



**Report on Agenda Item 10a at KFPD Regular Meeting
September 28, 2023 Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting
Larry Nagel
October 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Larry Nagel, and there were six members present in addition to Interim General Manager Mary Morris-Mayorga, Administrative Assistant Candace Eros Diaz, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Johnny Valenzuela, and El Cerrito/Kensington CERT Program Manager Chris Hilliard.

The first agenda item was public comment where Alan Siegel gave a report on the status of the Wildcat Firewise Community. They just completed a walking tour of the neighborhood on September 9, 2023 with Johnny Valenzuela and the crew of Engine 155 and the tour was very well attended with more than 40 neighbors present. They have applied for several Measure X grants and to date have received one grant. They also are concerned about the cause of the grass fire that occurred on August 8, 2023 on Terrace Drive.

The second agenda item was old business which included

- Update on the replacement on the EPC for Peter Guerrero. Mary Morris-Mayorga reported that there has been one response from Steve Bennington. That application will be forwarded to the Board at the next regular meeting.
- Update on the possibility of using the Laguna Beach RFP *en lieu* of generating our own RFP. Mary Morris-Mayorga stated that she updated the District purchasing policy to allow reuse of RFPs from other districts and the Board approved this policy at the last Board meeting, so we are free to use the Laguna Beach RFP.
- Update on the replanting program. Mary Morris-Mayorga stated that she had some outdated forms that she is updating. David Spath noted that there actually was one grant awarded and Mary will see if she can find it.

The next agenda item was an update on CERT by Chris Hilliard. Chris reported that the fire extinguisher sales and water barrel sales are continuing. There will be a CERT meeting on September 20, 2023. Chris mentioned an effort to revise the CERT areas to conform with the Zonehaven zones. Chris also mentioned the need to match up CERT areas and Fire Districts. Finally, Chris described a survey tool that he has developed to assist in CERT organization.

The next item was a discussion of the September 17, 2023 Berkeley Fire Alert Fest and Siren Test. Larry Nagel attended the Alert Fest and the Siren Test and he presented his experiences and his frustration with not being able to hear the test at the intersection of Spruce Avenue and Grizzly Peak Boulevard. Several other members had various amounts of success in hearing the test. The performance of the LRAD system needs further investigation.

Johnny Valenzuela presented the Emergency Preparedness Coordinators report which will also be presented at this Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM by Co-chair Larry Nagel.

The next meeting of the EPC will be October October 26, 2023.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurence W. Nagel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Laurence W. Nagel
Co-chair
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Kensington Fire Protection District