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Date: April 11, 2024  
To: Board of Directors  
Submitted by: David Aranda, Interim General Manager  
Subject: Mailing of the Emergency Preparedness Flyer

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Approve the mailing of a flyer to Kensington residents that provides information on evacuation during a wildfire and urges citizens to understand their responsibilities and develop a personal evacuation plan.

**Background**

Board President Spath has been involved with the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Kensington Fire Protection District and that Committee has developed a very helpful brochure that is hopefully going to be distributed to all residents in Kensington.

Board President Spath will elaborate on the attached mailer.

**Exhibit(s)**

- Evacuation Mailer – 01
- Evacuation Mailer – 02



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Kingsport residents are ill prepared to evacuate the town during a wildfire. To encourage preparation the Kensington Fire Protection District's, Emergency Preparedness Committee (Committee) proposed to develop a mailer that provided information on evacuation preparation and to stress the importance of evacuation planning. Given that evacuation during a wildfire is a shared responsibility between police and fire agencies, the Committee requested that the document be reviewed by both the Kensington police chief and El Cerrito fire chief as well as asking them to include a statement on the importance of evacuation preparedness. Both the police chief and fire chief have approved the document and have provided a statement that has been included. In addition, the Committee believes that it is important that the Board of Directors of each respective district approved the document.

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### 3 KNOW YOUR ZONE continued

Your zone is referred to as ECK-E007, or locally it may be verbally abbreviated as "Zone 7".

Use the accompanying magnet as a quick reference to remember which zone you live in. Emergency communications may refer to your zone number in an evacuation message, or it may only contain plain text instructions.

To learn more about Kensington Zones visit [www.kensingtonfire.org/zone](http://www.kensingtonfire.org/zone)

### 4 PLAN FOR YOUR SAFETY

Establish a plan that ensures:

1. Easily grabbing your pre-packed Go Bag.
2. Following your respective route out of Kensington.
3. Having a plan for shelter that suits your needs, whether its with a friend/relative, a hotel, or second home- plan in advance of an emergency. When an emergency strikes, go there!

More detailed preparedness information is available in the Kensington Wildfire Preparedness Workbook. Visit our website online or request a hard copy by emailing [prepare@kensingtonfire.org](mailto:prepare@kensingtonfire.org).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEFS



### EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE

Fire Chief Eric Saylor

*" Use this guide as a prompt to finalize your wildfire evacuation plan. We have provided resources which will help you build an emergency plan. Thank you for doing your part to ensure your safety."*

WHEN IN DOUBT - LEAVE EARLY, GET OUT!

### KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Mike Gancasz



*A wildland fire presents a unique threat to our community. The presence of a fire that sweeps through the hills that comprise the District of Kensington creates a considerable threat to both life and property. Everyone in our community has an important role in ensuring all residents can safely leave an area threatened by a wildfire. Planning, preparing, and practicing simple actions as a community can help make leaving quicker, easier, and safer for residents and first responders, reducing the possibility of injury or worse.*

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### EVACUATION IMPERATIVES

Critical information Kensington residents need to know for a community-wide evacuation.

# 1

## GET OUT & DOWN

### KNOWING HOW TO GET OUT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Identify at least two ways out of Kensington from your home.

Use the nearest available downhill major streets to get out.

# 2

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

### STAY INFORMED & AWARE

Residents living in this area are responsible for knowing their way to Arlington Avenue or for those in the SE corner, consider Spruce St. Once on the Arlington consider Sunset Drive through Sunset View Cemetary to Colusa Ave. Additionally for those living in the northeastern area of this zone should consider using Kensington Park Rd at the top of Highland where the traffic bollards have been removed for the purpose of evacuation. This area includes streets in a very high wildfire area because of the immediate proximity to Tilden Park.

# TILDEN PARK

# ZONE ECK-E007

# BERKELEY

# 3

## BEYOND THE ZONE NUMBER

### ZONE ECK-E007

Residents must know their zone number and all exit routes. Collaborate with neighbors to develop and practice evacuation plans, ensuring preparedness and safety. This entails being ready to leave on short notice and familiarizing yourself with all traffic and walking routes leading to main roads for exiting Kensington during an evacuation.

TURN OVER FOR MORE

### NOTE

Any special evacuation instructions from the Kensington Police Department or other official agencies (e.g. CWS) will supersede these and all other instructions.

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