

East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Meeting Date: September 9, 2020

Subject/Title: Prevention Division Update

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Prevention Division

The Fire Prevention Division has been busy over this past month primarily with the continuation of our exterior hazard weed abatement. Our inspections of properties will continue throughout fire season until the first sustainable rains return typically in November although last year it lasted until December. An update to the Diablo Water District agreement has moved to DWD Board of Directors have also agreed conceptually to move forward. We are having legal work on a draft resolution to be prepared for both Boards to be able to approve. We did receive word of being awarded the FEMA fire prevention grant. We are evaluating the conditions and will provide updates upon completion of our review.

Engineering New Construction

Permit activity in August flattened out some in which is typical of the summer time. A total of 75 projects were submitted for permits during the month. 52 of these were for multi-lot single family residential sprinklers. Additionally, 2 new commercial building were submitted along with 6 custom homes.

Plan Review / Permit Revenue for the month of August was \$73,842

Code Enforcement

Our inspections of existing properties, code enforcement, have continued with inspecting the State Fire Marshal mandated inspections. These include inspections of all public/private schools and all residential occupancies identified by the state. Since the Ghost Ship fire in Oakland, the State mandates these inspections to be completed on an annual basis and a report filed with the Board of the previous year's completion rate. We will be bringing that report to the Board at our September meeting. Included in our code enforcement efforts is our citation program. We have issued out 4 different citations that have included everything from illegal burning and illegal fireworks. Through our Operations Division, a report on social media was brought to our attention and resulted in one of our citations issued for \$50,000 for the use of illegal fireworks.

Citations

We issued one citation for the month of August. This included a citation for illegal fireworks identified through a social media investigation. No appeals requested to date.

Exterior Hazard Weed Abatement

For the month of August, we received an additional 42 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 37 complaints with working with the property owners and for a total since June 1st, have received 289 complaints with a total of 102 properties able to remedy on their own without further encouragement from the District.

Investigations

For the month of August, we provided fire investigations support for two suspicious fires in Oakley and Bethel Island and seven accidental fires. The District as a whole has responded to 15 fires for a fire loss of \$101,700.00.

Fire Aides

Our Fire Aides continue to assist and provide the primary inspections of all complaints received for our vegetation abatement program. They continue to support our major incidents with returning our crews to operational status as soon as possible.

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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	46	63	19.49%	26.69%
OCI	4	40		

Code Enforcement Mandated

	MTD	YTD	Totals
E	1	13	39
R-1	1	1	4
R-2	43	46	184
R-2.1	1	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	0	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
3	28	75	488	134	853

Investigations

	MTD	YTD
Investigations Performed	9	49