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April 27, 2018

Dear Residents:

During the past winter months, Southern California received only a third of its normal rain. However, much of it came during March and now most hillside areas are covered with green grass. During the drier summer months, these grasses will combine with larger, existing dead fuels and increase the risk for fires. It is important that homeowners protect their homes by establishing adequate defensible space.

Firefighters began brush clearance (defensible space) inspections on April 15, 2018. Homeowners who do not pass the initial inspection will receive a report detailing deficiencies and will be given a 30-day deadline to comply with Fire Code requirements. In order to avoid penalties and follow-up enforcement procedures, it is important to correct deficiencies before the follow-up inspection.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department takes every precaution to protect you and your home from wildfire. However, during a major fire, firefighting resources will be hard-pressed to protect every home. Please prepare your family by developing a *Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan* available on our website at www.fire.lacounty.gov. The *Ready! Set! Go! Wildfire Action Plan* and *Supplemental Brochure* provide guidance on how to retrofit your home with fire resistive features, create defensible space, and develop a plan for wildfire preparation and evacuation.

You play the most important role in protecting your home and family. Through advance planning and preparation, we can all be ready for the next wildfire. For additional information, please visit our website at www.fire.lacounty.gov, our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LACOFD, or call our public information team at (323) 881-2411.

Stay safe,

DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

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