

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JULY 23, 2020

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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PREPAREDNESS

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE

MEETING

JULY 27, 2020

DATE:

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

One of the major issues rising from the Woolsey Incident was evacuation procedures, orders and terminology. In May, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services developed standardized terminology for evacuations.

Please see attached information from a Los Angeles Times article on Evacuation Guidelines, and a letter from Cal OES explaining the recommended terminology. This terminology standardizes six terms used during evacuations.

Staff would like to meet with representatives of the Fire and Sheriff Department to discuss the adoption of the terms for future incidents.

ATTACHMENTS:

Cal OES letter – "Recommended Terminology" Los Angeles Times Evacuation Guidelines