



City of Stanton

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July 15, 2026

Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Honorable Judge Sheila F. Hanson,

The City of Stanton received the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled "Wildfires Hit Home". As required by California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the City of Stanton is responding to the findings and recommendations included in the report.

Note: The original Grand Jury findings are repeated below in italics. The City's responses are in bold, with additional explanation and commentary in regular typeface. References to the "City" refer to the City of Stanton, California.

Findings

- F1 More frequent and severe wildfires driven by increasingly hotter, drier, and windier conditions in the Orange County wildland-urban interface are escalating impacts on financial and non-financial resources. Among the financial costs are dramatic increases in homeowners' insurance premiums, nonrenewals, and inability to obtain insurance.*

The respondent agrees partially with the finding.

While the City of Stanton agrees that more frequent and severe wildfires are occurring in our region, the City of Stanton lacks specific analysis, tracking, and regulation of homeowners' insurance premiums to agree or disagree with that portion of the finding.

- F2 Actions that address conditions in the home ignition zone to significantly reduce ignition potential can prevent a community wildland-urban interface fire disaster or suburban conflagration.*

The respondent agrees with the finding.

- F3 Expanded engagement with the community to raise awareness and provide support regarding home hardening and defensible space will increase effectiveness of wildfire risk mitigation and insurance risk reduction efforts.*

The respondent agrees with the finding.

- F4 Achievement of community-level and property-level wildfire risk mitigation designations (such as Firewise USA Site, Fire Risk Reduction Community or Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety certification) lessens wildfire risk and helps reduce insurance premium costs.*

The respondent agrees partially with the finding.

While the City of Stanton agrees that community-level and property-level wildfire risk mitigation designations lessens wildfire risk, the City of Stanton does not have the data to evaluate the impact of those designations on insurance premium costs.

- F5 All county residents should be made aware that Safer from Wildfire regulation requires insurers to provide discounts to homeowners and communities that implement home hardening and defensible space measures regardless of whether a property is located within a Fire Hazard Severity Zone.*

The respondent agrees with the finding.

- F6 AB888, California Safe Homes Grant Program, provides financial assistance to eligible homeowners, cities, counties, and special districts for home hardening and defensible space measures. Applying for and using these grant funds will reduce wildfire losses and improve insurability and resilience of vulnerable communities.*

The respondent agrees partially with the finding.

While the City of Stanton agrees that grant funding related to home hardening and defensible space measures activities is an important and valuable resource for homeowners, cities, counties, and special districts, the City of Stanton does not have the data to evaluate the impact of those funds on insurability.

Recommendations

- R2 *By December 31, 2026, cities and fire service agencies, including Orange County Fire Authority should commit to participation in a county-wide annual wildfire prevention fair planned by the Orange County Board of Supervisors to showcase wildfire prevention outreach programs.*

The recommendation will be implemented.

Upon notification of a county-wide annual wildfire prevention fair hosted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, City of Stanton staff will attend and participate to support applicable wildfire prevention outreach programs for the Stanton community.

- R4 *By December 31, 2026, to ensure city residents are engaged and aware of wildfire risk reduction resources, OCFA member and non-member cities should provide information, develop their own outreach program, and establish a direct contact person(s) for their residents. This is in addition to whatever referrals or references made to OCFA outreach programs.*

The recommendation will be implemented.

City of Stanton staff will coordinate with the OCFA to provide information and other wildfire risk reduction resources through the City's various communication channels and will establish a direct contact person for City of Stanton residents.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager, at (714) 890-4277 or via email at HShinheydorn@StantonCA.gov.

Respectfully,



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