



EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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DATE: March 14, 2025
TO: Mary Morris-Mayorga: General Manager
FROM: Eric Saylor: Fire Chief
RE: **Fire Chief's Report for the March 2025 Fire District Board Meeting**

Administration

Cal Fire released their updated Hazard Severity maps for Contra Costa County February 25th. Government Code 51178 requires the state to identify moderate, high, and very high zones in local response areas (LRA) such as the town of Kensington that may be affected by fire that originates from a state response area (SRA) such as the East Bay Regional Park. Previous LRA maps only contained very high zones. The fire department has 120 days to review the maps and adopt them via ordinance.

- Changes to the new model – Local weather application
 - The update includes a 2 km grid of local climate data covering the years 2003-2018. The previous model used averaged weather inputs across the state to calculate wildland fire intensity. The updated model adjusts fire intensity scores based on the most extreme fire weather at a given location, considering temperature, humidity, and wind speed. In addition, ember transport is being modeled based on locally observed wind speed and direction values instead of using a generic buffer distance for urban areas adjacent to wildlands.
- Hazard maps Vs Risk
 - “Hazard” is based on the physical conditions that give a likelihood that an area will burn over a 30 to 50-years without considering modifications, such as fuel reduction. “Risk” is the potential damage a fire can do to an area under existing conditions, including any modifications such as defensible space and ignition resistant building construction. Risk considers the vulnerability of what is being protected.
 - The Fire Department’s mission is to reduce risk from all types of fire, while the Hazard maps only identify one type of threat.
- Map modifications
 - Government code does not allow local agencies to decrease the level of fire hazard severity zone or to remove areas from the recommended map.
 - However, a local agency can include additional areas with justification based on evidence and fuel models.

The counties' updated maps can be found [here](#), or by scanning the QR code below.



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A video describing the rollout of the maps can be found [here](#) by scanning the QR code below.



Public comments can be submitted about the maps can be submitted to fire@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. Please include our name, email address, phone number, and comment in the body of the email.

Training

Fire crews conducted structural collapse training this month. The training prepares our firefighters to stabilize a building after an earthquake. This practice is important to ensure our skills are fresh for an infrequent event. Maintaining these types of proficiency is critical to ensure our residences and personnel are safe when working within the footprint of a compromised building.





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Members from El Cerrito, Richmond, and East Bay Regional Parks Fire conducted a rescue drill in the Tilden Park area. Rescues in this area include steep terrain and limited access, which typically requires rope rigging and helicopters. Our crews' skills at setting up rope rescue systems and working with flight crews greatly increase the victim's survival. Our firefighters are an elite group of Helicopter qualified rescue technicians that practice once a month to ensure they can get to a patient quickly and safely.





Budget Performance Report

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REVENUE

Department 25 - Fire

Division 10 - Fire Administration

45550	OES Reimbursement	700,000.00	.00	700,000.00	326,792.60	.00	826,274.42	(126,274.42)	118	699,412.01
45570	Fire Inspection Fees	90,000.00	.00	90,000.00	11,392.00	.00	104,590.89	(14,590.89)	116	95,466.50
45720	Kensington Fire District	4,394,901.00	.00	4,394,901.00	356,482.59	.00	2,495,378.18	1,899,522.82	57	4,224,521.94
45792	Measure H EMS Reimbursements	80,000.00	.00	80,000.00	.00	.00	.00	80,000.00	0	72,901.47
46010	Plan Check Fees	104,000.00	.00	104,000.00	792.00	.00	38,806.50	65,193.50	37	107,788.30
46250	Weed Abatement	10,000.00	.00	10,000.00	.00	.00	2,314.26	7,685.74	23	(.09)
46520	Program Fees	5,200.00	.00	5,200.00	.00	.00	2,183.00	3,017.00	42	3,813.00
Division 10 - Fire Administration Totals		\$5,384,101.00	\$0.00	\$5,384,101.00	\$695,459.19	\$0.00	\$3,469,547.25	\$1,914,553.75	64%	\$5,203,903.13
Department 25 - Fire Totals		\$5,384,101.00	\$0.00	\$5,384,101.00	\$695,459.19	\$0.00	\$3,469,547.25	\$1,914,553.75	64%	\$5,203,903.13
REVENUE TOTALS		\$5,384,101.00	\$0.00	\$5,384,101.00	\$695,459.19	\$0.00	\$3,469,547.25	\$1,914,553.75	64%	\$5,203,903.13

EXPENSE

Department 25 - Fire

Division 10 - Fire Administration

51110	Regular Salaries & Wages	6,177,492.00	.00	6,177,492.00	500,076.90	.00	3,630,949.32	2,546,542.68	59	5,870,819.89
51120	Part-Time Permanent Salaries & Wages	54,637.00	.00	54,637.00	5,228.80	.00	44,444.80	10,192.20	81	31,279.42
51140	Overtime Pay	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	132,574.87	(132,574.87)	+++	1,758,974.65
51145	FLSA Overtime Pay	111,030.00	.00	111,030.00	9,345.61	.00	74,359.65	36,670.35	67	110,968.56
51146	Fire Non-Supp OT	50,000.00	.00	50,000.00	7,622.51	.00	42,670.95	7,329.05	85	88,309.24
51147	Fire OES Response	600,000.00	.00	600,000.00	95,727.39	.00	981,330.92	(381,330.92)	164	513,216.64
51148	Back Fill Costs	955,000.00	.00	955,000.00	124,586.65	.00	723,524.59	231,475.41	76	.00
51155	One-Time Payouts	79,871.00	.00	79,871.00	.00	.00	8,716.22	71,154.78	11	11,413.41
51200	PARS Contribution	.00	.00	.00	19.24	.00	57.72	(57.72)	+++	.00
51210	PERS Contributions	1,214,261.00	.00	1,214,261.00	104,504.39	.00	740,600.01	473,660.99	61	1,215,421.83
51211	PERS UAL	2,660,443.00	.00	2,660,443.00	.00	.00	1,287,176.10	1,373,266.90	48	1,915,011.96
51220	FICA/Medicare	106,371.00	.00	106,371.00	12,044.64	.00	89,125.12	17,245.88	84	126,356.88
51230	Medical Benefits	1,148,592.00	.00	1,148,592.00	89,073.34	.00	599,978.18	548,613.82	52	1,011,579.01
51235	Life & LTD Insurance	46,187.00	.00	46,187.00	3,750.67	.00	25,424.32	20,762.68	55	43,333.91
51237	Allowances & Other Benefits	299,246.00	.00	299,246.00	24,151.96	.00	169,545.05	129,700.95	57	266,761.67



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51240	Workers Compensation Premiums	246,657.00	.00	246,657.00	.00	.00	247,896.75	(1,239.75)	101	217,300.52
51242	Workers Compensation Pay (In Lieu of Salary)	103,000.00	.00	103,000.00	.00	.00	24,119.61	78,880.39	23	146,610.42
51990	Salary Savings	.00	50,663.00	50,663.00	.00	.00	.00	50,663.00	0	.00
51991	Salary Encumbrance	.00	.00	.00	.00	5,063,103.44	.00	(5,063,103.44)	+++	.00
52190	Miscellaneous Prof Svcs	274,200.00	.00	274,200.00	.00	38,920.68	18,170.79	217,108.53	21	267,908.48
52220	Medical Services	35,000.00	.00	35,000.00	2,819.00	12,000.00	14,979.00	8,021.00	77	28,921.00
52230	Other Technical Services	26,700.00	.00	26,700.00	.00	.00	17,278.75	9,421.25	65	25,318.28
52260	OES Equipment & Apparatus	100,000.00	.00	100,000.00	.00	.00	18,074.92	81,925.08	18	22,878.01
53110	Utilities-Energy	33,866.00	.00	33,866.00	.00	19.48	11,943.31	21,903.21	35	25,831.16
53230	Building Maint Services	20,000.00	.00	20,000.00	.00	.00	4,361.84	15,638.16	22	20,003.29
53240	Landscape/Park Maint Svcs	5,000.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	9,000.00	7,000.00	(11,000.00)	320	49,460.00
53250	Vehicle & Equip Maint Svc	175,000.00	52,044.00	227,044.00	20,872.66	94,966.83	154,100.51	(22,023.34)	110	242,027.32
53270	Weed Abatement	5,000.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	60	4,000.00
53290	Miscellaneous R&M Svcs	63,100.00	2,555.00	65,655.00	7,144.01	2,556.34	50,973.74	12,124.92	82	75,399.03
53330	Vehic Reprint Rental Chrg	151,000.00	.00	151,000.00	.00	.00	30,845.64	120,154.36	20	.00
53910	Solid Waste Services	9,600.00	.00	9,600.00	814.36	4,747.80	5,649.58	(797.38)	108	9,404.23
53990	Other Property Services	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,030.59	(1,030.59)	+++	2,026.63
54110	Insurance Premiums	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	8,954.00	(8,954.00)	+++	.00
54210	Telephone Expenses	22,000.00	1,415.00	23,415.00	1,323.24	8,773.27	10,259.40	4,382.33	81	19,744.83
54220	Mobile/Wireless Expenses	13,000.00	.00	13,000.00	710.61	.00	7,194.55	5,805.45	55	13,158.48
54230	Internet Services	15,750.00	.00	15,750.00	1,358.39	8,103.57	8,101.22	(454.79)	103	16,039.73
54240	Software Licenses & Maintenance	17,500.00	.00	17,500.00	.00	.00	7,338.52	10,161.48	42	14,583.38
54310	Legal Notices & Advertise	2,500.00	.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	0	189.00
54410	Printing & Binding	10,000.00	.00	10,000.00	92.17	.00	1,019.84	8,980.16	10	3,802.92
54610	Travel & Training	50,000.00	.00	50,000.00	2,530.35	.00	26,162.82	23,837.18	52	62,203.88
54910	Dues & Subscriptions	9,000.00	.00	9,000.00	.00	.00	365.00	8,635.00	4	7,005.18
54990	Other Administrative Svcs	8,500.00	.00	8,500.00	.00	.00	500.00	8,000.00	6	5,104.41
55110	General Office Supplies	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00	448.17	.00	1,851.09	1,148.91	62	4,198.32
55120	Postage & Delivery	500.00	.00	500.00	.00	.00	380.68	119.32	76	596.08
55130	Photocopying Charges	100.00	.00	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	0	117.97
55140	Recognition-EE/Volunteer	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	56.46	(56.46)	+++	.00
55210	Fuel	66,066.00	.00	66,066.00	.00	46,441.34	27,896.39	(8,271.73)	113	60,159.65



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55220	Safety Supplies	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	388.28
55230	Medical Supplies	30,975.00	.00	30,975.00	.00	12,321.99	12,985.02	5,667.99	82	30,371.84
55240	Clothing & Uniform Supply	75,000.00	.00	75,000.00	463.43	69,283.37	18,758.77	(13,042.14)	117	99,595.97
55250	Vehicle & Equip Supplies	8,000.00	.00	8,000.00	.00	5,049.83	6,858.80	(3,908.63)	149	16,605.33
55290	Other Operating Supplies	7,000.00	.00	7,000.00	29.18	.00	3,925.99	3,074.01	56	10,903.85
55520	Building Supplies	6,000.00	.00	6,000.00	.00	5,751.95	3,093.28	(2,845.23)	147	7,130.00
56310	Improvements, not Bldgs	15,000.00	.00	15,000.00	.00	.00	1,760.82	13,239.18	12	13,423.43
56410	Office Equipment <\$10K	8,000.00	.00	8,000.00	.00	127.25	2,340.58	5,532.17	31	16,773.99
56710	Other Equipment <\$10K	7,100.00	.00	7,100.00	87.73	5,500.00	6,114.03	(4,514.03)	164	9,327.28
56720	Other Equipment >\$10K	.00	17,825.00	17,825.00	.00	5,998.73	13,005.32	(1,179.05)	107	57,175.66
58220	Licenses & Permits	2,500.00	.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	1,149.96	1,350.04	46	1,541.17
58925	Credit Card Processing Fees	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	(618.34)	618.34	+++	(1,287.66)
59990	TRANSFER OUT-1/S	85,000.00	.00	85,000.00	.00	.00	42,500.00	42,500.00	50	79,955.58
59990 - Totals		\$85,000.00	\$0.00	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00	50%	\$79,955.58
Division 10 - Fire Administration Totals		\$15,213,744.00	\$124,502.00	\$15,338,246.00	\$1,014,825.40	\$5,392,665.87	\$9,371,857.05	\$573,723.08	61%	\$14,649,343.99
Department 25 - Fire Totals		\$15,213,744.00	\$124,502.00	\$15,338,246.00	\$1,014,825.40	\$5,392,665.87	\$9,371,857.05	\$573,723.08	61%	\$14,649,343.99
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$15,213,744.00	\$124,502.00	\$15,338,246.00	\$1,014,825.40	\$5,392,665.87	\$9,371,857.05	\$573,723.08	61%	\$14,649,343.99
Fund 101 - General Fund Totals		5,384,101.00	.00	5,384,101.00	695,459.19	.00	3,469,547.25	1,914,553.75	64%	5,203,903.13
REVENUE TOTALS		5,384,101.00	.00	5,384,101.00	695,459.19	.00	3,469,547.25	1,914,553.75	64%	5,203,903.13
EXPENSE TOTALS		15,213,744.00	124,502.00	15,338,246.00	1,014,825.40	5,392,665.87	9,371,857.05	573,723.08	61%	14,649,343.99
Fund 101 - General Fund Totals		(\$9,829,643.00)	(\$124,502.00)	(\$9,954,145.00)	(\$319,366.21)	(\$5,392,665.87)	(\$5,902,309.80)	\$1,340,830.67		(\$9,445,440.86)
Grand Totals		5,384,101.00	.00	5,384,101.00	695,459.19	.00	3,469,547.25	1,914,553.75	64%	5,203,903.13
REVENUE TOTALS		5,384,101.00	.00	5,384,101.00	695,459.19	.00	3,469,547.25	1,914,553.75	64%	5,203,903.13
EXPENSE TOTALS		15,213,744.00	124,502.00	15,338,246.00	1,014,825.40	5,392,665.87	9,371,857.05	573,723.08	61%	14,649,343.99
Grand Totals		(\$9,829,643.00)	(\$124,502.00)	(\$9,954,145.00)	(\$319,366.21)	(\$5,392,665.87)	(\$5,902,309.80)	\$1,340,830.67		(\$9,445,440.86)