



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Fire  
Department No.: 031  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department John M. Scherrei, Fire Chief  
Director 681-5507  
Contact Info: John M. Scherrei, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT: Red Flag Alert Signage**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

Receive and file report from Fire Department regarding Red Flag Alert actions.

**Summary Text:**

The Fire Department has initiated a method of informing the citizens in various high fire hazard areas when red flag alert conditions exist. In general red flag alert is a result of specific temperature, relative humidity and wind conditions. The purpose of a red flag alert is twofold: 1) that the fire department adds appropriate additional resources and 2) it is used as a vehicle to alert the citizens that a hazardous condition exists.

Public Works and the Fire Department have developed signage in high-fire areas that will be displayed on red flag alert days. This will provide an additional means of communication and alert citizens of the potential for evacuation. In addition, parking restrictions in canyon areas will be strictly enforced.

**Background:**

The idea for signage was developed with input from citizen and homeowner groups.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Select\_Budgeted

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the minute order to the Fire Department, attention Rose Pueschel

**Attachments:**

Map provided by Public Works, describing the location of red flag alert signs

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**cc:**