

CITY OF OAKLAND



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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 - Vincent Crudele
Fire Suppression District 2 - Adam Ball
Fire Suppression District 3 - Katherine McCain
Fire Suppression District 4 - Travis Hansen
Fire Suppression District 5 - Temp Part Time
Program Analyst II - Anette Boulware
TPT Administrative Staff - Vacant

Vegetation Management Statistics (No New Updates)

2017 Residential Property Inspections: The inspection forms have been delivered to all engine companies and inspections began Monday May 15, 2017. Inspection were routed in packets of approx. 60 per day, per Engine Company. We anticipate that inspections will be done in 45 days or less, most Engine Companies have 34 packets or less. They have been directed to complete one packet per day, to ensure quality inspections.

Status of fuel reduction for Chabot Space & Science Center project (\$216,000):

The invoice in the amount of \$163,962.50 was paid and mailed to Davey Tree by Fire Administration. Our department is awaiting an updated project timeline for the removal/limbing of the remaining 35-40 trees from Davey tree.

Vegetation Management Plan:

The Oakland Fire Department (OFD) is in contract with Horizon Water and Environment, LLC to assist OFD in its planning efforts to develop a Vegetation Management Plan ("Plan") to reduce fire hazard risks in the Oakland Hills.

The draft Plan is expected to be completed in late Spring/Early Summer 2017. Environmental analysis as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will commence upon completion of the draft Plan.

Progress of implementing GIS systems for vegetation management:

- **GIS mapping tool**

The project will move forward with the tool that was presented to the WPAD committee by the I.T department. The prioritized list of suggested action items from the WPAD committee has been finalized and forwarded to Ahsan of I.T. department for consideration of implementation. The expanded WPAD comments will be submitted to the Accela for consideration into the GIS module.

City of Oakland Contract Compliance Requirements and Vegetation Management Contracts:

1. Civicorps- Adam Cope is our designated contact at Civicorps in which we are sending contracts to, as a part of the City of Oakland's competitive bid process. We are awaiting a response for their next available dates of service. Civicorps currently has crews of 5 - 8 people available to work a 4 day week for 2 -3 months, this fiscal year and again next fiscal year.

2. Cal Fire Delta Crews- Additional research is being done on the forward progression of this project especially since they are unable to submit bids for projects. The following information outlines the current updates:

- The OFD's Chief of Staff has sought direction from the City Administrator's Office, the Oakland City Attorney's Office and Office of Contract Compliance on how to establish an agreement with Cal Fire. As of this date, OFD's Chief of Staff is nearing completion of those tasks.

3. Contractors Meeting- - Acting Assistant Fire Marshal Sworn, Maria Sabatini is working to schedule a meeting with the contact in Public Works who handles contracts. Public works advised that they have a streamlined contracting process that works well and are willing divulge this information. To date, of the contractors we have contacted 6 want to be included in upcoming bid opportunities.

Update of the Website:

Acting Assistant Fire Marshal Sworn, Maria Sabatini and members of the Fire Prevention unit have worked on updates with the Fire Department's designated web designer for this project. A final completion timeline has yet to be determined.

Thank you,

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