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NIGUEL FIRE REACHES 100% CONTAINMENT

Laguna Niguel, CA – On Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. the City of Laguna Niguel was informed by the Orange County Fire Authority that the Niguel Fire has reached 100% containment.

The City was fortunate to have received swift aid from various public safety personnel, including the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), and neighboring public agencies. The Niguel Fire was maintained at approximately 4 acres, with no damage to structures, and no reported injuries.

The brush fire, now known as the Niguel Fire, began at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in the canyon of the Salt Creek Corridor Regional Park in Laguna Niguel. Fire crews responded quickly to the area near Niguel Road and Ridgeway Avenue and began to aggressively fight the blaze from both the ground and the air. Road closures were initially put into place at Beacon Hill, Ridgeway, Niguel, South Peak, and Clubhouse as a precaution to allow public safety crews to access the area.

In response to the fire, the City quickly activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and established a Temporary Care and Reception Shelter Center at the Crown Valley Community Center, located at 29751 Crown Valley Parkway. Fortunately, no evacuation orders were ever put in place.

Fire strike teams remained onsite at the burn area throughout Tuesday night and Wednesday morning to address hotspots and treat minor flare ups. Crews will continue to patrol the area throughout the day, and as necessary.

"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated public safety personnel, our invaluable city staff, and our supportive neighboring agencies for their unwavering commitment in providing critical resources to our City during this challenging incident," said Mayor Kelly Jennings. "Together, we will move forward, united in our mission to keep our community safe and well-informed."

The cause of the Niguel Fire is currently under investigation with no cause yet identified. Additional information regarding the Niguel Fire can be found on the City's dedicated Niguel Fire webpage at www.cityoflagunaniguel.org/niguelfire.

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