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City of Beverly Hills to Release Wildfire Assessment Report

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills will release an important assessment of its wildfire risk on July 9. The City will hold two public meetings following the release of the report, providing residents an opportunity to receive an overview of the report by its authors and ask questions related to wildfire safety.

The Wildfire Assessment Report, developed by a team of wildfire safety experts, examines several key areas including public trees, private landscaping, public education, evacuation challenges, smoke impacts, structure resiliency, and many other issues.

Significantly, the number of trees recommended for timely removal to reduce risk is dramatically lower than indicated in a previous study, dropping from about 1,200 to under 100. The revised number is the result of new technology that pinpoints the community's biggest vulnerabilities.

“Protecting our community from the very real danger of wildfire is our top priority,” said Fire Chief Greg Barton. “In recent years, the Beverly Hills Fire Department has taken many steps to prepare for a wildfire bordering on the community, but additional action is necessary, especially focused on vegetation including trees that provide fuel to fires and block escape. The Department is taking numerous actions to improve wildfire safety, but residents must also take responsibility, including clearing brush away from homes, keeping vehicles away from evacuation routes during red flag days, and creating family escape and communications plans.”

Community meetings are scheduled for July 12 at 10 a.m. and July 13 at 6 p.m. Agendas for each meeting are the same, and both will be held in-person in the Council Chamber and virtually at beverlyhills.org/live.

The report, along with more wildfire safety information, will be available on July 9 at 9 a.m. at beverlyhills.org/firesafety. Questions regarding the report may be directed to firesafety@beverlyhills.org.

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