



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, September 22, 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. (3:00pm) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors: Larry Nagel and Kevin Padian

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

Staff: General Manager Bill Hansell

Consultant: Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Johnny Valenzuela

2. (3:01pm) PUBLIC COMMENT

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

3. (3:06pm) 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 Meeting of July 28, 2022 (Approve)

b. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of August 25, 2022 (Approve)

(3:10pm) OLD BUSINESS

a. Planned priorities for EPC during the coming year

This item was postponed from the August meeting so that more EPC members could participate. We need to review and prioritize the projects we've taken on or at least discussed this year. To quote EPC member Paul Moss, *"I think it would be very helpful if we just concentrate on establishing and listing the priorities and assigning tasks/actions with timelines to designated committee members. Personally, I think one of the top priorities for the next 2 months should be emphasizing the importance of heightened evacuation readiness for Kensington residents."*

Here is a list which in no way is limiting but is intended to begin the discussion.

1. Attending and organizing block parties and community events to raise awareness of the hazards of wildfires and earthquakes.

2. Evacuation route planning and evacuation drills

3. Preplanning parking on red flag days and during extreme fire weather events

4. Design and installation of an LRAD (Long Range Audio Device) to provide another form of communication in an emergency.

What have I overlooked?

4. (3:40pm) NEW BUSINESS

a. (3:40pm) Review of the Status of an RFQ for an LRAD System

To quote EPC member Katie Gluck, *“There have been times when we seem to be moving along well in the direction of having an EWS system in Kensington and being in stride with our neighbors who have left us in the dust on emergency preparedness, and then everything seems to shrivel up and EWS is treated as if it is a dirty word. To ignore the importance of having an up and operational EWS is to be in direct violation of the trust our citizens have bestowed upon us.”*

Action: Discussion

a. (4:00pm) Discuss next steps on grants and a grant writer

To quote EPC member Lisa Caronna, *“Based on the chief’s enthusiasm and knowledge of grants expressed at the last meeting I would like to know the status of the grant writer and Kensington priority projects for grant writer - if there is one.”* To quote EPC member David Spath, *“Following on Lisa’s agenda item, I would like to have a discussion about possible collaboration between the district’s grant writing efforts with that of El Cerrito on common emergency preparedness and wildfire prevention issues such as vegetation management and even early warning systems. At the last EPC meeting the chief appeared to be receptive to such collaboration and he recently shared the report on grant opportunities produced by the firm with whom El Cerrito has contracted to provide grant writing services. I don’t think that we should be competing with El Cerrito for potential grants that would benefit both the City and the district.”*

Action: Discussion

5. (4:20pm) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR’S REPORT

6. (4:40pm) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7. (4:50pm) CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. (5:00pm) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Kensington Fire Protection District will be held on October 27, 2022 at 3:00pm via Zoom Conference, unless noticed otherwise per the Brown Act.