

KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DATE: May 15, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

RE: East Bay Hills Wildfire Prevention Mou And Coordinating Group

SUBMITTED BY: Tim Barry, Interim General Manager

This group of 10 public agencies (WPCG) has been formed, each with an MOU, to coordinate wildfire prevention actions and coordinate grants to be sought out to pay for prevention measures benefitting the whole group. We are now ready to present the information, MOU and resolution for board review and approval to join the group. Chief Saylors and I attended the first meeting of the group, held Monday April 29th, which was attended by one elected official and one or more staff person (mostly fire chiefs) from each participating agency. The City of El Cerrito hosted the meeting and has already joined.

The group has been facilitated by the consultant Placeworks who will continue to provide staff services for the near term. The group needed to determine which agency would serve as the fiscal agent for the group, which had not been determined before I had to leave the meeting. They also needed to select a chair and vice-chair which may have taken place after I left as well.

The MOU does not commit KFPD to paying fees. Funding to date for the consultant has been paid through a grant. Chief Saylors will make a presentation and answer any questions. Two recommended actions are to approve the MOU by resolution and to select a director and an alternate for attending what are probably going to be quarterly meetings.