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AGENDA PLACEMENT MEMO

DATE: March 20, 2025
TO: Commissioners Court
FROM: Chief Mike Lugo
SUBJECT: Burn Ban

REQUESTED ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the issuance of a county-wide burn ban for a period not to exceed 90 days and to authorize the Commissioners Court, and/or the County Judge the authority to lift the order banning outdoor burning if conditions improve

BACKGROUND

Williamson County has been seeing elevated fire weather conditions throughout the past two weeks. There is minimal rain in the forecast. I recommend that our county goes into a Burn Ban until our area receives an adequate amount of rain to add fuel moisture to the vegetation, and humidity levels increase. Our area fire departments have been doing an outstanding job controlling the wildfires that do start. Multiple fire departments in our county have also been contributing fire vehicles with staff to stage a Wildland Task Force in the centralized area of our county to readily respond anywhere in our county with multiple wildland (brush) trucks, a water tender truck, a Type-1 Fire Engine (Fire Engine), and a command vehicle (Taskforce Leader). By having these teams on standby the past few days, mainly on High Fire Weather, Fire Danger days, have been instrumental in ensuring our county is safer and resilient with wildfires that do occur.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Increased Level of staff responses to potential violations and wildfires.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

This order shall remain in effect until the Burn Ban is terminated by Williamson County Commissioners Court or the County Judge determines that drought conditions have reduced due to sufficient precipitation.