Public Safety Commission Meeting 06-03-26

Item 5.A.

Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

To: Chair Spiegel and the Members of the Public Safety Commission

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Subject: Subdivision Review Recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Receive and file a report on the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Subdivision Review recommendations; and 2) Provide input for implementation and prioritizing.

DISCUSSION: In 2018, California Assembly Bill 2911 added Section 4290.5 to the Public Resource Code, which requires the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (the Board), in consultation with the State Fire Marshal and the local jurisdiction to identify existing subdivisions with more than 30 dwelling units located in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) or Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) that lack a secondary means of egress and are at a high fire risk. Additionally, the Board in consultation with the State Fire Marshal and the local government that identified the subdivisions shall develop recommendations to improve the subdivision's fire safety.

While all of Malibu is within a VHFHSZ and many neighborhoods have only one means of egress, only nine neighborhoods were identified as particularly high risk and assessed by the Board. These neighborhoods include the following:

- Big Rock
- Rambla Orienta
- Carbon Canyon
- Coral Canyon (County)
- Latigo Shore
- Winding Way
- West Winding Way/Ramirez Canyon
- Principio (Malibu West)
- Upper Trancas Canyon

All of the assessments had the same recommendations, which included the following:

- Create a secondary access to the subdivision.
- Install reflective address signs for structures and roads.
- Install reflective evacuation route street signs directing residents from their local roads to the nearest collector road(s) and/or arterial highway(s).
- When side street parking narrows the road to a smaller width than the standards in 14 CCR § 1273.01, during red flag warnings or conditions of high fire danger, limit street parking so a wider pathway is available to support rapid evacuation.
- Conduct community-wide evacuations drills.
- Install reflective markers to indicate road edges or other areas of danger that might not be evident during periods of low visibility.

In addition to the Subdivision Review recommendations, staff is also looking at doing the following:

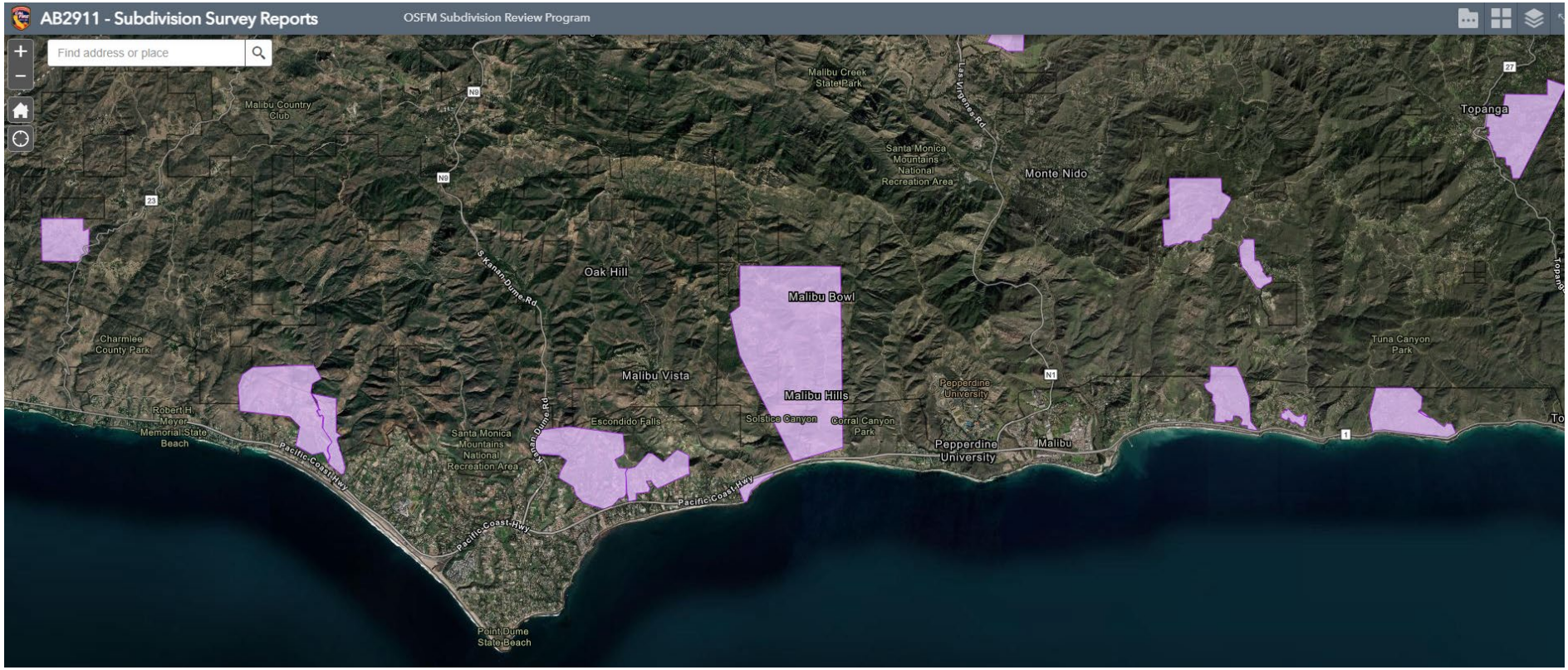
- Encourage Home Wildfire Assessments (HWA) in the identified neighborhoods with contests or maybe a requirement to have a HWA completed.
- Conduct targeted promotion of home hardening and Zone 0 compliance.
- Encourage Firewise participation and neighborhood preparedness efforts.
- Support community evacuation drills and practice evacuation days.
- Explore grant opportunities for vegetation management and fuel reduction along the particular evacuation routes in these neighborhoods.

Staff are requesting input from the Commission on these recommendations and issues that need to be considered when implementing and prioritizing.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Subdivision Review Map 2024
2. Fire Safety Sample Signage

City of Malibu- CAL FIRE Subdivision Review Program (SDR)



• **Big Rock** • **Rambla Orienta (La Costa)** • **Carbon Canyon** • **Corral Canyon (County)** • **Latigo Shore**	• **Winding Way** • **West Winding Way / Ramirez Canyon** • **Principio (Malibu West)** • **Upper Trancas Canyon**

Fire Safety Sample Signage



Evacuation route signage



Reflective address signage

