

East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

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Subject/Title: Prevention Division Update

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Prevention Division

Our user fees for Prevention services took effect as of April 13, 2020. All new construction and operational permit fees issued are now obligated for the new rates. As discussed prior, the fees have been a decade since they were last updated and are in direct support to provide services from our Fire Prevention Division.

We have worked with all the schools in Brentwood and have completed an update to the Fire District's Knox program assuring all current access and information is provided for our Operations side of the house.

We have been compiling information to bring to the District the ability to provide a juvenile fire setters program. This is a goal of ours to provide a different option to our allied police agencies and school districts alike for an early intervention option when deemed appropriate. We will continue to provide updates and plan to have this available sometime in June 2020.

An update to our software systems includes Brycer's Compliance Engine will come on line June 1, 2020. We are finalizing our contract with First Due for our pre-fire planning software. Lastly, we brought on Parcel Quest to provide access to property owners in the District. We continue to build upon our existing software and are expanding the services provided through GoGov and will be launching our first ECCFPD App that will be used as of June 1, 2020 to take, track, and complete our weed abatement inspections for the 2020 fire season. The app will be available to the public to file complaints throughout the District. Zoll Fire RMS is coming along where they are incorporating our data into their system and while we are trying to schedule the logistics of having them travel to our location for the full launch of the program, we are working with them to access a desktop version to get them moving forward.

Engineering New Construction

Due to the Public Health Order, we significantly restricted which types of new constructions inspections were authorized. The only inspections authorized involved essential services and or a final on a single family home to assure everyone had a place to move in while the shelter in place order was in effect. Permit activity in April saw a fairly steep decline as a result of COVID-19. A total of 28 projects were submitted for permits during the month. 19 of which were for single family residential sprinklers. However, two new submittals for major subdivisions (5 lots or more) were received.

Plan Review / Permit Revenue for the month of April was \$16,003.

Code Enforcement

Our code enforcement efforts were extremely limited for the past month due to the Public Health order, but we did complete complaint investigations and were able to bring an apartment building off of Fire Watch and have them back in compliance with applicable codes.

Investigations

Our newly developed District Fire Valuation Table has been finalized this past month and is being utilized in the field. The table brings formal square footage cost of the results of fire loss.

For the month of April, we completed investigations for 1 Criminal and assisted with 2 Accidental fires. In total, there were an 8 fire investigations completed in the month that consisted of both the Prevention and Operations sides of the District.