

Subject: Re: Fwd: East Bay Hills Wildfire Protection JPA
From: Larry Nagel <lnagel@kensingtonfire.org>
Date: 7/14/21, 9:24 PM
To: Bill Hansell <bhansell@kensingtonfire.org>

Bill:

Jon Kaufman (Claremont Canyon Conservancy) and Sue Piper (Oakland Firesafe Council) are the driving forces behind this JPA formation. It has been in the works a long time and seems to be gaining some traction, even allegedly with some support by Senator Skinner. I think it's worth exploring.

From the April 27 EPC Minutes (quoting the talk by Sue Duncan):

Sue is a member of a committee that is trying to form a JPA, Joint Powers Authority for Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The committee is composed of members from the Claremont Canyon Conservancy, the OFSC and the 94803 Emergency Preparedness Alliance, which covers the El Sobrante/Richmond area. This JPA would make consistent, science-based vegetation management plans across the East Bay Hills and use various funding sources including grants to carry out the plans. Currently, we have 20 elected officials from Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Dublin, Fremont, Hayward, Hercules, EBRPD and Assembly Member Wicks all endorsing the concept. We also have 20 community organizations including the Sierra Club, endorsing it. The committee has raised enough funds through a few grants and private donations to hire consultants Placeworks to guide us through the process. If your committee or any of you would like more information about the JPA, I will be glad to send you information. Jon Kaufman of the Claremont Canyon Conservancy and Sue Piper of OFSC would be happy to meet with you on a zoom meeting to discuss it, too.

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On 7/14/21 8:12 PM, Bill Hansell wrote:

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From: **David Early** <dearly@placeworks.com>

Date: Wed, Jul 14, 2021, 1:30 PM

Subject: East Bay Hills Wildfire Protection JPA

To: bhansell@kensingtonfire.org <bhansell@kensingtonfire.org>

Hi Bill:

You may be aware of on-going efforts to create an East Bay Wildfire Protection Vegetation Management JPA. My company, PlaceWorks, has been retained by a group of citizens led by the Oakland Firesafe Council to help to jumpstart this effort.

Our effort has already been endorsed by Kensington Neighbors for Wildfire Safety and the Kensington Public Safety Council.

You can learn more about the effort from our website at <https://eastbaywildfirejpa.org/>

I would love to make a time to speak with you for 15-30 minutes to talk about the JPA and whether it might be possible for the Kensington Fire Protection District to join the discussion. All talks are very preliminary right now, and we are not looking for any specific endorsement or commitment—just a willingness to engage in discussions.

Could you let me know a good time to talk? I am available much of the day this week on Thursday and Friday, or anytime next week.

Thanks!

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