



CITY of CALABASAS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: APRIL 22, 2021

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON WOOLSEY FIRE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: APRIL 26, 2021

BACKGROUND:

On November 8, 2018 Calabasas experienced a wildfire that damaged over a dozen residential and commercial structures. At one point during the incident, the entire city of Calabasas was under an evacuation order. A large number of residents chose to disregard the evacuation order and remain in their houses. The PSC hosted a discussion about the Woolsey Fire at its January 2019 meeting. Representatives from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol described their roles during the incident. They explained why areas were evacuated, who ordered the evacuations and who actually conducts evacuations.

During the January 2019 PSC meeting members of the public made comments and had numerous recommendations for the City during the next emergency. Many of the PSC commissioners had suggestions for improving the City's emergency response. The PSC was tasked to review the recommendations and comments for City Council discussion.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Review and status update of 2018 Woolsey Fire recommendations.

ATTACHMENT: Woolsey Fire Recommendations for Council (5/15/19)