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Policy # 2015-01 Group “U” Agricultural Buildings

Scope

The Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) will modify the alternative fire flow design requirements for rural fire flow supply for Group “U” Agricultural Buildings. Agricultural buildings are structure designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products. This structure shall neither be a place of human habitation or a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged, nor shall it be a place used by the public.(CFC Chapter 2, pg.31)

The following structures are exempt from onsite fire flow storage;

1. Livestock shelters or buildings, including shade structures open on all sides specifically designed for animal husbandry.
2. Hay covers open on all sides with a minimum 50 foot setback from other structures, not more than 5,000 square feet with a height of not more than 35 feet.
3. Buildings used as barns, equipment storage structures, stables, poultry buildings and other similar uses as approved/recognized by FCFPD with a total fire area of 2,500 square feet or less in size. One 2A-10BC-rated portable fire extinguisher is required.
4. “Type V” building construction with an area less than 1500 square feet.
5. Greenhouses, horticulture structures, nurseries and similar uses with a total fire area of 2,500 square feet or less in size.
6. Riding arenas open on all sides, no storage of combustible materials is allowed underneath.



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POLICY # 2016-01 “WATER STORAGE REDUCTION FOR DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDINGS”

The Fresno County Fire Protection District will modify the alternative fire flow design requirements for rural fire flow supply for detached accessory storage buildings as follows:

1. When the building area is 600 square feet or less there is no Fire Flow requirement.
2. When a Type “V” building area is between 601 to 1500 square feet, one 2A:10ABC rated portable fire extinguisher is required.
3. When a “Type V” building area is over 1500 up to 2000 square feet, 2000 gallons of water storage with a wet draft hydrant is required. When the building area is over 2000 square feet the applicant shall comply with the California Fire Code or NFPA-1142 (as amended) and *FCFPD standards 1, 2A and 2B*.
4. For other building types if the building area is between 600 to 2500 square feet, one 2A:10BC-rated portable fire extinguisher is required. When the building area is over 2500 square feet the applicant shall comply with either the California Fire Code or NFPA-1142 (as amended) and *FCFPD standards 1, 2A and 2B*.

The following is the list of requirements for a project to be considered for the water storage reductions.

- A. A building or structure of an accessory character given a “U” Occupancy classification/Accessory to R-3.
- B. Buildings will maintain a 50 foot separation from inhabited or other structures and not considered an exposure.

Note: If an existing 2000+ gallon storage tank is on site in the State Responsibility Area it will fulfill the requirement of this policy.

This policy does not extend to any other uses or occupancy groups.

This policy replaces FCFPD Policy #2014-02 “Water Storage Reduction for Personal Storage Buildings”



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WEED ABATEMENT STANDARD

Fresno County ORDINANCE 8.32.02 identifies areas of Fire Hazards as that area covered by weeds or growing on any property, street, alleyway, sidewalk, or on any private property.

A Fire Hazard constitutes a threat to real property (i.e., structures, barns, sheds, out buildings, fences), and not just capable of burning.

Areas five (5) acres or less;

1. All property shall be cleared of all dry grass, weeds, rubbish, trash, litter, tires, tree stumps, and other waste material, or any flammable material. This includes along property lines/boundaries and along roadways.
2. All Tumble weeds shall be removed.
3. Vacant property shall be completely disced or mowed to a height of less than four (4) inches.

Areas larger than five (5) acres;

1. Property must have a thirty (30) foot clearance between the property line /fence line and the vegetation area. The property will also be crisscrossed with thirty (30) foot clearance lanes leaving sections of no more than five (5) acres. This clearance is usually completed by discing.
2. A thirty (30) foot clearance shall be maintained around any structure.

Photovoltaic Solar Panels;

1. A clear, brush-free area of 10 feet (30 feet in the SRA) shall be required around ground-mounted photovoltaic arrays. This area shall also be cleared of all dry grass, weeds, rubbish, trash, litter, tires, tree stumps, and other waste material, or any flammable material.
2. Areas within the solar array must be maintained free of flammable material, annual vegetation must be maintained at a height of less than (4) inches.

NOTE: Fenced pasture land, with grazing animals on property, will be allowed a variance.

A **list of discers** is on the back of this page. They are not to be construed as an endorsement by the Fire District.

If the property is deemed a Fire Hazard a notice of abatement will be mailed to the property owner. The property owner will have ten (10) days to abate the Fire Hazard. If the Fire Hazard has not been abated by the end of the ten (10) day notice, the Fire District will dispatch a Fire Prevention Officer and a citation will be issued.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your closest Fresno County Fire District Station or call the Weed Abatement Coordinator at (559)493-4323.