

Summary of Changes Proposed to the 2026 County Consolidated Fire Code

Page numbers below correspond the Strikeout/Underlined Version.

1. On page 32, it is clarified that all Battery Energy Storage Facility Projects equal to or over 600kWh and all battery types require a Technical Study.
2. On page 59, this section regarding waterline extensions has been moved forward to be before the water tank section for better understanding if a hydrant is required. The word “may” has been changed to “shall”.
3. On pages 59 and 60, the water tank sizes have changed to match the State Fire Code. A 7,500-gallon tank is now required for structures 3,600 square feet or less. A 15,000-gallon tank is now required for structures more than 3,600 square feet. Previously it was 5,000 gallons for homes under 1,500 sq ft and 10,000 gallons over 1,500 sq ft.
4. On page 63, Section 903.2, Sprinkler Exception #1 has been revised to now allow detached accessory structures up to 1,200 square feet (increased from 500 square feet) to be built without sprinklers to match the ADU Sprinkler exception.
5. On page 63, Section 903.2(c) clarifies that sprinklers are required when an accessory structure is attached.
6. On page 64, Section 903.2(d) clarifies that sprinklers are required in any accessory structure that includes an energy system.
7. On page 69, removed the language regarding solar that is more than 10 acres in size because private solar systems are not more than 10 acres.
8. Starting on page 73, Chapter 49 has been taken out and relocated to CWUI Part 7.
9. On page 93, Section 5705.2.4 regarding liquids has been removed because to now matches the State Fire Code.
10. On page 93, Section 6107.5 regarding securing LPG tanks has been removed because it is a duplicate code to the Building Code.
11. On page 148, Appendix D, some confusing language was removed regarding water tank installations.
12. Throughout the code several sections were numerically changed and adjusted to reflect additions and deletions.

Summary of Changes Proposed to the 2026 County WUI Code

Page numbers below correspond the Strikeout/Underlined Version.

1. The WUI Code is completely new in 2026 and mainly includes the fire-related building code and defensible space.
2. Chapter 4 (pages 33 – 47) is exactly the same as Chapter 5 in Consolidated Fire Code. Access and Water. This chapter is a duplication as it is required in both Codes.

3. Chapter 5 (pages 48-54) is the previous building code section. This section includes home hardening and IBHS Wildfire Plus language.
4. Chapter 6 (pages 55-71) is Defensible Space, Fuel Breaks and Landscaping. All of our amendments formally from Chapter 49 Consolidated Fire Code are relocated in Chapter 6.
5. On page 61, Section 6046(h), there's a new unimproved vacant lands enforcement section that allows vegetation enforcement on vacant properties that are 1 acre or less.
6. On page 69, Sections 604.12.6 and 604.12.7, there's a new section to define the various enforcement options.