



**DATE:** March 19, 2025  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**RE:** Approve Volunteer Resident Appointment to Emergency Preparedness Committee  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Mary A. Morris-Mayorga, General Manager

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## Recommended Action

Staff recommends:

- the President consider appointing Annette McCoubrey as a volunteer resident to the Emergency Preparedness Committee; and
- the Board consider approval of the appointment.

## Background

The District received an application from Annette McCoubrey to serve on the Emergency Preparedness Committee as a volunteer resident. Relevant sections of *Policy 1140 Committees of the Board of Directors* are listed below:

1140.22 An Emergency Preparedness and Warning Systems Committee composed of two members of the Board of Directors, plus a supplemental number of members of the public as needed to fulfill the mission of the committee.

1140.30 The Board President shall appoint and publicly announce the Board members of the standing committees for the ensuing year at the Board's regular meeting in January, subject to approval of the Board.

1140.33 The President may appoint or remove members of the public at any time, subject to approval of the Board.

1140.60 . The Board's standing Emergency Preparedness Committee shall be concerned with (1) recommendations for allocations of effort and funding of initiatives to make Kensington safer from potential civic emergencies, using a multi-hazard approach; (2) identifying opportunities for articulation with community members and other agencies to reduce risk and enhance evacuation procedures and public safety; (3) development of public education initiatives to accomplish the first two goals; (4) articulation with the KPPCSD standing committee on Emergency Preparedness, as well as other Local, County, and State agencies, to achieve the previous goal.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee reviewed Annette McCoubrey's application and recommended the approval of his appointment by the Board to serve as a volunteer resident on the committee.

## Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact from this item.

## Attachments:

Application to Serve on the KFPD Emergency Preparedness Committee from Annette McCoubrey



## KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Application to Serve on the KFPD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Name: Annette McCoubrey Date: 1/11/2025

*(Please do not supply private contact information; this document is accessible to the public.)*

- I am a Kensington resident aged 18 or over

#### Areas of interest (check all that apply):

- Evacuation preparation
- Emergency notification (remote sensing/cameras, sirens, cell towers, radios, phones)
- Path ownership, clearing, etc.
- Articulation with other agencies (County, Parks, FireSafe Councils, other towns)
- Hazard mitigation (education about hazardous plants, house-hardening, etc.)
- CERT training and network formation
- Development of FireSafe neighborhood designations
- Public education about emergency preparedness and other topics
- Other: Emergency Communications

#### Please explain your experience AND current efforts in your areas of interest :

I am a member of the Board of the Karo Echo ham radio emergency communications club and I am interested in local emergency communications in any situation where other communication systems, i.e., phones are inoperable. Ham radio operators can facilitate communication between neighborhoods and with our first responders through their representatives in the EOC. Karo Echo would like to establish an agreement with the Fire Department to cover our participation in the response to an emergency such as an earthquake when the phone system is not operational.

As a member of the leadership team of Wildcat Watch, I am also interested in understanding how the Alert cameras are monitored and what happens to the information when an ignition is detected. Can it be disseminated more efficiently? What is appropriate for the public to be made aware of?

#### If named to the Committee, what would be your goals and objectives for your first year?

Create an agreement which will allow Karo Echo operators in Kensington to communicate with our Fire and Police in an emergency through an EOC when phones are down. We will have operators at the EOC communicating with the neighborhoods. Messages coming in will be written on a standard FEMA form and handed to the appropriate representatives at the EOC to be triaged and given to appropriate responders. Information can be communicated out to neighborhoods from the EOC also.

Wildcat Watch would like to disband but we would not be comfortable doing so until we would be notified of a fire rapidly. The AI being used on the Alert cameras appears to be quite good now but our understanding of the information distribution to us is not yet adequate when a fire is detected for us to depend on it. I would pursue improving that communication.

*Thanks for your interest. Applications will be considered on a continuous basis and/or as the need arises. Committee size is limited. Please email your application to [fire@kensingtonfire.org](mailto:fire@kensingtonfire.org).*