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Vegetation Management Unit Staff Report

WPAD Board Members,

Fire Suppression District Inspector Staffing:

- Vegetation Management Supervisor - Vincent Crudele**
- Fire Suppression District 1 - Vacant**
- Fire Suppression District 2 - Adam Ball**
- Fire Suppression District 3 - Vacant**
- Fire Suppression District 4 - Vacant**
- Fire Suppression District 5 - Vacant**
- Program Analyst II - Anette Boulware**
- TPT Administrative Staff - Vanessa Barner & Joaque Patten**

STAFFING UPDATE: As of December, 2016 Inspector Adam Ball has accepted 1 of the vacant full time Fire Suppression District Inspector positions in our unit and Inspector David Davis has been promoted to the Fire Prevention Code unit. Congratulations to the both of them. We are in the process of filling (2) vacant full time Fire Suppression District Inspector positions. Positions will be filled and the expected start estimate is no later than mid-January 2016.

Vegetation Management Statistics (see attached Matrix)

Update on Caltrans Clearance Along 24/13/580& EBRP tree removal at Lake Temescal: Caltrans has completed the 3rd round of clearing and the clearing of Park Blvd to finish out this season.

Update on status of fuel reduction for Chabot Space & Science Center project (\$216,000): Davey Tree began performing clearing in this area on November 16, 2016. As of December 06, 2016 the following has transpired:

1. Group 1 additions completed with more than 70 trees removed including an additional 12 of the low priority trees provided on the list.
2. Group 2 started with the removal of 9 Eucalyptus trees conflicting with telescope access.

In addition they started the limbing of 32 Group 2 trees and continued with 11 more eucalyptus removals. The rain has had a slight impact on the project and they will continue the removal of trees as soon as it is dry.

Status of Vegetation Management Plan Progress and Work Schedule: The kick off meeting with the consultant team Horizon was held Friday December 2, 2016. Members of the WPAD committee were in attendance and able to address input and concerns of the community. A robust public engagement plan is in the works with future participation dates to be released soon.

Procedures for protected species: Additional draft revisions have been submitted to Fire Marshal Trujillo to insert into the procedure manual. The documents are being reviewed so all of the information can be incorporated into one comprehensive manual. Fire Preventions goal is to have a hard copy available at the January 2017 WPAD meeting.

Progress of implementing GIS systems for vegetation management:

Awaiting status update information from Ahsan Baig, City of Oakland Division Manager from the Information Technology department on the next steps of the software project and how the WPAD feedback will be incorporated.

City of Oakland Contract Compliance Requirements and Vegetation Management

Contracts - Updates for #1 & # 3 below are tied to Fire Prevention meeting with Deborah Barnes of Contract Compliance who recently returned from an extended leave.

1. **Civicrops-** Fire Prevention to determine scope of work details and contract compliance requirements needed to move forward with this project.
2. **On- Call Contractors-** Fire Marshal Miguel Trujillo to schedule a contractor planning meeting to discuss the feasibility of this project and their willingness to participate.
3. **Increasing Contractor pool-** Fire Marshal Miguel Trujillo to set a meeting with Deborah Barnes of Contract Compliance to explore any possible options.

Thank you,

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