



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, May 26, 2022 3:00pm-5:00pm
Via Zoom Teleconference

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TIMING OF AGENDA ITEMS: *Approximate times are included below but may vary to accommodate appropriate discussion time and attention to the individual items.*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors: Larry Nagel and Kevin Padian

Public Members: Katie Gluck, Peter Guerrero, Peter Liddell, Danielle Madugo, Paul Moss, David Spath

Staff: General Manager Bill Hansell

Consultant: Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Johnny Valenzuela

Members of the Public: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

This place on the agenda is reserved for comments and inquiries concerning matters that do not otherwise appear on the agenda.

Paul Moss noted that he was approached by a neighbor who was unaware that the EPC meeting and the Board meeting are recorded and are available on our website.

Larry Nagel congratulated Johnny Valenzuela for running three successful neighborhood meetings last weekend.

3. ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed below are consent items, which are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. Reports and recommendations prior to assigning consent item designations to the various items have been received and considered. Copies of the reports are on file in the Fire Protection District Administrative Office at 217 Arlington Avenue and are available to the public. The disposition of the item is indicated. There will be no separate discussion of consent items. If discussion is requested for an item, that item will be removed from the list of consent items and considered separately on the agenda. (Supporting material)

a. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2022 (Approve)

MOTION: Nagel/Spath to approve the minutes.

Motion adopted by consensus.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on status of RFP and survey plans for EWAs

Kevin noted that Bill agreed to attempt to locate an RFP for an LRAD system and that the survey was postponed until the RFP has been circulated. Bill Hansell noted that he is still working on locating an RFP. David Spath asked if we would send the RFP to several vendors. Kevin noted that the Board may want to do this.

b. FireWise Communities: Plan to report to KFPD Board on potential action

Action = Discuss and make decisions about related issues, including (1) whole community vs. neighborhoods, (2) house hardening to resist fire vs. retaining insurance, and (3) efforts that the District could vs. should potentially take; appointment of members to research certain issues further.

Kevin stated that in bringing this topic to the Board there are the three issues as stated above.

(1) Whole community vs neighborhood. Johnny noted that we can have Kensington become a Firewise Community. Johnny thinks that having only one would be easier. We could target the entire ridge line as the starting point. David Spath noted that there is a lot more outreach that needs to be done. More important, we need to get individuals engaged. Peter Guerrero noted that a community wide plan reduces the administrative overhead and will make it easier to get volunteers. Johnny noted that not every single home has to be on board to obtain the Firewise designation. Peter noted that Berkeley has staff to help with the compliance, and suggested that if the Firewise community begins to take hold, the KFPD should allocate resources to assist Johnny. Paul Moss noted that Orinda has 30 Firewise communities while Berkeley has one, and it isn't clear which approach is more effective. Dave Spath noted that Chief Winnacker did not suggest that there was any advantage to consolidating the 30 Firewise communities, and that having contiguous homes in smaller communities also had advantages. Danielle Madugo noted that Firewise communities can be as small as 8 homes and as large as 2500 communities and that a community requires a board of neighbors to file the reports.

Peter Guerrero noted that all of the Firewise communities will have approximately the same applications. Paul Moss and Peter Guerrero volunteered to speak with Chief Winnacker to determine how much of an administrative burden Firewise communities are.

Paul Moss asked Johnny Valenzuela how difficult it was to establish a community in Mosquito, El Dorado County. Johnny noted that there was a lot of effort by the neighbors because the Mosquito Fire District was not supportive of the program. Johnny believes it will not be as much of a problem here because of the resources provided by KFPD.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Measure X Funding and PG&E undergrounding (Supporting Materials)

Action = Recommend to the Board to send a letter (or ask Bill or the Chief) to Supt. Gioia asking about the potential availability of funds from Measure X for vegetation reduction and removal along the WUI, and to ask him about the possibility that PG&E could underground their high-risk power lines and other lines in the Wildcat Canyon vicinity.

Action = forward a draft letter to the KFPD Board

Kevin suggested that we draft a letter to Supervisor John Gioia to pursue funding from Measure X for fuel reduction projects as well as undergrounding PG&E undergrounding projects. Peter Guerrero suggested that this might be better handled by having our Chief contact the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CON Fire) regarding Measure X funds. Bill Hansell agreed that we should ask Interim Chief Jose Castrejon to pursue this matter. Peter Guerrero noted that being a Firewise community might expedite obtaining

Measure X funds. Peter also noted that we need to work with EBRPD on fuel reduction.

b. Brief report on new developments from Berkeley's recent wildfire preparedness meeting

Peter Guerrero noted that they inspected 7,644 homes and 5,784 homes passed. An architect noted that 90% of the fire risk is from embers. This compares to Kensington where 98% of the properties pass inspection. Bill Hansell noted that the Board will be considering mitigation at the June Board meeting.

6. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Johnny Valenzuela gave a report on the Block Parties that were held recently. The slides of Johnny's presentation are attached. Johnny noted that it is important to have the Fire Department at these parties as well as members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Danielle Madugo asked if Johnny will be sharing various neighborhood projects and Johnny said that information would be available to the entire community.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Peter Guerrero reported on sudden oak death in East Bay Regional Park District parklands.

8. CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Kensington Fire Protection District will be held on June 16, 2022 at 1:00pm via Zoom Conference, unless noticed otherwise per the Brown Act.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Larry Nagel

These minutes were approved at the Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on June 16, 2022.

Attest:

Emergency Preparedness Committee Member

Supplementary Material: Draft Letter to KFPD Board to Supervisor Gioia

Dear Supervisor Gioia:

The Kensington Fire Protection Board understands that over \$3 million in Measure X funds are available for vegetation reduction and removal in Contra Costa County. Priorities are being set by CCCFD in consultation with local FDs. As you know, Kensington is in a very dangerous part of the WUI bordering Tilden Park, and several trail areas such as Schoolhouse and Hilltop are adjacent to areas that could be cleaned up. We write to ask about the priority that the County has placed on Kensington for reception of some Measure X funds for these purposes. We realize that large-ticket infrastructure items, such as (re-)opening fire stations in rural areas, have been given first priority in Measure X funding as a whole. We ask whether there are specific funds for which we can apply.

We also know that your office is monitoring the question of how PG&E is identifying high risk power lines in our area that they can begin undergrounding. We understand that they have been making repairs to some large trestles, such as those along Moeser Lane into Wildcat Canyon, but we urge your support for corridors along the WUI in Kensington, some of which have poles that are over 60 years old and in deteriorating shape. These are impediments to evacuation of areas with few, narrow, convoluted roads and a danger of falling over during earthquake and wildfire. We ask if PG&E has presented you any plans and a potential schedule for undergrounding their equipment in Kensington and our immediate area.

As always, we thank you for your attention to Kensington's needs and issues.

Cc: Interim Chief Jose Castrejon



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR

MAY 2022



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***WILDFIRE COMMUNITY
PREPAREDNESS DAY***

SATURDAY MAY 7 2022

KENSINGTON PARK 11am-1:00pm

**KIDS' ACTIVITIES & "TOUCH-A-TRUCK"
LOCAL ORGANIZATION BOOTHS & FOOD TRUCK**







A man wearing a white polo shirt, blue jeans, and a black baseball cap stands on a paved path, looking towards the camera.

A woman wearing a red polo shirt, black pants, a black baseball cap, and a white face mask stands with her hands on her hips, looking towards the man.

Muddy Matters
Water Safety

American Red Cross





NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

BLOCK PARTY

Safety starts at home.



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DON'T MISS A CRITICAL MESSAGE!

COMPLETE THESE STEPS TO KNOW WHEN AN EMERGENCY IS OCCURRING AT HOME.

1. ADD THE CWS CONTACT CARD TO YOUR MOBILE DEVICE'S CONTACT LIST.



Some cell carriers categorize unknown callers as spam. Download the card now and enable Emergency Bypass for the contact.

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE CONTACT CARD

CWS 925-655-0195

2. REGISTER WITH CWS TO ENSURE YOUR DEVICE RECEIVES ALERTS.



Central Costa County Community Warning Systems (CWS) will work with first responders to contact residents during an emergency. Registration is vital to receiving alerts.

SCAN TO VISIT THE REGISTRATION SITE

VISIT: CWSALERTS.COM

3. OPT-IN TO NIXLE BY TEXTING YOUR ZIP CODE TO '888777' ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE.



Nixle is a notification platform controlled by local public safety agencies. Kensington Police and Fire use Nixle to communicate directly with the community.

SCAN FOR THE NIXLE APP

VISIT: WWW.NIXLE.COM

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RED FLAG DAYS REQUIRE YOUR ACTION!
KNOW WHEN YOU NEED TO BE READY.

Register for Red Flag and Emergency Preparedness Email Notifications from Kensington Fire Protection District.

- STAY INFORMED OF RED FLAG DAYS
- PACK YOUR GO BAG
- STAY AWARE OF WILDFIRE RISKS
- STAGE YOUR CAR FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION
- HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS PREPARE

TO SUBSCRIBE, SEND AN EMAIL TO: SUBSCRIBE@KENSINGTONFIRE.ORG

SCAN TO SUBSCRIBE FOR EMAIL ALERTS



WHAT IS A RED FLAG WARNING?

Red Flag Warnings are Issued by the National Weather Service when conditions combine to produce the possibility of extreme fire behavior. Be ready on Red Flag Days.



@kensingtonfpd

PRIORITY FOCUS ON COMMUNICATION

- CWS Registration
- CWS Contact Card
- Red Flag Email Notifications
- Opt-Into Nixle

CONCERNS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

- **EB Parks Vegetation Management Plans**
- **Alternative Warning Systems that don't rely on personal electronics**
- **PG&E Lines**
- **Insurance Non-Renewals**
- **Illegal Fireworks**
- **Parking Red Flag Days**
- **Evacuation Routes**
- **Hazardous Plant Removal**



Do you want Kensington to be a Firewise community?

WHAT IS A FIREWISE COMMUNITY IN CALIFORNIA?

The Firewise USA program is a part of California's efforts to ensure communities are prepared against wild-fire, and CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal's new Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation Division works to assist local communities in receiving this designation.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A FIREWISE COMMUNITY?

- Benefits of Firewise communities reach beyond fire protection
- Doable, cost-effective plans.
- Feel safer in our environment.
- Prepared to act quickly.
- Invest in education, safety.
- Get involved, learn more.

6 STEPS TO BECOMING A FIREWISE COMMUNITY

- Form a board/committee comprised of residents and other wildfire stakeholders
- Obtain a wildfire risk assessment from the Fire Department
- Host a minimum of one wildfire risk reduction educational outreach event, or related activity
- Develop a multi-year action plan based on the site's risk reduction priorities
- Meet the minimum wildfire risk reduction investment
- Create a Firewise USA® Portal account and submit an application to your state Firewise USA liaison



SCAN TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT WWW.KENSINGTONFIRE.ORG/KENSINGTONFIREWISE



FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

• CERT TRAINING

In a disaster, you may be on your own. Your neighbors are learning what to do...are you? The Community Emergency Response Team will learn to help themselves and others! Through CERT you can receive:

- Disaster First Aid Training
- Disaster Preparedness
- Basic Firefighting
- Light Search and Rescue
- Damage Assessment
- How to Turn Off Utilities



WATCH CERT IN ACTION FROM FEMA



• CPR/FIRST AID

NEXT SESSION: Saturday, May 21, 2022

The El Cerrito / Kensington Fire Department offers the following classes to the general public:

- Adult CPR with AED
- Child CPR
- Infant CPR
- Basic First Aid

Space is limited. Priority registration is available for Kensington and El Cerrito residents. The processing fee is \$55 for CPR and \$110 for CPR/First Aid for El Cerrito and Kensington residents. Non-residents will pay \$65 for CPR and \$130 for CPR/First Aid.

Classes are offered throughout the year. Registration is necessary and has already begun for these classes. Space is limited. Priority registration is available for Kensington and El Cerrito residents. The processing fee is \$55 for CPR and \$110 for CPR/First Aid for El Cerrito and Kensington residents. Non-residents will pay \$65 for CPR and \$130 for CPR/First Aid.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT WWW.KENSINGTONFIRE.ORG/COMMUNITY-PROGRAMS

SCAN TO VIEW TRAINING OPTIONS



INITIATIVE FOR SUBSIDIZED HAZARDOUS PLANT REMOVAL



JUNIPER

SCOTCH BROOM

BAMBOO

House hardening has become a significant focus of emergency preparedness in California. The Marin Independent Journal described a county-wide effort to motivate homeowners to modify their vegetation to improve public safety. This has also become an issue of home insurance, which should be a major focus of Kensington's Fire Protection District, as the Kensington Property Owners Association and other civic groups have pointed out.

To learn more information and to be notified when this program goes live, scan the QR Code below, or visit www.kensingtonfire.org/plants.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT WWW.KENSINGTONFIRE.ORG/PLANTS

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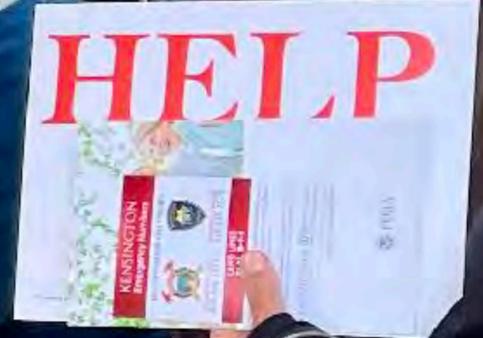




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Warning System (CWS) contact residents during... on the Bay Area's



HIGHLAND BLVD 5/7



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IN THIS AREA WE BELIEVE...
NO HATE...
LOVE IS LOVE

LAKE DRIVE 5/22



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LAKE DRIVE BLOCK PARTY

KENSINGTON EVACUATION DRILL

Informational posters and QR codes for community events.

LAKE DRIVE 5/22



HIGHLAND BLOCK PARTY Preparedness Assessment

This assessment will help the Kensington Fire Protection District know how prepared your street is for emergencies. Your neighborhood will see how your street compares with others in Kensington. We will use these scores to improve our community programs.

1. Which street do you live on?: _____

2. Is the CWS phone number added to your mobile phone contacts?

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER	YES	NO
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3. Did you register with CWS for emergency alerts?

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER	YES	NO
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4. Is your Go Bag packed and accessible for the upcoming fire season?

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER	YES	NO
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5. Do you have emergency supplies for shelter in place at home?

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER	YES	NO
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6. Do you have a unification plan or a meeting place established with friends/family for emergencies?

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER	YES	NO
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THE RESULTS WITH YOU SOON.**



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Highland Block Party Preparedness Assessment

This assessment will help the Kensington Fire Protection District know how prepared your street is for emergencies. Your neighborhood will see how your street compares with others in Kensington. We will also use these scores to improve our initiatives for the community.

jvalenzuela@kensingtonfire.org (not shared) [Switch account](#)

* Required

Select your street name. *

Choose

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BLOCK PARTY PREPAREDNESS METRICS

	EVACUATION DRILL SURVEY RESULTS	HIGHLAND BLVD BLOCK PARTY	KENSINGTON CT BLOCK PARTY	LAKE DRIVE BLOCK PARTY	RUGBY AVE BLOCK PARTY
The CWS phone number added to mobile phone contacts.	45.7%	63.2%	63.6%	75%	
Registered with CWS for emergency alerts.	96.1%	78.9%	81.8%	87.5%	
Go Bag packed and accessible for the upcoming fire season.	67.7%	52.6%	54.5%	75%	TBD
Emergency supplies for shelter in place at home.	67.4%	84.2%	72.7%	93.8%	
Reunification plan or a meeting place established with friends/family for emergencies.	55.1%	52.6%	45.5%	56.3%	

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JUNE 3RD - RUGBY AVE

5:30 PM



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