

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**

Vegetation Management Statistics (See attached progress report)

2017 Residential Property Inspections: The annual inspections began Monday May 15, 2017 and to date 13,479 have been completed. The Oakland Fire Department is approximately 2/3 complete and scheduled to wrap up the first round, no later than June 21, 2017. Staff also prepared a list of frequently asked questions and posted them to the Fire Department website, and between April and June of this year, staff hosted five meetings where members of the public could inquire about the inspection program or an invoice that they may have received.

Re-inspection forms are being prepared to ensure that property owners receive adequate notification that their property has either passed or failed re-inspection.

Status of hauling project 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. Payment is pending on an invoice in the amount of \$51,037.50, which was for the removal of 15 trees 10"-30" in diameter, wood chipping and removal, and the services of a biologist. In total, Davey Tree invoiced \$215,000 for this project.

Vegetation Management Plan Update: 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.

The next community meeting on the Vegetation Management Plan is planned for June 29, 2017, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Trudeau Center, 11500 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland, CA.

Progress on implementing new Accela vegetation management (GIS):

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. The Agenda Report for the Accela project is being drafted for the City's I.T. Department.

City of Oakland Contract Compliance Requirements and Vegetation Management Contracts:

1. Civicorps- No new update. Adam Cope is our designated contact at Civicorps. We are awaiting a response for their next available dates of service, which are projected to be in the off season. 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:

- A project scope of work has been completed, and additional logistical matters are pending resolution.

3. Contractors Meeting - Members of the vegetation management team met with Calvin Hao of Public Works to discuss contracting alternatives as a possible solution to streamlining our process. Additional meetings are soon to be scheduled to further explore the alternatives discussed.

Update of the Website:

Acting Assistant Fire Marshal Sworn, worked on updates with the Fire Department's designated web designer and as of June 01, 2017 the following updates have been completed;

- **Wildfire Prevention District Homepage** - under the Inspection and Compliance Standards section, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document (including a Hyperlink: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/OFD/s/WildfireDistrict/s/Inspections/index.htm>) has been added to explain inspection timelines and the fee assessment schedule in detail.

Thank you,

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