



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DATE: December 18, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
RE: Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting - 12/05/24
SUBMITTED BY: Mary A. Morris-Mayorga, General Manager

Recommended Action

For information only, no action is required.

Background

The Emergency Preparedness Committee met on December 5, 2024 and discussed the following topics:

- Report back on discussions related to potential parking changes
General Manager Morris-Mayorga reported back on discussions with KPPCSD Interim General Manager Aranda regarding historical and potential parking changes during Red Flag Days. He indicated that his preference would be to allow for an overall approach to evacuation planning and routes through a comprehensive plan, rather than making changes to specific streets prior to such a plan. He is in the process of seeking a consultant for a plan, so this is in the planning stages.
- Potential roles for the Kensington Amateur Radio Organization (KARO) in an emergency
The committee strategized on ideas related to this item so anticipate further discussion as well as coordination with the Fire Chief in the future.
- Next steps for pursuit of long-range acoustic device (LRAD)
The committee noted that they are waiting for the County to complete the planned study.
- Fire-hardening major evacuation routes in Kensington: locations, needed permissions (access/ eminent domain), planning
This item was submitted by Director Madugo and was not discussed in detail in her absence. There was a question raised about whether fire districts can pass an ordinance establishing evacuation routes or code for streets, staff plans to research that for a future meeting. The question of how to enforce was also raised. Ideas for fire-hardening and grant programs were discussed.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact identified at this time.