

MOTION

On December 5, 2017, a wildfire broke out in the hills above Sylmar. Propelled by erratic winds and very dry conditions, the fire quickly spread to over 15,000 acres, and scorched areas of Lakeview Terrace, Sylmar, and Shadow Hills, threatening the health and safety of local residents and causing mass evacuation. The wildfire destroyed 60 residential structures and 63 outbuildings and damaged over 70 other residential and non-residential structures.


Through the coordinated efforts of the City's firefighters and regional and state firefighters, the fire is no longer threatening homes and businesses.

This is the second major fire in recent months to affect the northeast San Fernando Valley. The La Tuna Canyon Fire, which started on September 1, 2017, burned nearly 8,000 acres. Five homes were destroyed as a result of the wildfire. At its peak, more than 700 residents were evacuated.

The impacted residents are now dealing with the hardship of losing their homes and property. These residents plan to rebuild. In order to assist them during this difficult time, the City should expedite the necessary permits and grant fee waivers associated with the reconstruction.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety, the Department of City Planning, and the Los Angeles Fire Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and any other relevant City departments, report in 15 days on the expediting of building permits and the granting of fee waivers associated with the reconstruction of homes, and other buildings damaged in the La Tuna Canyon and Creek wildfires.

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