



## KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**DATE:** May 15, 2024

**TO:** Board of Directors

**RE:** April 25, 2024 EPC Meeting Summary

**SUBMITTED BY:** Tim Barry, Interim General Manager

The Emergency Preparedness Committee hybrid meeting convened on April 25, 2024 at Room 3 of the Kensington Community Center at 4 p.m., rather than the usual start time of 3 p.m. The Board will be asked to approve this new regular start time at the board's May 15th meeting.

The Committee discussed the draft Work Plan with board feedback from their April 17th board meeting, and put the item over to the next Committee meeting after further feedback from the board is attained.

The Committee heard a report from IGM Barry about his recent contacts with EBRPD to discuss further actions possible to better safeguard the Kensington community from possible wildfire from Tilden Park. He said the board would like a presentation from EBRPD on their efforts and possible partnership opportunities going forward. The committee discussed several other people at various neighboring agencies who may have insight into what may be best practices for Kensington's specific case. We also reviewed questions that the subcommittee looking into things to discuss with EBRPD had come up with. Barry will work on this.

The committee also discussed revising the replanting grant program to also pay for removal of hazardous vegetation as opposed only to new plantings after the hazardous vegetation was abated.

Further discussions took place on the following topics: Recent simulations of how Kensington's buildings would fare in an earthquake, grant opportunities and learn from other district partnerships with EBRPD, consulting with our fire chief on ideas to discuss with EBRPD for fire prevention and fuels reduction, Firewise programs, CERT programs, and practical vehicles to raising funds for fire prevention.