Evacuation Plan

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Agoura Hills is susceptible to a variety of hazards that could require a mass evacuation of part, or all the City, including fire, flooding and potential landslide. The 2018 Woolsey Fire, which caused significant damage and required the full evacuation of the City, demonstrated the need for a comprehensive and coordinated plan.

This mass evacuation plan was developed through a collaborative multi-agency process. In September/October 2020, discussed and staff met with representatives from Los Angeles County Fire, Sheriff's, and representative from County Office of Emergency Services to develop a plan that would be incorporated into the region wide evacuation plan. The region wide evacuation plan is being developed by the County of Los Angeles. This will serve as a guide to assist the various agencies during evacuations.

Goal:

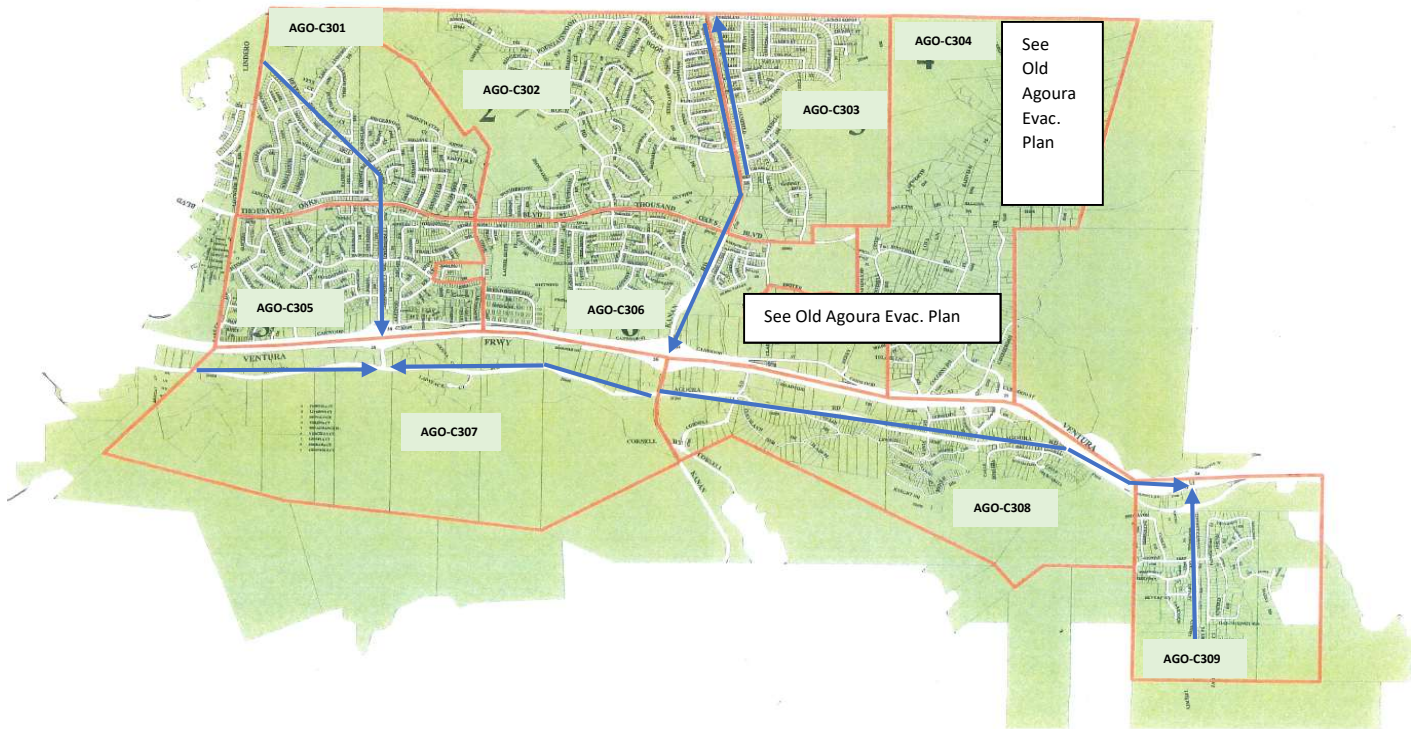To ensure a safe and effective evacuation of the community during life-threatening emergencies.

Objectives:

- Clarify roles and responsibilities of participating agencies

- Identify evacuation and traffic management strategies

- Establish communication protocols

EVACUATION ZONES

To maximize the efficiency of any evacuation and to minimize congestion, the City of Agoura Hills has developed and divided the City into nine (9) evacuation zones. These zones provide clearly defined evacuation areas that can be activated quickly. They can also be used to implement phased evacuations.

AGO-C301 & AGO-C305
Use Reyes Adobe Rd to egress either eastbound or westbound on US 101

AGO-C302 & AGO-C306
Use Kanan Rd. southbound to US 101

AGO-C303
Use Kanan Rd. northbound to Lindero Canyon Rd.

AGO-C304 & AGO-C306 East (See Old Agoura Evacuation Plan; Page 5)

AGO-C307
Use Reyes Adobe Rd to egress either eastbound or westbound on US 101
Alternate: Agoura Rd (eastbound bound or westbound)

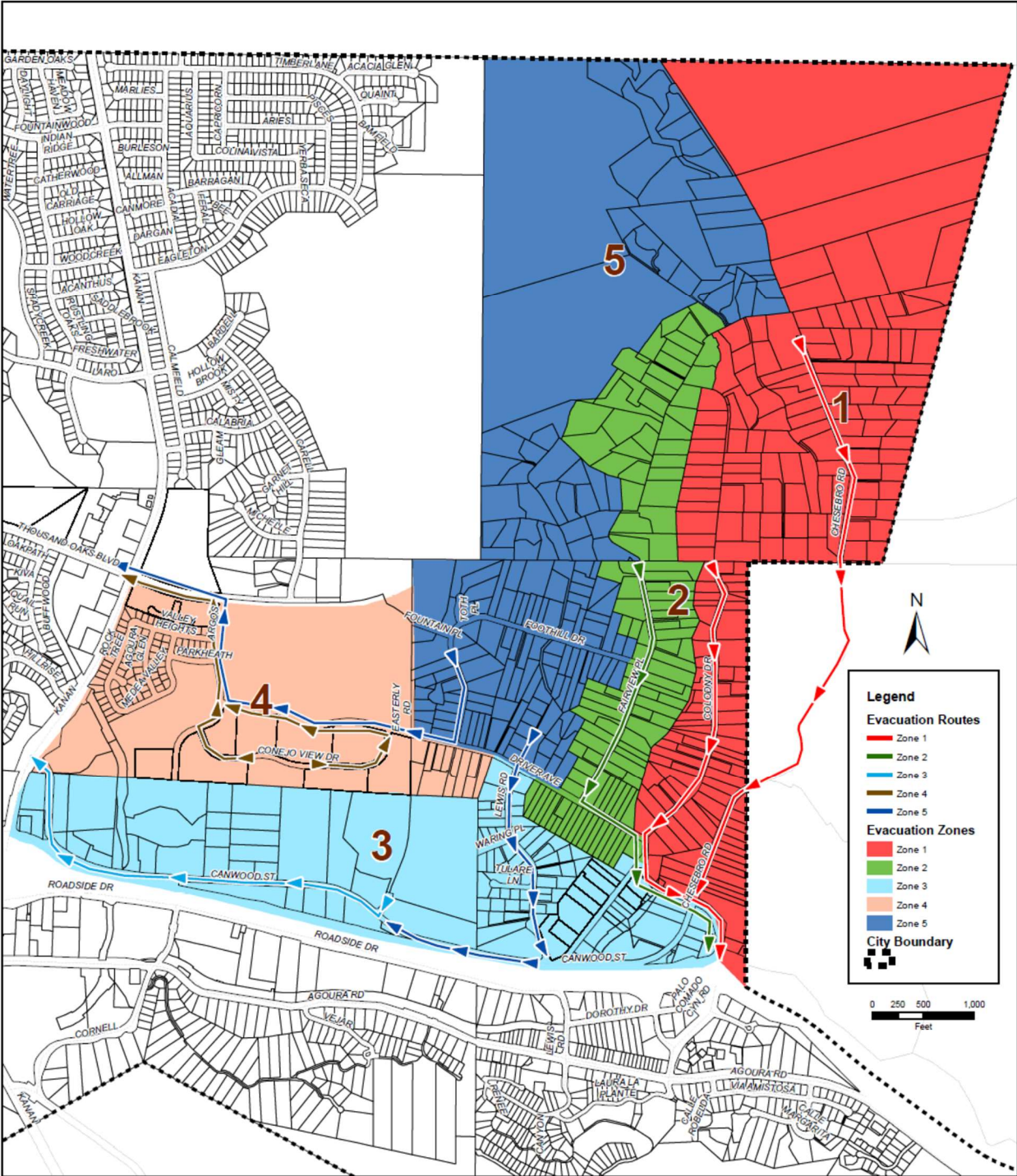**AGO-C308**
Use Agoura Road, eastbound to Liberty Canyon, to US 101 south

AGO-C309
Use Liberty Canyon northbound to US 101.

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EMERGENCY TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE "OLD AGOURA" AREA

INITIAL ACTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Initial actions will depend on what type of action the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Incident Commander (IC) receives from the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The three standardized evacuation terms include the following:

Evacuation Warning: Potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate and those with pets and livestock should at that time.

Evacuation Order: Immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access.

Shelter in Place: Go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.

LASD Personnel Deployment
The LASD IC will immediately request LASD Response Teams from the Department Operation Center (DOC) and deploy personnel based on the evacuation strategy that is being implemented.

Ingress Traffic Control
Upon notification of an evacuation, LASD will request Caltrans, CHP, to close some, or all, of the following routes INTO the City of Agoura Hills to immediately reduce traffic congestion inside the affected evacuation areas:

1) Kanan Road

Response Organization Notifications

The LASD IC shall notify the following entities for implementation of this evacuation plan.

City of Agoura Hills City Manager	88-597-7308
City of Agoura Hills	818-597-7343 (Public Works)
Cal Trans	323-259-2353
CHP	818-888-0980
LASD - LHS	818-878-1808
Ventura County Sheriff's Department	805-654-2311

Community Notifications

The City of Agoura Hills will issue emergency alerts immediately upon notification of an evacuation, and will use all appropriate notification platforms including the City's disaster and emergency alert systems, and Social Media.

Affected residents will be notified of the following:

1) Which evacuation route(s) will be used
2) Shelter locations (outside of evacuation area, if available at time of notification)
3) Large animal shelters (outside of evacuation area)

EVACUATION ROUTES

These are the seven main evacuation routes to be utilized:

1) Kanan Rd (southbound to US 101)
2) Kanan Rd (Northbound for Sector 3)
3) Reyes Adobe Road (sound bound to US 101)
4) Reyes Adobe Road (north bound to US 101)
5) Agoura Road
6) Chesebro Rd
7) Liberty Canyon

Additional feeder routes include: Colodny Dr., Driver Ave., Fairview Dr.

Due to roadway conditions and existing populations, every effort shall be made to avoid routing additional evacuation traffic onto Kanan Road other than what is specified in the plan, as the City of Malibu has identified Kanan Rd as a possible egress evacuation route. Other route options should be exhausted first.

The LASD IC will determine which evacuation route shall be utilized, based on the following:

1) Incident location
2) Incident conditions (weather, wind, road conditions)
3) Which Zone(s) need to be evacuated

LOGISTICS AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCY MATRIX

The matrix below indicates the equipment needed and agency responsible for implementing each logistics item:

Logistics	AGENCY					NOTES
	LASD	LACFD	City	Caltrans	CHP	
Deploy portable barricades	X		X			
Notify Contractors to be on standby			X			
Deploy Safety Equipment	X					
Engage and activate switch on signal controller - Longer green cycle	X			X		
Implement traffic control devices at intersections	X					

INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATION

Preplanning Phase
When increased fire risk weather is forecasted, LAFD will notify the City of Agoura Hills via email information about the fire weather forecast and planned augmented staffing. In addition, LAFD will conduct an 11:00 am Conference Call to review critical information with impacted cities.

Initial Phase of an Incident
Initial notification of an emergency Incident in Agoura Hills will be made to the City Manager by phone call or text by either the Incident Commander or the Community Services Liaison. For widespread incidents that affect multiple cities, a group text will be sent advising of the incident.

During the Incident
Further details of the incident will be sent via the Incident Commander or Community Services Liaison via text or by personal cell contact. All information will have been vetted by the Incident Commander and held to be factual and credible until otherwise indicated.

COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC

<u>Communication from the City of Agoura Hills</u>

Upon official notification of an evacuation by LAFD or LASD, the City will begin issuing messages using all available and appropriate communication tools. The City will only post-incident information that has been approved by the agency that has jurisdiction over the incident. However, the City will post emergency and incident information that is directly under the City's purview. Updated information will be sent as it is received.

Neighborhoods that are under a mandatory evacuation order will receive targeted messages using the City's Mass Notification System. This system can send a message to a specific area that is drawn on a map and includes landlines, cell phones and e-mails. If warranted, this system is also capable of sending a Wireless Emergency Alert to a broader area.

Messages regarding the evacuation will also be sent out through the City's other communication channels including:

- CodeRed
- Website
- Social media – Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
- Nextdoor
- AHTV slides
- Message sent to AM Radio Broadcast for dissemination by the news source

<u>Communication from the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff</u>

Once the Incident Public Information Officer arrives, further details will be disseminated by that Public Information Officer. A Media Release will be constructed by the PIO, vetted and approved by the Incident Commander, and then distributed to City representatives to be shared with the public. In addition, LAFD will distribute information to the public via Social Media Platforms, including Twitter, Instagram, and other local media outlets.

Hourly updates will be provided on the LA County Division VII and Lost Hills Sheriff's Facebook and Twitter page for any incident that affects cities within the Santa Monica Area. This information will come from the Official PIO account and vetted through the Incident Command.

REGIONAL COORDINATION

During an emergency of any level, the City will be in contact and coordination with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, County Public Works, Caltrans, utilities, or any other partner agency that is responding or relevant to the incident.

During a regional emergency declared by the county, state, or federal government, the City will coordinate with the County Office of Emergency Management to ensure unified messaging about incident. In order to ensure unified messaging, the City will only post-incident emergency information that has been approved by the agency that has jurisdiction over the incident. The City may still post-emergency and incident information that is directly under the City's purview.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Non-English-Speaking Population
Spanish is the second most common language spoken in Agoura Hills.   Therefore, the City will issue emergency alerts, evacuation notifications and other emergency information in English and Spanish.

Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Population
The City will make every reasonable attempt to locate and assist people with access and functional needs during an emergency. The City will coordinate with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Team members, volunteers with Meals on Wheels, Sheriff's Volunteers on Patrol (VOPs) and other community-based organizations, non-profits and faith groups to conduct wellness checks.