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FIRE PREVENTION BOOKLET TO AID HILLSIDE HOME, PROPERTY OWNERS

A 34-page homeowners' fire prevention booklet is now available for residents and property owners in Los Angeles County's fire-prone hillside areas, Supervisor Deane Dana said Tuesday (June 29).

The booklet, "A Homeowners Guide to Fire and Watershed Management at the Chaparral/ Urban Interface," was written by Klaus Radtke, senior deputy forester, under a joint contract between the county Forester/ Fire Warden and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service.

It contains information targeted at preventing water erosion, brush clearance suggestions and what to consider in fire management.

"We have received widespread support for preparation of this booklet from residents in the county and even fire departments in other Southern California counties," Dana said.

"Fires, and the slide and mud damage that inevitably follows each winter, are a constant menace to homeowners and property owners. This booklet will provide another tool in helping people help themselves," Dana said.

"In a very real sense, this booklet can help save homes and lives in the years ahead, and with it millions of dollars and the heartaches that arise from the tragedy of fire and flood," Dana added.

The booklets are expected to be made available at fire stations, libraries, chambers of commerces throughout county fire-prone areas.

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