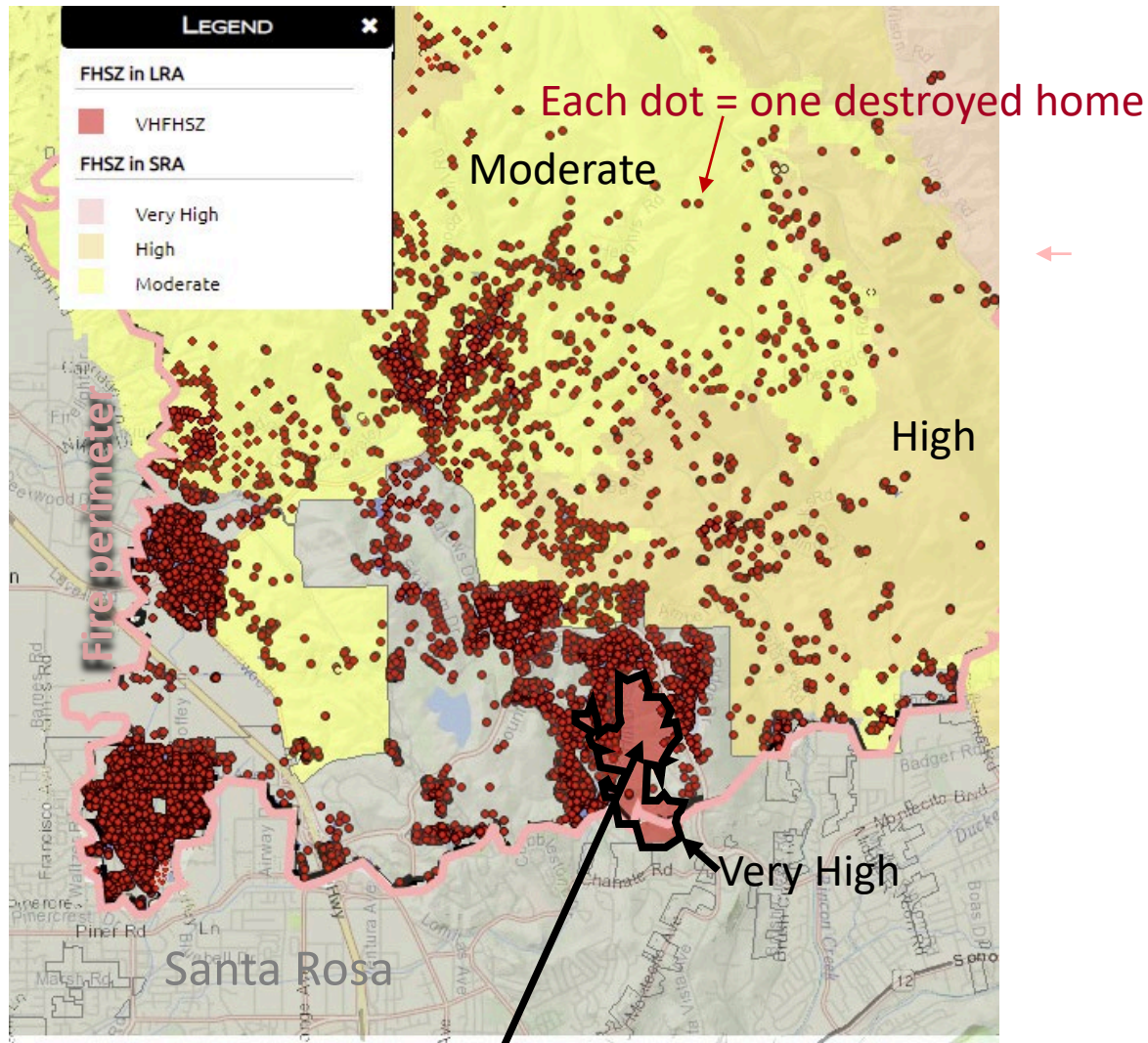


2017 Tubbs fire destroyed >3000 homes in Santa Rosa



- SB 9 pushes Santa Rosa to densify everywhere but in this “very high” hazard zone
- More: people at risk, cancelled fire insurance, structure-to-structure fire spread
- SB 9 admits the risk: it exempts “high hazard” areas in state areas, but not in cities
- Worse, exemptions go away with fire “mitigations” that worked only half the time

What we're doing



To add your name to the signature list,
email your name & city to

frcsfba@gmail.com

-or-

Sign our petition: <http://chng.it/2HkPhFMf>

We are writing to urge **NO on SB 9**, because it is irresponsible about wildfire. **SB 9 threatens lives.**

Many incorporated cities and towns in the Bay Area contain high-hazard areas. SB 9 offers **NO wildfire protection** to such areas, yet it offers an exemption for high-hazard areas in *state responsibility areas*.¹ Wildfire does not respect jurisdictional boundaries. If denser housing is unsafe in state responsibility areas, then it is unsafe in incorporated neighborhoods too.

- **A bill that worsens fire safety in the cities where we live is unacceptable.**

Cities with high-risk areas routinely require defensible space that meets standards like National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1141, which take into account vegetation, terrain, road access, etc. NFPA 1141 calls for 30-foot setbacks, but SB 9 would mandate 4-foot setbacks. That is a recipe for structure-to-structure fire spread.

- **A bill that makes it illegal for cities & towns to enforce fire standards is unacceptable.**

SB 9 has an exemption for very-high-hazard in incorporated areas, but offers nothing for high-hazard ones – as

- Formed a small group to push this objection: Fire Risk Communities of the San Francisco Area
- Circulating a letter for signature around the Bay Area
- >100 signatures so far, including 7 Fire Commissioners and two Mayors
- Submitting this to the legislative portal, individual Assembly Members, Governor, Insurance Commissioner
- Calling our Assembly representatives to highlight this problem

We can use more supporters from North Bay counties!