

## **East Contra Costa Fire Protection District**

**Meeting Date:** August 11, 2021

**Subject/Title:** Prevention Division Update

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### **Prevention Division**

Over the past month the Prevention Division has been busy with everything from fireworks enforcement, fire investigations, and of course weed abatement. Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend enforcement efforts included 4 citations and 10 warnings issued with 10 pounds of fireworks seized. Each year, you Prevention personnel continue to expand our efforts which included working with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Deputies in Discover Bay and the Brentwood Police Department on the night of the 4<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to see that the areas where previous citations were issued out were much quieter this year. In regards to our fire investigations, we are pleased to report that two arrest were made in two separate fires and have been submitted to the District Attorney for consideration. Lastly, we continue to move through our weed abatement program and continue to move forward on the complaints received and the reoccurring properties that are found to be in violation.

### **Engineering New Construction**

Permit activity in July Picked back up to what we have become accustomed too. A total of 114 projects were submitted for permits during the month with the lions share being new single-family home sprinkler permits. This month also saw a good mix of commercial projects as well as one new sub-division with 26 new units.

Plan Review / Permit Revenue for the month of July was \$109,346.00

We provided comments on 6 new planning applications coming into the District.

### **Code Enforcement**

Our code enforcement efforts over the past month included, coordinated efforts with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office and Brentwood Police Department for fireworks enforcement over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend, inspection of new residential care facilities for the elderly, and re-inspections of a number of different occupancies.

### **Investigations**

For the month of July, Investigations responses included 18 different calls for service. Of the 15 calls for service, 15 of these calls were for fires in the District. The District's total fire loss for the month of July was \$104,750.00 dollars. Out of these 15 different fires for the month, our investigative efforts lead to the arrest of two subjects with charges recommended to the District Attorney's office.

## **Exterior Hazard Vegetation Management**

In the month of July, we received 46 new complaints of properties needing abatement for a total of 423 cases and 193 cases that we were able to close with working with the property owners. Our efforts continue to show that our program is providing dividends by the numbers from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July being the lowest in reported fires ever that we have had for a holiday weekend.

## July 2021 Fire Prevention Report

### Code Enforcement

Total number of State Mandated Inspections (SMI) 243

Other Compulsory Inspections (OCI)

	Inspected		Percentage	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
SMI	0	2	0.00%	0.82%
OCI	10	245		

#### Code Enforcement Mandated

	MTD	YTD	Totals
E	0	0	39
R-1	0	1	4
R-2	0	0	191
R-2.1	0	0	2
R-4	0	0	4
HR	0	0	0
I-3 Bi-annual	0	1	3

	MTD	YTD		MTD	YTD
A-1	0	0	H-2	0	0
A-2	1	1	H-3	0	1
A-3	0	2	H-4	0	0
A-4	0	0	H-5	0	0
A-5	0	0	I-2	0	0
B	0	3	I2.1	0	0
E-daycare	0	0	I-4	0	1
F-1	0	0	M	5	5
F-2	0	0	S-1	0	0
H-1	0	0	S-2	0	0

### Engineering

Planning		Plans Reviewed		Inspections	
MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
6	44	114	768	191	1311

### Investigations

	MTD	YTD
Investigations Performed	15	65