



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

December 18, 2024

Board of Directors

RE: Discussions with EBRPD on Fuel Reduction

PRESENTED BY: Jim Watt, Director

SUBMITTED BY: Mary A. Morris-Mayorga, General Manager

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the Board receive a presentation by Director Watt.

Background

Please see the attached report provided by Director Watt.

Fiscal Impact

There is a fiscal impact of \$150,000 if the Board determines to establish a budget amendment for this item.

Attachment: Report and Exhibit from Director Watt

Tilden Park Ridgeline

At the November Board meeting the Board approved proceeding with discussions with East Bay Regional Park (EBRP) about reducing fuel loads at the Kensington/EBRP interface. The Board agreed to contribute funding to accomplish additional fuel reduction, if needed, but did not specify a fixed amount.

EBRP maintains an annual Right of Entry Agreement with DFSC to perform fuel reduction in EBRP along an approximate 200 foot wide strip of District Parklands bordering Kensington for about 1.4 miles from the Berkeley to El Cerrito borders – see following Exhibit A diagram.

Under a separate agreement between DFSC and six Kensington residents these residents may perform fuel reduction efforts in the aforementioned designated area of EBRP. DFSC also assists these residents in obtaining grants to perform this work. However, the areas covered by these Kensington residents are limited in scope due to funding availability and the size of the area shown on Exhibit A.

Both EBRP and the DFSC have indicated a willingness to work with the Fire District to reduce fire risk, and meetings will take place within the next few weeks to try to expedite the fuel reduction process. In a discussion with Max Korten, Deputy general manager of EBRP, he indicated a willingness to move more quickly with fuel reduction provided the Kensington Fire District would also contribute funds for brush removal using approved independent contractors to perform the work.

It is therefore requested that the Board agreed to set aside \$150,000 for possible fuel reduction in EBRP during the fiscal year 2024 to 2025.

Exhibit A

Agreement Treatment Area

EBRPD Fire Dept
Fuels Management GIS
November 10, 2010

