California Department of Forestry)

State Responsibility Area = those areas identified pursuant to Sec. 4102 of the Public Resources Code (from California Department of Forestry)