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Residents Urged to Review Emergency Preparedness Plans *Local Fires No Immediate Threat, But City of Beverly Hills on Alert*

Beverly Hills, CA – Fires burning in numerous locations in Southern California pose no immediate threat to Beverly Hills at this time. However, the Beverly Hills Fire Department is on alert with extra precautions in effect, to both prevent and respond to fires, particularly in the hillside areas.

“The City of Beverly Hills is providing multi-departmental mutual aid assistance to the fires in Ventura County and Las Virgenes. We support our neighbors in their time of need and hope all the evacuees return home soon,” said Mayor Julian Gold. “Thank you to our Fire Department for keeping vigilant watch over our City.”

According to the Beverly Hills Fire Department, weather conditions will create severe fire danger in the northern section of the City of Beverly Hills, which is being designated as a “Very High Hazard Severity Zone” over the next few days. The Beverly Hills Fire Department has posted additional staff and equipment at the Coldwater Canyon Fire Station, is continually patrolling the area and monitoring the weather conditions. Currently, parking is restricted above Sunset Blvd. on Calle Vista Dive, Schuyler Road, La Altura Road, El Retiro Way and Miradero Road. Restricted parking signs have been posted. In addition, the City of Beverly Hills is reviewing plans for a possible disaster response involving all departments.

Residents are urged to review their emergency preparedness plans with family members and should be ready to evacuate if a fire threatens the City. Precautions include, filling vehicle tanks with fuel, parking cars facing out of the driveway and replenishing emergency supply kits for all family members, including pets. For information on how to prepare for an emergency, go to <http://www.beverlyhills.org/emergencypreparedness>.

It is very important that all residents sign up to receive emergency notifications from the City on their mobile phones. Depending on the situation, the information provided

may include evacuation orders, road closures and location of shelters. All residents and businesses would automatically be notified on land lines, but it is crucial that the City have cell phone information for residents and businesses who do not have landlines or who are not at home.

To sign up, go to www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification. For Nixle alerts, please text "BEVHILLS" and "BEVHILLSPD" to 888777 to receive text messages.

According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), the air quality in Beverly Hills is currently "good." SCAQMD has issued a residential no-burn alert. For updated information, go to <http://www.aqmd.gov/>.

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