

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

**Meeting Date:** November 10, 2021

**Subject/Title:** Prevention Division Update

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### **Prevention Division**

Over the past month the Prevention Division has been busy on all fronts from inspections, handling code enforcement complaints, weed abatement, and investigations. Our continued efforts and partnership with County agencies has led to a letter sent to all Dutch Slough Road property owners advising them that they have until December 1, 2021 to remove all vehicles, trailers, and equipment from the roadway. On December 1, 2021, the Sheriff's Office will begin ticketing and removing anything that is left on the roadway.

### **Engineering New Construction**

Permit activity in October saw a slight uptick in new permits again. A total of 93 projects were submitted for permits during the month. Several commercial tenant improvement projects were submitted for review both in the commercial retail industry and food service industry. New homes continue to be a strong area of growth.

Plan Review / Permit Revenue for the month of October was \$82,240.00

We provided comments on 2 new planning applications coming into the District.

### **Code Enforcement**

Our code enforcement efforts over the past month included, partnering and educating High school staff on our new Juvenile Fire Setter Program and the importance of notifying the fire district once they have identified juveniles tampering with fire and life safety equipment on campus. This includes juveniles pulling fire alarm pull stations and causing false alarms. We are currently working with Freedom High School to identify juveniles causing false alarms to stop the behavior. With the rain returning, in suit with CalFire, we have opened up the application for agricultural burns. As with last year, property owners that wish to burn on their property require both an ECCFPD burn permit and a Bay Area Air Quality permit to legally burn.

### **Investigations**

For the month of September, Investigations responses included 9 different calls for service. Of the 9 calls for service, 4 of these calls were for fires in the District. The District's total fire loss for the month of July was \$960,040.00 dollars. One of these fires resulted in the loss of life of a member in our community. This fire was the results of the improper use of extension cords. Extension cords are for temporary power only and should never be used in the place of permanent electrical wiring installed by a trained professional.

## **Exterior Hazard Vegetation Management**

In the month of September, we received 1 new complaint of a property needing abatement for a total of 474 cases and 242 cases that we were able to close with working with the property owners. Our efforts included 111 inspections of properties throughout the District.

## October 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	18	23	7.41%	9.47%
OCI	18	290		

#### Code Enforcement Mandated

	MTD	YTD	Totals
E	11	14	39
R-1	0	1	4
R-2	6	6	191
R-2.1	0	0	2
R-4	0	0	4
HR	0	0	0
I-3 Bi-annual	1	2	3

	MTD	YTD		MTD	YTD
A-1	0	0	H-2	0	0
A-2	0	1	H-3	0	1
A-3	1	4	H-4	0	0
A-4	0	0	H-5	0	0
A-5	0	0	I-2	0	0
B	2	6	I2.1	0	0
E-daycare	0	0	I-4	0	1
F-1	0	0	M	0	0
F-2	0	0	S-1	0	8
H-1	0	0	S-2	0	0

### Engineering

Planning		Plans Reviewed		Inspections	
MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
2	55	93	1061	187	1919

### Investigations

	MTD	YTD
Investigations Performed	4	88