

East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Meeting Date: February 10, 2021

Subject/Title: Prevention Division Update

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Prevention Division

This past month, the Fire Prevention Bureau launched our “CRR Week” public information campaign in conjunction with our acceptance into the National Fire Protection Association community risk reduction program. We have been utilizing social media to educate and inform on different safety messages that pertain to our communities that we serve. We also participated in the FFBI Youth Fire Setter Program committee meeting as we launch our new program. Staff will be observing their academy and have been asked to participate in the teaching of future academies to assist with the Youth Fire Setter Program.

Engineering New Construction

Permit activity in January tapered off a bit from the busy December month. A total of 69 projects were submitted for permits during the month. One new commercial project is starting, 6 new non-tract single family dwellings (5 of which are accessory dwellings) and 48 single family dwelling permits will again keep the inspection staff busy well into the spring. As well, the District provided comments for 5 Brentwood projects, 1 Discovery Bay project, and 1 Oakley project.

Plan Review / Permit Revenue for the month of January was \$56,989

Code Enforcement

This past month, our code enforcement efforts continued to focus on re-inspections of occupancies still working to come into compliance, completing an inspection of the Brentwood Farmer’s Market, and assisted Operations with 6 complaints that included blocked fire hydrants, false fire alarms, and emergency access issues.

Citations

Over this past month, we issued 6 citations for illegal burns throughout the District and issued 4 warnings. We are glad to see the agricultural community is gaining a better understanding of the permit requirements to burn properly and reduce the call outs of our engine companies.

Investigations

For the month of January, investigations have included response to 16 different calls for service. Of the 16 calls for service, 8 of these calls were for fires in the District. We continue to work with our allied Police agencies to provide information and evidence as to the origin and cause of these fires.

Exterior Hazard Weed Abatement

For our first full season of weed abatement, our Fire Inspectors, Fire Aides, and our Permit Technician did an amazing job. Our team fielded a total of 330 complaints, generated 320 notices to abate, and completed a total of 987 field inspections for compliance. As we mentioned last month, we are already working on preparations for our 2021 season to continue the outstanding work of reducing the threat of combustible vegetation.

January 2021 Fire Prevention Report

Code Enforcement

Total number of State Mandated Inspections (SMI) 243

Other Compulsory Inspections (OCI) Complaints, 850 fire clearances

	Inspected		Percentage	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
SMI	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
OCI	34	34		

Code Enforcement Mandated

	MTD	YTD	Totals
E	0	0	39
R-1	0	0	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	0	3

	MTD	YTD
A-1	0	0
A-2	0	0
A-3	0	0
A-4	0	0
A-5	0	0
B	0	0
E-daycare	0	0
F-1	0	0
F-2	0	0
H-1	0	0

	MTD	YTD
H-2	0	0
H-3	0	0
H-4	0	0
H-5	0	0
I-2	0	0
I2.1	0	0
I-4	0	0
M	0	0
S-1	0	0
S-2	0	0

Engineering

Planning		Plans Reviewed		Inspections	
MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
7	7	69	69	133	133

Investigations

	MTD	YTD
Investigations Performed	8	8