



## KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**DATE:** April 25, 2024

**TO:** Emergency Preparedness Committee

**RE:** Communications with EBRPD

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The Emergency Preparedness Committee discussed Communications with East Bay Regional Park District at the March 28, 2024 meeting and a committee worked on a set of questions the board could ask EBRPD as a means of getting more positive results on fire prevention measures in Tilden Park.

As this is also a clear goal of the board, and following this meeting, Johnny Valenzuela gave me a referral and I contacted Captain Patrick McIntyre of EBRPD Fire Department who, amongst other things, oversees fuel management and reduction for the park district. We had a good long discussion about topics that, in a parallel effort, the subcommittee of the EPC developed and I read was reviewing for the board to discuss with the park district. I found him to be a fount of knowledge and experience in fuel reduction, fire prevention, and seeking grants to achieve these goals. I have hopes of making some real deliverable progress on our goals in partnership with him and others at the park district. I'll plan on a site tour with him to review the current conditions in the park as they relate to the Kensington border, work the park district has been doing for prevention, and risks for which we are preparing.

In discussing these developments with the board at their April 17th meeting, it was their preference that, if I'm successful in inviting an EBRPD representative, they would make a presentation at a future board meeting on efforts EBRPD makes for fire prevention in the park and ways our districts can work together toward our goals. I've since made contact with EBRPD Fire Chief Aileen Theile, who was very helpful and interested in collaborations for fire prevention. I was also able to talk to Assistant Chief Khani Helae who will work with me to develop information for a presentation he would give to our board. They have a \$13 million budget this year on fuel reduction in their massive park district. I'm intending to discuss with their staff a partnership framework of some sort between our districts to achieve visible and meaningful results in Tilden Park annually for the board and the district. Your comments and advice are welcome.