

Table 5.1A – Legislative Response To Fire Threat In California

Legislation	Date	Reason	Effect	Code Section Affected
	1885	Uncontrolled fire Damage	Board of Forestry	Public Resources Code (PRC) 4120
Organic Act	1887		Set Aside National Forest Reserves	
Zoning Laws	1917	First Zoning Laws		
Clarke-McNary Act	1924	Severe Fire Seasons	Cooperation of State and Feds in protection Nat. forest	PRC 4185-4187
	1927	Severe aggregate	California Division of Forestry formed	
	1961	Bel Air Fire	Natural Resource Protection	PRC 4291
California Land Conservation Act	19-5		AKA Williams Act, to set aside lands for preservation	
Housing Act	19-8		Fire Severity Classification System	
	1971	1970 Fire Season	Requires Consistency with zoning, subdivisions and general plan	
Z'berg Nejedly Forest Practice Act	1973		Exemption of Forest management activities for vegetation management and fuelbreaks	PRC 4584
Forest Improvement Act	1978		Provides cost share for reforestation, urban forestry, and wood energy programs	PRC 4790-4790.16
SB 1972 Campbell	1979		Fire Prevention reduction standards on railroad right of way	PRC 4254,4255,4258, 4259,4260,4296.5
SB 78 - Ayala	1981		SRA fire hazard classification and zoning, roof and attic openings, and C.H.C.D. roofing regulations	PRC 4291.5 – Health and Safety Code 13108.5
SB 81				
SB 799 - Mello	1981		Firework regulation in State Area of Responsibility (SRA) fire Hazard Zones	PRC 4254-5, 4258-60

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SB 1916				
	1985	Fire storm	Defensible Space around structures	PRC 4291
AB 1812 - Cortese	1989	873 structures destroyed this year	Natural Hazard Disclosure for wildfire in SRA	PRC 4291
SB 1075 - Rogers	1991	Extensive rural and wildland development	Minimum fire safety regulation in SRA	PRC 4290
AB 337 - Bates	1992	Oakland Berkley (Alameda County) fires 1991	Fire Hazard Zoning in Local Area of Responsibility (LRA)	Government Code 51178-51188 H&SC 13108.5,
AB 3819 - Brown	1995	Southern California Firestorms, 1993	Class A roof and Model Ordinance for Defensibility of space and structures	GC 51178.5, 51189, H&SC 13108.5, 13132.7, PRC 42205
AB 747 - Brown	1995		Class A, B, C Roof and Shingle Testing Timeline	H &SC 13132.7
AB 1195 Torlakson	1997			CC 2079.11, 1102.6c, GC 8589.3-5, 51179, 51183.5, PRC 2621.9, 2694, 2696, 4125,4136
	1997		IFCI model Urban Wildland Interface Code is published.	
AB 6X and 1195	1998		Natural Hazard Disclosure for wildfire in LRA and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones	CC 1103 et. Seq.

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AB 423	1999	Jones and Happy Valley Fires	Requires listing by the State Fire Marshal of wood roofing materials that have passed at least five years of the ten-year weather test. Also requires that insurance companies honor replacement cost coverage for the increased cost of fire retardant roofing materials over non-fire retardant materials.	H&SC 13132.7
	2001	2001 California Wildfires		
AB 1216	2002	2002 California Wildfires	Gives the State Fire Marshal specific authority to prepare the developed fire safe building standards for adoption by the California Building Standards Commission.	
	2003	2003 Southern California Wildfires		