

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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2019
Time of Meeting: 3:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Kensington Public Safety Building
217 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707

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Committee Members: Kevin Padian and Larry Nagel
Staff: Brenda Navellier, Manager

AGENDA

1. Call To Order
2. Public Comment
3. Review and Possible Recommendation of EPC Committee Applicant(s)
 - a. Lisa Caronna
 - b. Cortis Cooper
 - c. Katie Gluck
 - d. Paul Guerrero
 - e. Peter Liddell
 - f. Pamella Martin
 - g. Paul Moss
 - h. David Spath
4. Discussion/Direction on EPC Committee Meeting Schedule
5. Discussion/Direction on Next Steps for Public Education
6. Adjourn

For time and date of the next meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection Emergency Preparedness Committee, contact the District office, 217 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707, 510/527-8395 or fire@kensingtonfire.org

KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE KFPD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Name: Lisa Caronna

Date: June 18, 2019

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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: _____

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

The Kensington pedestrian routes to safety and especially the Kensington paths are a primary interest of mine. Assuring their permanence in our community and improving their usability as potential evacuation or access route options during a wildland fire or other catastrophic event are paramount. This applies to both the paths between parcels that have been used by the public for a century as well as paths in our park, through the Blake Garden, along the ridgeline in Tilden Park, etc. As part of the Kensington Pathkeepers founding members, we are working with our community and our local and regional agencies to secure the paths between residences under the ownership of a public agency ensuring their permanence so we can then work toward their improvement.

I am also on the board of the Kensington Improvement Club (KIC) - a group of citizens who come together to make improvements to the public spaces, conduct an annual town hall meeting, and work on a variety of local issues. One of the focuses of the KIC has been organizing path clearing and maintenance projects which occur approximately 5 times a year.

My unique past work experience in local government (Parks & Waterfront Director for 7 years and then Deputy City Manager for City of Berkeley for 7 years) give me an informed view of how government works and the importance of public involvement. I am also a licensed landscape architect who's 18-year active career prior to going to the City of Berkeley focused on

the planning and design of public and quasi-public spaces. Hence, I have a keen interest in the design and use of public open space such as parks, public paths and trails.

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

Goals for the first year:

- Work with the committee to establish the priorities and action plan of the committee as a whole.
- Work with the evacuation and access planning efforts to incorporate all options.
- Develop data on where the paths are most useful for evacuation and how many homes would potentially be aided by their use during an event.
- Educate those with the option to evacuate via a path to make it part of their thought process when considering options to safety.
- Assist with coordination of other agencies as needed.

*Thanks for your interest. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Committee size is limited.
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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE KFPD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Name: Cortis Cooper

Date: 6/24/19

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- Other: _____

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

1. Co-initiator and principal of Kensington Neighbors for Wildfire Prevention, a grass-roots organization of about 100 resident living near Wildcat Canyon. Attached is a summary of our major activities over the past year.
2. CERT Block Captain for N. Purdue Ave. CERT certified April 2019.
3. Working with U. of Nevada to install surveillance camera on my house or Volmer Peak.
4. Regularly communicating with EBRPD Fire Chief regarding fuel reduction in Wildcat Park.
5. PhD in Environmental Engineering and 40 years of experience working on applied geophysical science problems as an oceanographer. Co-author of 5 National Academy of Science reports on various environmental issues. Served on scientific advisory committees for about a dozen Federal studies and agencies.

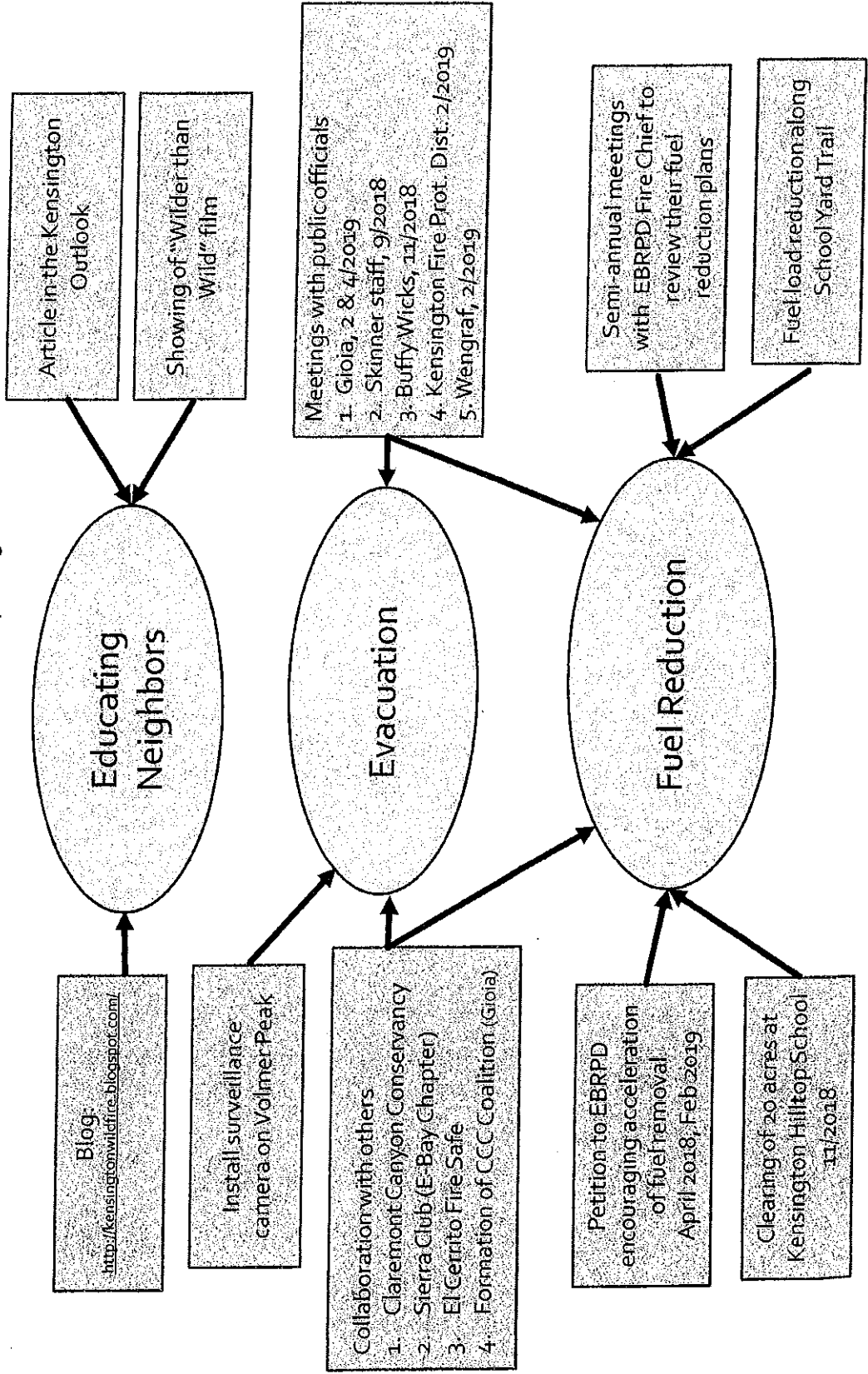
If named to the Committee, what would be your goals and objectives for your first year?

1. Continue to push EBRPD to accelerate fuel reduction in Wildcat and Tilden which in its present state represents the biggest threat to safety in Kensington.
2. Push to get surveillance cameras installed for the upcoming fire season. This would include setting up 24/7 monitoring of the camera output during Red Flag days.
3. Monitor the evacuation study being undertaken by the ECFD to make sure it is scientifically credible and realistic.
4. Push the ECFD to do a better job with CERT organization and training. The present system is a good foundation but could use serious improvement.

Kensington Neighbors for Wildfire Prevention

Activities

March 2018 – May 2019



Kensington Fire Protection District

Application to serve on the KFPD Emergency Preparedness
Committee

Name: *KARIE GLUCK*

Date: *06/25/19*

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 - CERT training and network formation
 - Development of FireSafe neighborhood designations
 - Public education about emergency preparedness and other topics
 - Other:
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Please explain your experience AND current efforts in your areas of interest:

co-chair of KPSC for a number of yrs.

WELL OVER 100 hrs. of EMERGENCY-DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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

GATHERING USEFUL INFORMATION TO BE USED BY THE BOARD IN MAKING WISE DECISIONS FOR THE WELL BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY. ATTAINING A MORE COHESIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE 2 DISTRICTS - K-GROUPS & "OUTLOOK" FOR THE BENEFIT OF PROPERTY & PERSONAL SAFETY.

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**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE KFPD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
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Name: Peter Guerrero

Date: 6/17/19

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- 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: _____

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

Active member of *Kensington Neighbors for Wildfire Prevention*; involved in working with the EBRPD to accelerate fuel load reduction along Wildcat ridge; coordination with Berkeley, Contra Costa, and California elected officials and Oakland and El Cerrito citizen groups on shared concerns regarding wildfire safety and evacuation. Actively involved in helping Lake Drive neighbors prepare for wildfire evacuation

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

One of the most important needs is clear, up to date communications on what's being done and what individuals can do. I'm a good planner, organizer and writer and would be happy to apply these skills to making sure the Kensington community is well informed and prepared.

I'm also interested in making sure Kensington is aware of available grants and government assistance and that our interests are represented both locally and in Sacramento.

Kensington Fire Protection District

Application to serve on the KFPD Emergency Preparedness
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Name: Peter Liddell

Date: 6/25/19

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 - Path ownership, clearing, etc.
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 - CERT training and network formation
 - Development of FireSafe neighborhood designations
 - Public education about emergency preparedness and other topics
 - Other:
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Please explain your experience AND current efforts in your areas of interest:

I have been a part of the Kensington Public Safety Council since ~2012. The KPSC is dedicated to providing information to the community with respect to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

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

I would like to see the Outlook & the two districts' websites provide useful information related to preparedness, response & recovery.

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Application to Serve on the KFPD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Name: Pamella Martin Date: 7/4/19

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- 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: Increasing online resources (checklists, guides, etc) for public access

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

I currently am involved with CERT K6 as a Block Leader and S&R Lead. I am creating the S&R start up presentation and documentation for our area to help new blocks more easily create their teams using the CERT methods and protocols.

I created a Google Drive and filled it with helpful info regarding emergency planning, preparedness, incident management, etc.

Also I am developing pre-made packets for new members, new blocks, certain activities, and various other applications so we all dont have to spend time re-inventing the wheel, just grab and email. Done, and all the helpful info and docs gets to the right person.

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

Goals: 1. develop platform to approach blocks that are not yet unified for emergency preparedness.

2. create an Area Coordinator Summit 1-2x/year and make knowledge base from their vast, varied experiences.

3. Use mass media to inform Kensington residents on a more regular basis of multiple disaster prep opportunities and prep that fit in their daily lives logically.

4. Get FD to either allow online CERT training videotaped and uploaded or allow a few residents to be instructors and offer small block style CERT trainings, even if some content gets blended or omitted.

5. Evacuation planning, drills and mapping

6. Mapping utility location for all homes and businesses, along with all pertinent data (hydrants, valves, Area boundaries, etc)

7. Making the volunteer status for CERT a little more official and interesting.

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE KFPD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Name: Paul Moss

Date: 6.18.19

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Areas of interest (check all that apply):

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

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

Experience

- * 3 yrs experience as KFD volunteer firefighter (1980s)
- * CERT trained (2007)
- * 11 yrs experience as active member of CCC Sheriff's Search & Rescue (SAR) Team (2008-present)
- * SAR trained Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder (WEMR) (2008 – present)
- * Member of CCC Medical Reserve Corp (2018-present)
- * Deployed to North Bay and Butte County fires (medical and SAR assignments (Oct/Nov 2018)
- * Presented introduction, rationale and financial argument for enrolling Kensington in Nixle to KPPCSD Board which led to Kensington subscribing to the program (2017)
- * Lead for maintaining emergency equipment supply and developing and leading drills and first aid training for S. Lake Drive neighborhood emergency group ((2009-present)

Current Efforts

- * Ongoing SAR, Medical Corp participation and lead for S. Lake Drive emergency preparedness activities
- * e.g., organized and chaired two recent S. Lake Drive emergency group meetings dedicated to wildfire preparedness/evacuation (K. Padian and L. Nagel attending). Also organized a recent neighborhood 24 hr parking exercise designed to create more room for emergency vehicle access and staging as well as efficient evacuation in the case of conflagration in Wildcat Canyon or Tilden Park
- * Attended KFPD board meetings from Nov 2018 – present
- * Observer at Orinda Evacuation drill (Feb 2019)

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

* Continue to work with neighbors on S. Lake Drive to improve personal & household emergency preparedness including evacuation plans and options. This has been my primary focus for the last 8 months given the current indicators of the impending and particularly dangerous fire season.

* Encourage households east of Lake Drive to organize neighborhood emergency preparedness groups. These are frontline high danger zones for a west moving wildfire (the Diablo Fire Safe Council may be a good source of grant money to assist these groups with related tasks). Currently I have no working relationships with people on these streets and don't know if the Fire District Inspection violations have been issued.

* Continue to attend KFPD meetings and encourage the implementation and education of early warning systems to Kensington residents.

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE KFPD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Name: David Spath

Date: June 23, 2019

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Areas of interest (check all that apply):

- X Evacuation preparation
- X Emergency notification (remote sensing/cameras, sirens, cell towers, radios, phones)
- X 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
- X Public education about emergency preparedness and other topics
- Other: _____

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

My work with the State Health Department provided me with considerable experience in preparing for and responding to emergencies. I have been trained in the Standardized Emergency Management System. I have direct experience in emergency response activities as my state program was responsible for ensuring that drinking water systems maintained their functionality during major catastrophic events such as the Northridge and Loma Prieta earthquakes, San Diego wildfires, and Sacramento Delta floods.

Presently I am involved in facilitating the acquisition of Kensington's paths, which can play a critical role in emergency evacuation should a wildfire erupt in Tilden Park. I have attended presentations by El Cerrito fire personnel on home firesafe protection measures. I also attend Fire Board meetings and have followed closely the effort by the Board and El Cerrito Fire Department in evacuation planning including creating evacuation zones within El Cerrito and Kensington.

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

One goal is to continue work towards acquiring the Kensington Paths and integrate them into the overall wildfire evacuation plan for Kensington. This goal may not be achievable in the first year but the objective would be to clearly identify the acquisition process. Integration of the

paths into the wildfire evacuation plan can move forward without acquisition. A second goal is to carry out an emergency response exercise in Kensington. An initial exercise is planned for El Cerrito in the fall. A second could be held in Kensington in the spring. A third goal is to expand public outreach and education on emergency preparedness such as ensuring that residents sign up for the county's Community Warning System and Nixle. Although we continue to have excellent emergency preparedness programs such as those put on by the Kensington Public Safety Council, they are not well attended. Additional ways to reach out to the community need to be identified. I would also like to see more work done on investigating the feasibility of sirens as an early warning option.

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