

AGENDA
Disaster Fire and Safety Commission
January 26, 2022
7:00 PM

District 1 – Kim-Mai Cutler	District 5 – Shirley Dean
District 2 – Weldon Bradstreet	District 6 – Nancy Rader
District 3 –	District 7 –
District 4 – Antoinette Stein	District 8 – Paul Degenkolb

Mayor’s Appointee- Jose Luis Bedolla

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and the state declared emergency, this meeting of the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. The COVID-19 state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and presents imminent risks to the health of attendees. Therefore, no physical meeting location will be available.

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Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

1. Fire Department Staff Report
 - a. Measure FF Report
 - i. Measure FF Budget overview
 1. Program Review
 2. Implementation and metrics
 3. Requests for Proposals
 - ii. Program Specific Reports
 - b. Measure GG Report
 - i. Measure GG Budget overview

1. Program Review
 2. Implementation and metrics
 3. Requests for Proposals
- c. Department Activities
- i. Overall Call Metrics
 - ii. Special Reports
 1. Report back on CWPP Scope
 2. Public Works point of contact for repair of red curbs/signs
 3. Report back on vegetation management through EBMUD and Roadside vegetation
 - a. Regulations for land beyond 100ft of property land
 - b. Regulations for public and private land
 - iii. Commission Actions Status

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of December 1, 2021*

Action Items

Discussion Items

3. Definition of Defensible Space (Dean)
4. Policy on Eucalyptus trees removal and suppression (Dean)
5. Criteria for Use of a Portion of Measure FF funds for Vegetation Clearance on Private Land (Rader)*
6. Providing More Budget Details for Measure GG vs General Fund Allocation for Overtime (Bedolla)
7. Timeline for Input for the City's Budget Cycle (Dean)
8. Process for Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Bedolla)
9. Commission Workplan (Bedolla)
10. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

Adjournment

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday December 1, 2021

Present: Jose Luis Bedolla, Shirley Dean, Weldon Bradstreet, Nancy Rader, Toni Stein, Paul Degenkolb

Absent: Kim-Mai Cutler (Excused), Toby Simmons,

Staff: Khin Chin, David Sprague,

Public: Attendees 7: Henry DeNero, Ray Yep, Marcus von Engel, GoAnnieJ, Richard Thomason, Benay Dara-Abrams, Kathleen E. Kelly

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

J. Bedolla called meeting to order at 7:02pm

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item 4 to Discussion after Item 5

Approved by Acclimation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

S. Dean arrived at 7:13pm

P. Degenkolb arrived at 7:20pm

1. Fire Department Staff Report

DFSC Staff Report

December 1, 2021

1. Measure FF Monthly Report

a. Budget Overview –

i. Program Review

1. **Standards of Coverage Analysis** – No new updates.
2. **Project Management and Subject Matter Expert (SME)** – No new updates.
3. **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** – We are anticipating a response from the City Manager in the by early December. If she approves, the contract will move ahead to be signed and the work will begin. We anticipate the project will be complete within nine (9) months.
4. **Wildfire Prevention / Mitigation – Vegetation Management Inspections** – Inspections continue and the amount of vegetation that exists in Zone 2 & 3 is a huge problem. For the most part, the stories we are hearing from the RAs represent a community that is aware of the problem and wants to act – they just need clear direction. The RAs are often spending 20-60 minutes with a homeowner, a luxury that in-service companies just don't have. We believe this is driving an increase in compliance during re-inspection and is the gold standard for how to perform this work.
5. **Retired Annuitants** – Having the team of RAs back on the payroll has been really beneficial to the City and to the Department. They are working hard both in the field and in the office on all things WUI. It's been working so well in fact that we are working to recruit an additional five (5) RAs. This group will be primarily focused on increasing the inspection capacity and helping FP with the work associated with the built environment.
6. **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic Recruitment** – These new classifications are going to the Personnel Board on December 6th, 2021. If they are approved, they will then go to the City Council for approval in January. If the City Council approves, then we will begin recruitment. Recruiting for these positions is a critical component that will stabilize our staffing levels and allow us to launch forward with permanently staffing both Fire Prevention and the Wildland Urban Interface Division.
7. **Dispatch Re-Design** – The contract for Federal Engineering, the consultant who will conduct this work, has been reviewed and approved internally. It is making its way through the City's signing process now. We expect work to begin in December and really pick up in early 2022. We've got an estimate of 6 months to reach project completion – then the real work begins - implementation.

8. Recruitments:

- a. Shift Fire Inspector Recruitment – Recruitment is open for these positions, which are filled by exiting members and are used to assist with fire investigations and other inspection related activities in the built environment.
- b. Sworn Fire Inspector Recruitment – Recruitment is open. We are hiring additional sworn inspectors to fill existing vacancies in Fire Prevention and potentially for the new Wildland Urban Interface Division.

9. Division of Training Property – We are in discussions with three property owners in North Richmond with regard to purchase or lease.

ii. Implementation & Metrics

- 1. **Outdoor Warning System** – Contract is the final stage with COB. Waiting on BUSD to send MOU with signatures.

iii. RFP Updates

b. Program Specific Reports

i. Defensible Space Inspection Updates

Vegetation Management Inspections – Annuitants

October 18, 2021 – November 15, 2021

Inspections	Violations	Re-Inspect Req.	No Violations
629	106	106	523

ii. Other

2. Measure GG Monthly Report

a. Budget Overview

- i. RFP Updates – In the early stages of developing an RFP for an Evacuation Time Estimate Study for the City of Berkeley.

3. Department Activities

- a. Interviews were held the second and third week of November. Conditional offers were mailed to 12 candidates. Prospective candidates’ names have been sent for background checks.
- b. Grants – the Fire Department is working on two separate items within this category. We are pulling a team together that will identify available grants and apply for those that we

are able. The second part is to provide the community with the information about Cost Sharing Assistance through the Diablo Firesafe Council. These are dollar-for-dollar matching funds where 5 or more residents apply for vegetation management assistance.

4. Call Volume Report

Fire Department Report by California Incident Type		
October 19, 2021 – November 28, 2021		
Fires – including Encampment Fires (structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,	31	
Encampment Fires (structures, warming/cooking, debris)	13	
Explosion - no fire (overpressure ruptures, explosions)	2	
Rescue & EMS (medical assist, vehicle accident)	1,078	
Hazardous Condition - no fire (combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard, potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles)	127	
Service Calls (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby)	135	
Good Intent (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke)	113	
False Alarm Calls (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)	241	

Severe WX (lightening, wind storms)	10	
Special Incidents (citizen complaints)	1	
TOTAL	1,751	

Unit Utilization	Apparatus Count	3,802
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Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of October 27, 2021*

Motion to approve the minutes as revised: Dean

Second: Bradstreet

Vote: 6 Ayes: Bedolla, Degenkolb, Dean, Bradstreet, Stein, Rader; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Cutler, Simmons; 0 Abstain:

Action Items

3. Revisiting the Commission’s Recommendation to Use Measure FF Funds as Intended by Voters for Firefighting, Emergency Medical Response, 9-1-1 Communications Services, Hazard Mitigation, and Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness; to Not Reduce General Fund Allocations Towards Fire Services; and to Support Effective Commission Oversight* (Bedolla)

Motion to resubmit the report as revised to Recommend: Dean

Second: Bedolla

Vote: 6 Ayes: Bedolla, Degenkolb, Dean, Bradstreet, Stein, Rader; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Cutler, Simmons; 0 Abstain:

4. Criteria for Use of a Portion of Measure FF funds for Vegetation Clearance on Private Land (Rader)*

Moved to Discussion.

5. 2022 Commission Meeting Schedule

Motion to set the commission schedule: January 26, February 23, March 23, April, 27, May 25, June 22, August 3, September 28, October 26, December 7: Bradstreet

Second: Dean

Vote: 6 Ayes: Bedolla, Degenkolb, Dean, Bradstreet, Stein, Rader; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Cutler, Simmons; 0 Abstain:

Discussion Items

6. Providing More Budget Details for Measure GG vs General Fund Allocation for Overtime (Bedolla) Hold to next month
7. Timeline for Input for the City's Budget Cycle (Dean)
8. Policy on Eucalyptus trees removal and suppression (Dean)
9. Definition of Defensible Space (Dean)
10. Home Hardening in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Rader)
11. Possibility of Recording Commission Meeting (Staff)
12. CERT and Related Preparedness Programs (Bedolla)
13. Grant Programs for Disaster Preparedness and Response (Bedolla)
14. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Dean

Second: Bradstreet

Vote: 6 Ayes: Bedolla, Simmons, Dean, Bradstreet, Stein, Rader; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Cutler, Degenkolb; 0 Abstain:

Adjourned at 9:09p

DFSC Staff Report

January 26th, 2022

1. Measure FF Monthly Report

a. Budget Overview –

i. Program Review

1. **Standards of Coverage Analysis** – No new updates.

2. **Project Management and Subject Matter Expert (SME)** – No new updates.

3. **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** – We are working through the contract with Wildland Resource Management. It is near completion. The CWPP will include both private and public land. It will also provide a prioritized list of Projects on both private and public land.

This is a key geospatial analysis of the wildland risk that our community faces. It will result in a comprehensive guide that will drive all our actions surrounding WUI fire prevention in our community.

4. **Wildfire Prevention / Mitigation – Vegetation Management Inspections** – No new updates.

5. **Retired Annuitants** – We onboarding five new inspectors and hope to have them in the field in February.

6. **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic Recruitment** – No new updates.

7. **Dispatch Re-Design** – We had the kick-off meeting with Federal Engineering, the consultant who will conduct this work. They have begun the process of gathering data to perform their analysis.

8. **Recruitments:**

a. **Shift Fire Inspector Recruitment** – Interviews for Shift Inspectors will begin the week of January 24th. These are filled by existing fire department personnel and are used to assist with fire investigations and other inspection related activities in the built environment.

- b. Sworn Fire Inspector Recruitment – Recruitment is on-going. We will also begin interviewing the first batch of 14 applicants, the week of January 24th.

9. **Division of Training Property** – No new updates.

ii. Implementation & Metrics

- 1. **Outdoor Warning System** – We are working through the permitting process with the City of Berkeley and the vendor. Working on BUSD MOU.

iii. RFP Updates

b. Program Specific Reports

i. Defensible Space Inspection Updates

Vegetation Management Inspections – Annuitants

As of:	Vegetation Management Inspections							
1/21/2022								
AI Inspections								
	Inspected	No Violation Found	Violations Found	Re-Inspection Required	Re-Inspection Completed	Re-Inspection No Violation Found	Re-Inspection w/Violations Found	
Frankel	427	380	47	47	2	2		
Higgins	383	326	57	57	2	2		
Lee	116	81	35	35	137	119	18	
McCracken	102	70	32	32	93	65	28	
Pinto	15	7	8	8	91	77	14	
Ward	326	216	110	110	129	63	66	
Williams	795	721	74	74	4	4		
Totals	2164	1801	363	363	458	332	126	

ii. Other

2. Measure GG Monthly Report

a. Emergency Services Coordinator Position

- i. Job Announcement will post to the City’s Website on January 31st.

b. Budget Overview

- i. RFP Updates – In the early stages of developing an RFP for an Evacuation Time Estimate Study for the City of Berkeley.

3. Department Activities

- a. Grants – The Cal OES Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant is still being worked through. The State did push out the deadline for submission of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to February 15th.

- b. In the early morning hours of January 15th, OES Staff received a Tsunami Advisory from the California Tsunami Program that a Tsunami Advisory (tsunami wave heights of 0.3-1.0 meter) was issued for the entire California Coastal Area.

City staff moved quickly to make sure we alerted those in the marina as quickly as possible. We sent out police officers, firefighters, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront staff, parking enforcement officers, and others to notify those living in boats to move to higher ground. We used all tools to notify people and keep them out of the marina. We used AC Alert to send voice calls, text messages and emails specifically to Marina residents and businesses. We also sent a citywide Nixle to inform the community of the situation. In addition, City staff made personal calls to Marina berthers to ensure they had evacuated. In the event that there was any confusion among affected people in the Marina, civilian and sworn staff were present in the Marina to explain the situation, and Marina staff continued to answer the Waterfront Office phone number throughout the event. This layered, very personal outreach reflected the very high level of concern to help those who might be affected and address any questions that might arise.

The Tsunami Advisory affecting the Berkeley Marina was canceled at 7:52pm. There were no reported injuries or damage during the Advisory.

4. Call Volume Report

Fire Department Report by California Incident Type		
November 29, 2021 – January 18, 2022		
Fires – including Encampment Fires (structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,	55	
Encampment Fires (structures, warming/cooking, debris)	20	
Explosion - no fire (overpressure ruptures, explosions)	2	
Rescue & EMS (medical assist, vehicle accident)	1,353	
Hazardous Condition - no fire (combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard,	99	

potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles)		
Service Calls (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby)	174	
Good Intent (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke)	143	
False Alarm Calls (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)	271	
Severe WX (lightening, wind storms)	2	
Special Incidents (citizen complaints)	2	
TOTAL	1,751	

Unit Utilization	Apparatus Count	4,477
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