

**KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF A MEETING OF A STANDING COMMITTEE**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting: January 23, 2020  
Time of Meeting: 3:00 p.m.  
Place of Meeting: Arlington Community Church, Fireside Room  
52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707

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Committee Members: Kevin Padian, Larry Nagel  
Lisa Caronna, Cortis Cooper, Katie Gluck, Peter Guerrero,  
Peter Liddell, Paul Moss, David Spath  
Staff: Andrea Marie Ausberry, Interim Manager

**AGENDA**

1. Call To Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Committee Minutes
4. Old Business
  - a. Emergency radio plan – supplemental information requested by Board
  - b. Proposal for go-bags
  - c. Fire danger sign
  - d. CCC emergency protocol and authority
  - e. Transmission of EPC/Board letter to EBRPD
5. New Business
  - a. Climate Resiliency, Wildfire, Water Bond (SB 45)  
Response to Climate Bond SB 45 on March 2020 ballot, to California Special Districts Association and Recommendation to Board.
  - b. Traffic consultants' study report: discussion of basic points
  - c. Proposal for a KASEP class on CERT (information only, not KFPD business)
6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
7. Scheduling Next Meeting
8. Adjourn

## **Logistical details on proposed emergency radio plan**

1. Donations would be received by cash or check (made out to KFPD). Receipts would be provided in triplicate with name, address, and phone number. Donations would not be advertised as tax-deductible (in any case it would not be a donation unless it exceeded the value of the radio).
2. Only residents of Kensington (property owners and renters alike) are eligible and ID is required. If a neighbor is procuring a radio for a housebound neighbor or someone who cannot attend, their name, address, and phone should be supplied.
3. Limit of one radio per household member.
4. It would be difficult logistically to give priority to particular classes of individuals; the best approach may be when advertising the distribution to remind people to think of their neighbors in need when requesting reservations.
5. The radios are equipped with a USB-to-microUSB cable that both charges the radio and can use the radio to charge other devices (such as laptop or cellphone) from its power supply. However it does not have a connecting plug AC-USB, and many people will not have one (or a spare one), so these could be made available as part of the distribution (value \$1-2 each).



January 9, 2020

The Honorable Beverly Lane  
Director, Ward 6  
East Bay Regional Parks District  
2950 Peralta Oaks Court  
Oakland, CA 94605-0381

Dear Ms. Lane:

At a few EBRPD Board Meetings ago, I spoke, on behalf of the Kensington Fire Protection District, at the Public Comment session of the meeting about the need to upgrade the EBRPD Fuel Reduction Plan. Cortis Cooper, a member of the KFPD Emergency Preparedness Committee, also spoke about the need for a more aggressive Fuel Reduction Plan. Of course, in the three minutes allotted to each of us for public comment, we couldn't really get into details. During a break at that Board meeting, you asked me for more information on where we thought the plan was lacking and what steps we thought was needed to improve the plan. I have attached a much more comprehensive report written by Cortis Cooper for your perusal.

The entire eastern border of Kensington resides on the boundary of Tilden Park, along the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), and is designated by Cal Fire as an extreme the highest fire danger area. Understandably, the Kensington Fire Protection District and the residents of Kensington are concerned about the dangers of wildfire in our community. As detailed in the report by Cortis, the fuel load in Tilden Park, specifically, and Wildcat Canyon, in general, has increased dramatically in the last 100 years. Moreover, climate change has ushered in much more severe weather, and specifically severe wind storms, which has created severe risks of wind-driven ember fires that cannot be contained merely by fire breaks. A fire in the middle of Tilden Park, for example, could ignite wind-driven ember fires miles from the fire. We have seen this in the Tubbs fire in Sonoma County, the Camp Fire in Butte County, and the Carr Fire in Shasta and Trinity Counties. This is the world that we live in now.

The only solution to the exponentially increasing risk of ember-driven fire is to reduce the fuel load everywhere. I understand how massive a project this is, and how limited the EBRPD resources are, but it is our hope that EBRPD can undertake a much more aggressive program to reduce the fuel load in all of the EBRPD parks.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or want to talk further.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence W. Nagel  
Director, Kensington Fire Protection District

**From:** Colleen Haley <[colleenh@csda.net](mailto:colleenh@csda.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 10:53 AM  
**Subject:** CSDA URGENT Feedback Request: Climate resiliency/wildfire/water bonds (SB 45)

Dear CSDA Bay Area Members:

You may have seen from our E-News Updates, or received a personal email from me, that URGENT feedback is needed on the Climate Bond recently proposed. Once again, for those who attended our Climate Adaptation Roundtable, this is the same Climate Bond mentioned by Senator Nancy Skinner. The proposal is now in draft form, has a bill number (SB 45) and an author (Senator Ben Allen) and CSDA is looking for member feedback.

The Legislature will be pushing hard to pass a climate resiliency/wildfire/water bond through session with urgency as soon as possible (**starting this week**) and CSDA needs your input as soon as possible. The Administration reportedly is also engaging on these bonds and will be a driving factor in the final product.

The Senate version is the most complete, and legislators have organized behind [SB 45 \(Allen\)](#) which would enact the Wildlife, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020. This measure would take effect immediately and seeks to place a \$4.3 billion general obligation bond before voters on the March 2020 ballot.

At least 35 percent of the funds available are to be allocated for projects serving disadvantaged communities, vulnerable populations, or economically distressed areas. At least 15 percent of the funds available will be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities.

SB 45 appears to be a dressed-up version of Proposition 3, which was defeated by voters last year and would have authorized \$8.87 billion in bonds for similar purposes, with SB 45 adding some fire prevention funding.

This measure will go quickly once the legislative session starts back up and has a potentially large pot of money going toward projects important to special districts. [Our ability to successfully engage on this measure will depend on your specific feedback and your ability to provide it quickly.](#) I apologize in advance for the urgent request over the holidays.

**Please provide your best feedback ASAP!**

**Please read the section(s) of this bill that may pertain to your district's operations, as detailed below, and then answer the questions that follow:**

Bond proceeds will be allocated as follows:

- **General Provisions:** including definitions, how the funds may be used, grant eligibility, and applicant eligibility. See Chapter 1 (beginning at Section 80200)

- **Wildfire Prevention and Community Resilience from Climate Impacts:** \$1,619,000,000 for wildfire prevention, drought, or other natural disaster prevention and community resilience from climate change impacts. See Chapter 2 (beginning at Section 80220). Note: “Fire hardening” is defined in Chapter 1, Section 80203 (f).
- **Ensuring Safe Drinking Water and Protecting Water Supply and Water Quality from Climate Risks:** \$1,170,000,000 for providing safe drinking water and protecting water supply and water quality from climate risks. See Chapter 3 (beginning at Section 80230).
- **Protecting Fish and Wildlife from Climate Risks:** \$520,000,000 for protecting fish and wildlife from climate risks. See Chapter 4 (beginning at Section 80240).
- **Protecting Agricultural Lands from Climate Risks:** \$190,000,000 for protecting agricultural land from climate risks. See Chapter 5 (beginning at Section 80250).
- **Protecting Coastal Lands, Bays, and Oceans from Climate Risks:** \$630,000,000 for protecting coastal lands, oceans, bays, waters, natural resources, and wildlife from climate risks. See Chapter 6 (beginning at Section 80260).
- **Climate Resilience, Workforce Development, and Education:** 60,000,000 for climate resilience, workforce development, and education. See Chapter 7 (beginning at Section 80270). Note: This section includes grant funding for career pathways for fire prevention and park and open space operations, among others, as well as funding for community colleges and the CSU and UC systems for fire education purposes.
- **Fiscal Provisions:** issuance procedures and mechanisms necessary for the State Treasurer and the Department of Finance to implement the bond act. See Chapter 8 (beginning at Section 80400).

**Please respond to the following questions:**

1. **Does the bill as written accomplish the goals set forth by the author's office to effectively address the impacts stated?**

The author's office states, "SB 45 proposes a general obligation bond to inject much needed revenue to address these impacts. The measure proposes to fund projects to reduce fire risk and restore already damaged areas; restore and protect impacted wetlands, watersheds, waterways, coastal resources, and fish and wildlife populations; reduce impacts in local communities and on vulnerable populations; and improve the resiliency of the state's water supplies and agricultural lands."

2. **Do you have input on the funding priorities? Any verbiage that is alarming or limiting that we should try to clarify?**

(§80202) Funding priority will be given to projects that:

- Leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest public benefit.
- Reduce near-term risks of climate impacts while promoting long-term resilience.
- Promote equity, foster community resilience, and protect the most vulnerable by prioritizing projects that meaningfully benefit disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.
- Incorporate natural and green infrastructure solutions that enhance and protect natural resources, rural environments, and urban environments, including those that preserve or restore ecological or engineered systems in ways that support natural system functions, services, and quality, and that reduce risk.
- Avoid solutions that would likely worsen climate impacts or transfer risks unreasonably from one area, location, or social group, to another.

- Advance solutions to prevent displacement of low-income residents that could occur as an unintended consequence of a project that causes an increase in the cost of owning or renting property.
3. **Do you have a specific concern related to project eligibility, as proposed below (from Chapter 1) or as proposed in the criteria under one of the other Chapter sections?**
- (§80206) To be awarded a grant:**
- (a) The expenditure will reduce the risk of wildfire, flood, sea level rise, unhealthy exposure to heat or air pollution, or other danger that is associated with, or exacerbated by, climate change, or any combination of these things.
  - (b) The expenditure will increase the resilience of a community of residents, workers, visitors, or a natural system to the risks of wildfire, flood, sea level rise, unhealthy exposure to heat or pollution, or other danger that is associated with or exacerbated by climate change, or any combination of these things.
  - (c) The expenditure will help a community recover from the impacts of a wildfire, flood, drought, or other climate-related events, or help restore a natural system or public recreation areas from the impacts of wildfire, flooding, drought, or other climate-related events, or any combination of these things.
  - (d) The expenditure will help a community develop a plan for or analysis to support increasing the community's resilience to the impacts of climate change, responding to wildfire, flood, drought, unhealthy exposure to heat or pollution, or other danger associated with or exacerbated by climate change, recovering from damage from wildfire, flood, drought, or other events associated with or exacerbated by climate change, or helping train a workforce to improve resilience, response, or recovery from events that are associated with or exacerbated by climate change, or any combination of these things.
  - (e) The expenditure will help improve the resilience of a community's water supplies or provide safe drinking water or clean water benefits in light of California's changing climate.
4. **Q: Do you feel your district should be eligible for proposed grant funding but is not or may not be as currently proposed in the criteria set forth to guide an administrative agency's funding in each category?**

- a. **If you feel your district is not eligible, please site the specific section of statute and provide suggestion for clarifying language or proposed amendments to remedy the situation, if possible.**

Note: CSDA has requested clarification from the author offices pertaining to their intent in calling out specific district types throughout the bill and will seek clarification that

special districts are covered under the general terms also used “public agency/local agency.” Your input on applicant eligibility is welcomed.

5. **Other concerns or comments?**
  
6. **Would you like to continue to be included on updates relating to these bonds as they move forward?**

The Assembly is still sorting through which of two existing bond bills will be the one they put forward as an alternative to the Senate bond proposal and who will be the lead author, but it is anticipated it will be a bill from Assembly member Eduardo Garcia, with Assembly member Mullin as co-author. Bills [AB 352](#) (E. Garcia) and [AB 1298](#) (Mullin) are the current forms and are provided for your reference as well – it may be a new vehicle entirely, but whatever bill results from their efforts is expected to encompass provisions from both bills. CSDA’s lobbyist, Alyssa Silhi is monitoring all the climate related legislation and she or I will send out the bill once it becomes clear what will be moving forward. Currently, these bills have a November 2020 ballot target.

Thanks very much,  
Colleen

**Colleen Haley**  
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