

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

Wild fires are a constant danger in hilly and mountainous areas of the City of Los Angeles, and residents and visitors in these areas must be aware of the threat of a fire at all times. Depending on the weather, the risk of a fire can vary. On hot, dry days, particularly at the end of the summer or in the autumn before the rainy season starts, that risk can be severe. Further, years of drought has only increased the risk of a fire breaking out. Many jurisdictions with similar fire risk post Fire Danger Rating Signs in areas like these that attract crowds, such as hiking trailheads. These signs display the fire danger rating that day, and are usually manually updated by firefighters or park rangers to reflect the current level of fire danger.

However, manually updating these signs requires a firefighter or park ranger to go to the sign to adjust the warning level. This may not be done multiple times a day, even though the danger of a fire can change as quickly as the weather. New technology, such as Automated Fire Danger Rating (AFDR) signs can be remotely updated, similarly to traffic warning signs on highways. These signs would enable one employee to update multiple signs quickly, and ensure that the public has the most up to date information when in an area that has an increased risk of fire. Automated Fire Danger Rating signs could be a valuable addition to City trailheads in areas where fire is a risk, such as the City's Very High Fire Severity Zones.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Fire Department (LAFD) be directed to report on the feasibility on installing Automated Fire Danger Rating signs on trailheads in the City of Los Angeles that are located in Very High Fire Severity Zones.

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