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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 - Katherine McClain**
- Fire Suppression District 4 - Vacant**
- Fire Suppression District 5 - Vacant**
- Program Analyst II - Anette Boulware**
- TPT Administrative Staff - Joaque Patten**

STAFFING UPDATE: Katherine McClain joined the team January 17, 2017 as a full time Fire Suppression District Inspector and is already proving to be a wonderful addition to the unit, Congratulations Katherine!!! We have 1 additional full time Fire Suppression District Inspector position to fill in our unit and are awaiting final interview results and employee processing by Human Resources to fill the remaining vacancy.

Vegetation Management Statistics (see attached Matrix)

Preparing for 2017 Residential Property Inspections-training: The inspection forms and annual mailer have been updated with current code regulations & the conclusion of the WPAD. Acting Assistant Fire Marshal Sworn, Maria Sabatini and Supervisor Vince Crudele are working to get current county accessor updates, in order to prepare the list of properties needed to print forms for this inspection season.

Update on status of fuel reduction for Chabot Space & Science Center project (\$216,000): No new status update and project timeline are available for the removal/limbing of the remaining trees from Davey tree, because of delay's due to weather conditions. Acting Assistant Fire Marshal Sworn, Maria Sabatini and Supervisor Vince Crudele verified project completion areas to allow forward movement with the payment of the first invoice in the amount of \$163,962.50.

To date Group 1 completed with more than 70 trees removed. Group 2 started with the removal of 9 Eucalyptus trees that blocked telescope access. The limbing of 32 Group 2 trees and 11 more eucalyptus removals have also been completed.

Status of Vegetation Management Plan Progress and Work Schedule:

Horizon is in the midst of their data gathering and analysis work; they have recently met with and requested contract scope of work and mapping details from the vegetation management unit. We are awaiting information regarding the updated community engagement strategy and list of stakeholders. The community outreach meeting dates have been pushed out until further notice. Once these dates have been set the WPAD committee members will be advised.

Procedures for protected species: An updated draft of the procedure manual will be ready to be reviewed by WPAD members, once released from the Fire Chief's office. Once the WPAD committee edit suggestions have been reviewed Fire Prevention will finalize and complete the document.

Progress of implementing GIS systems for vegetation management:

● **GIS mapping tool**

Updated list of suggested action items to be prioritized by the WPAD committee before being finalized by Fire Prevention. Upon finalization the list will be presented to the I.T. department for cost analysis and projected timelines. **(Attachment)**

● **Accela project**

Ahsan Baig, City of Oakland Division Manager from the Information Technology department to present project to City Council February 14, 2017.

City of Oakland Contract Compliance Requirements and Vegetation Management Contracts;

1. **Civicorps-** No new update, recently received the final decision to not move forward with the debris/ chipping program. Fire Prevention will explore other potential project areas, as well as develop the scope of work, equipment specifications, commitment of hours worked, project efficiency, budget, and invoicing practices.

2. **Cal Fire Delta Crews-** Fire Marshal Miguel Trujillo to meet with Cal Fire in March 2017 to discuss project areas, scope of work and establishing an M.O.U. The project will utilize approved workers to handle debris and or Eucalyptus removal requests in park land areas only (Non-residential).

2. **Contractors Meeting-** Acting Assistant Fire Marshal Sworn, Maria Sabatini and Vegetation Management Supervisor Vince Crudele are working to coordinate this meeting as well as survey the contractor's experience.

Thank you,

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