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Community Wildfire Protection Ordinance

April 2023

Agenda

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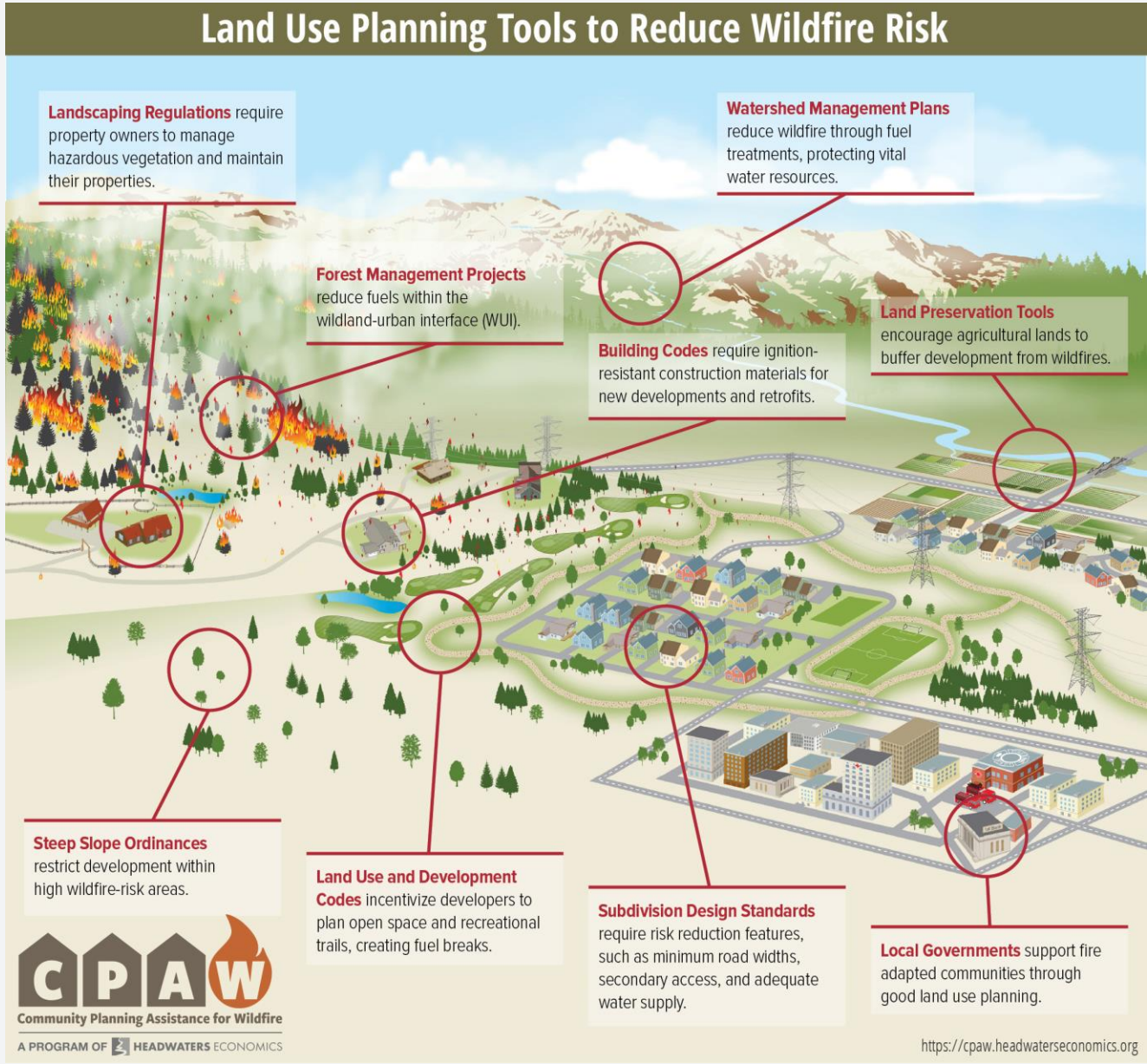
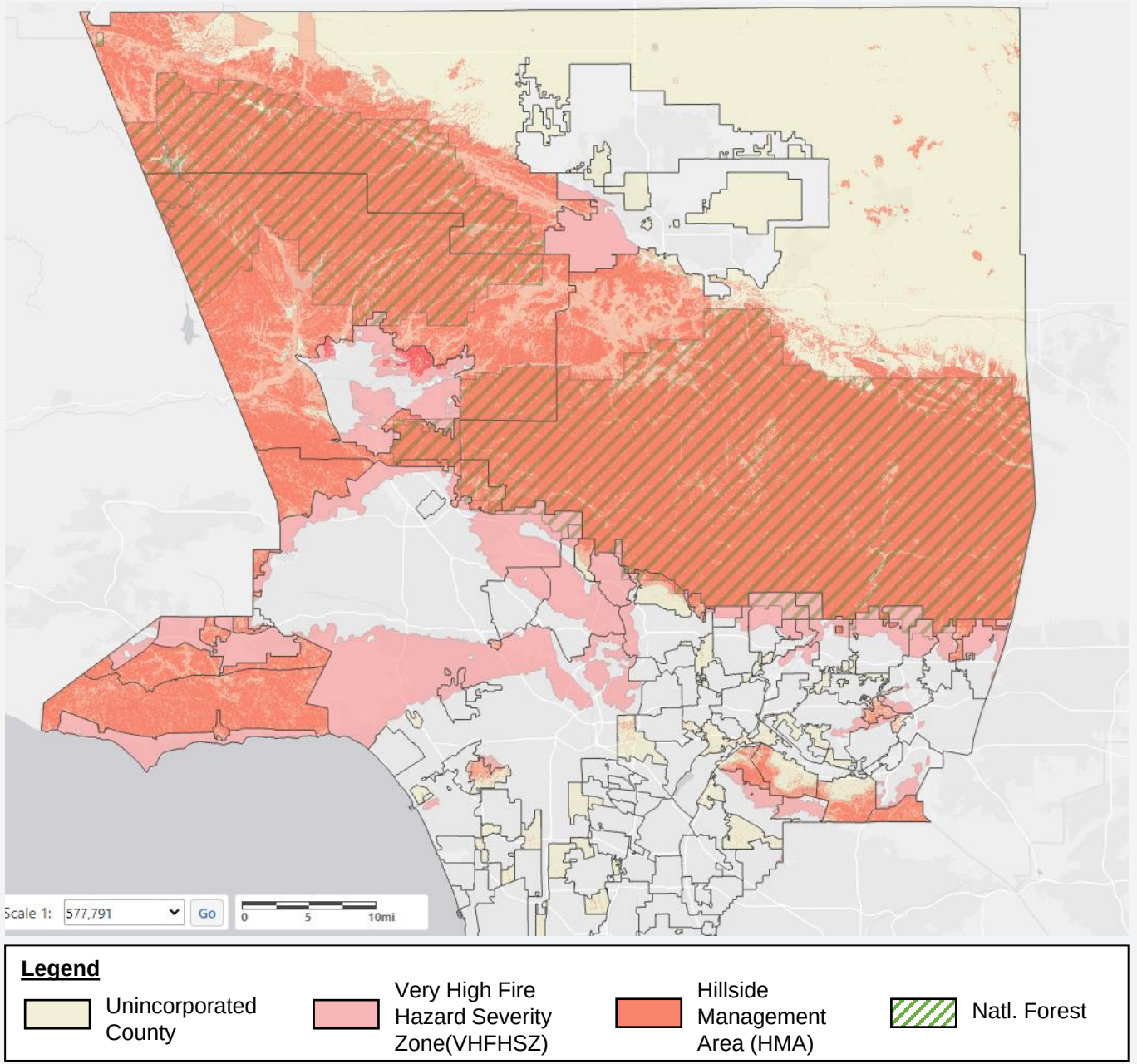
Background

- Ordinance developed in response to the February 2020 motion by the Board of Supervisors
- Received 2020 grant award for technical analysis from the Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) program
- Recommendations from Woolsey Fire After Action Report



Applicability

- Parcels in the unincorporated County
- Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)
  - Single means of access
- Hillside Management Areas (Hillsides with slopes 25% or steeper)
  - 50% slope or steeper
- New applications after the effective date of the Ordinance



Title 21 (Subdivision Code)

Proposed amendments to Title 21 include:

- Number of parcels that can be created through subdivision with only a single means of access: ex. 75 units or 25 parcels, whichever is less, if in VHFHSZ

- Strengthened road access requirements for emergency ingress and egress

- Requires the analysis of evacuation routes as part of the tentative map application

Title 21 (Subdivision Code)

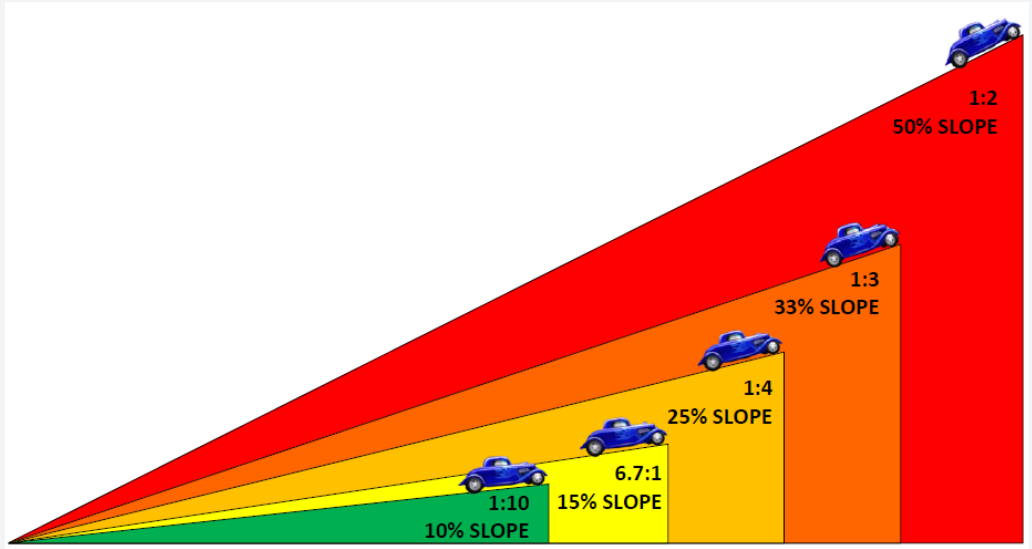
Changes from previous Draft:

- Two or more accessways must be provided at time of development to not be subject to unit limits
- Streets shall be ungated, unless required for public safety
- Wavers and modifications to access and frontages must be authorized by the Board of Supervisors
- A Fuel Modification Plan must be submitted at time of Tentative Map application.

Title 22 (Zoning Code)

Proposed amendments to Title 22 include:

- *Existing* Hillside Management Area (HMA) Ordinance applies to terrain with 25% slope or steeper
- Proposed CUP for *new primary use* development located on terrain with <u>50% slope or steeper</u>
- Additional standards for site planning, road circulation, building design, and landscaping



Title 22 (Zoning Code)

Changes from previous Draft:

- CUP for *new primary use* development located on terrain with <u>50% slope or steeper</u>
- Added definitions for wildfire hazards and terminology, i.e.: Fire Hazard; Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), etc.
- Design measure to strategically plant native oaks to act as fire ember screens

Legend	50% Slope	25% Slope

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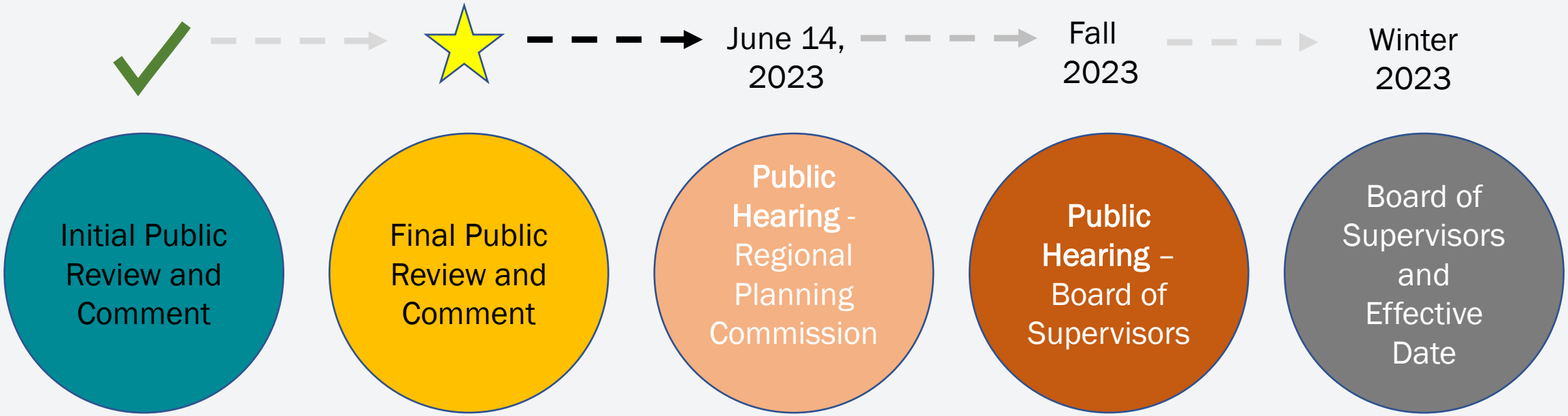
Project Schedule



* Dates may be subject to change

Project Links and Contact

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Project Website:

https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/cwp

Draft Ordinance:

https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/cwpo-documents

Thank you!