

East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Meeting Date: November 9, 2020

Subject/Title: Prevention Division Update

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Prevention Division

Over the past month, the Prevention Division has been busy with some significant positive changes to the District. These have included modifying all of the District's Knox accounts. We have moved to a single option for all of our customers throughout the District to select one option when ordering Knox boxes. The East Diablo key will act as our primary selection for new orders. The Oakley and the Bethel Island keys will still be in use until we can phase them out. We are also close with going live with First Due software. First Due will be incorporated into our tablet command notes as our pre-fire planning information. There will be an icon for you to select as you respond to the scene with critical information regarding property owner, hazards, and locations of critical equipment on the scene. As we become comfortable with the new tab, we will begin working behind the scenes to implement the community side which allows our residential community to add information specific to their house such as pets, key codes, and other critical information.

Engineering New Construction

Permit activity in October picked up significantly. The summer lull appears to not only be over, but completely kicked out. A total of 183 projects were submitted for permits during the month. An unprecedented 154 of these were multi-lot single family residential sprinklers. A few Tenant Improvements took place in commercial building and one new building was submitted for review.

Plan Review / Permit Revenue for the month of October was \$164,229

Code Enforcement

Our State Fire Marshal mandated inspections continue to be the primary focus. We did inspect two complaints received over the past month regarding access issues in Brentwood and we completed a joint inspection with the City of Oakley Code Enforcement for an illegal paint booth operating on a residential property.

Citations

No new citations were issued in the month of October. We did receive one appeal and will report back at the next Board meeting of the outcome.

Investigations

For the month of October, we did not have a single call out for the month. The District as a whole has responded to 5 fires for a fire loss of \$80,500. More importantly to note, this past month, Inspector DeMaria successfully completed Fire Investigations 1B course. This training included live burn demonstrations, classroom instruction, and successful completion of a final

test. Congratulations Inspector DeMaria. As well as, Chief Aubert provided testimony which resulted in a felony conviction of arson. As a result of both CalFire's and our investigation efforts, an unknown suspect to authorities is now on felony probation for arson and is required to register with the arson registry.

Exterior Hazard Weed Abatement

For the month of October, we received an additional 6 complaints of vegetation hazards throughout the District. We have been working diligently with the reporting parties to correctly identify the problem property and get these properties started in the notification process. We were able to close out 22 complaints with working with the property owners and for a total since June 1st, have received 295 complaints with a total of 102 properties able to remedy on their own without further encouragement from the District. Some updated examples of the great work our Inspectors and Fire Aides have accomplished can be seen in these pictures.





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Code Enforcement

Total number of State Mandated Inspections (SMI) 236

Other Compulsory Inspections (OCI)

	Inspected		Percentage	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
SMI	60	140	25.42%	59.32%
OCI	3	49		

Code Enforcement Mandated

	MTD	YTD	Totals
E	8	22	39
R-1	0	3	4
R-2	52	112	184
R-2.1	0	2	2
R-4	0	0	4
HR	0	0	0
I-3 Bi-annual	0	1	3

	MTD	YTD		MTD	YTD
A-1	1	1	H-2	0	0
A-2	0	2	H-3	0	0
A-3	0	0	H-4	0	0
A-4	0	0	H-5	0	0
A-5	0	0	I-2	0	0
B	0	10	I2.1	0	0
E-daycare	3	10	I-4	0	1
F-1	0	0	M	0	0
F-2	0	0	S-1	0	1
H-1	0	0	S-2	0	0

Engineering

Planning		Plans Reviewed		Inspections	
MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
5	36	183	736	157	1195

Investigations

	MTD	YTD
Investigations Performed	0	52