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## WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS WEEK: MAY 5-11, 2024

### State Highlights Partnerships Ahead of Wildfire Season



This year's theme is "Meeting the Mission Through Partnerships" and will focus on how state, federal and local public safety organizations are preparing for the 2024 fire year.

**LEARN MORE**

### The Wildfire Ready Photo Contest is ON!

Whether you've hardened your home or created defensible space, we're eager to see your efforts in action. Don't miss out - submissions are open until May 17!

CAL FIRE has teamed up with local hardware stores to reward the best entries with gift cards, keeping you motivated to stay prepared against wildfires.

Ready to join the challenge? Snap a pic, share your story, and be part of the solution. Wildfire Ready Photo Contest **SUBMISSION FORM**



> OFSC Home Hardening for Wildfire **ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

## PULL UP A CHAIR, WEDNESDAY EVENING 5/15



OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)

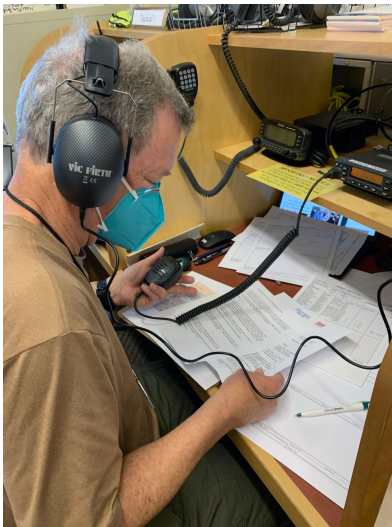
Wed., May 15, 2024  
7:00-8:30pm

Details / registration [HERE](#)

## GENOAK OUT & ABOUT



On Sunday, April 28th, Oakland's Emergency Management Services Division held a Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD) exercise to test the distribution of emergency supplies after a disaster.



**GENOAK 2-way radio operators in neighborhood "Community Hubs" simulated requesting and receiving supplies.**

The exercise was in conjunction with Oakland's ORCA Amateur/Ham RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) team that was coordinating C-POD operations. It was a great learning exercise for all!

**GENOAK** is an emergency 2-way radio communications network for Oakland and nearby communities, utilizing the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS). Learn how to **PARTICIPATE**

## VEG. MGMT. NEWS FROM CITY OF OAKLAND



### Publication of Final Environmental Impact Report for the Revised Oakland Vegetation Management Plan

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the City of Oakland has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Revised Oakland Vegetation Management Plan (Revised VMP) for City-owned parcels located within the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFIRE) designated Very High Fire Severity Zone (VHFSZ).

**PUBLIC REVIEW:** The City invites comments on the Final EIR prior and up to the upcoming public hearings when the VMP and certification of the EIR will be

considered for approval. [READ MORE](#)

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### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The City Public Safety Committee of the City Council will conduct a public meeting on certification of the Final EIR and approval of the VMP on **May 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

If the City Public Safety Committee refers the item on to City Council on May 14, 2024, the City Council will conduct a public meeting on certification of the Final EIR and approval of the VMP on May 21, 2024, at 1:30 PM.

For more information about how to participate in these meetings, please visit:  
[City of Oakland – Calendar \(legistar.com\)](#)

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE**

### **THANKS FOR THE SHOUT OUT, OPRF!**



As part of their ten-day **Oakland Earth Day 2024 Countdown** last month, Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF) recognized the groups that were hosting workdays and the areas they steward. Oakland Firesafe Council is honored to have been included in one of their newsletter Spotlight features.

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### **CA FSC NORTHERN & CENTRAL REGIONAL MONTHLY MEETING**



Join California Fire Safe Council Regional Coordinators during their monthly regional check-ins and networking calls. May 15, 2024 / Wed. / 12:00-1:00PM / online  
[REGISTER](#)

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### **CITY OF OAKLAND PEP CLASS • IN-PERSON**



**Personal Emergency Preparedness [PEP] Class**  
May 16, 2024 / Thursday / 6:00-7:30pm  
[REGISTER](#)

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### **WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 21, 2024 / Tuesday / 1:00-3:00pm / online  
A forum for addressing wildfire preparedness and mitigation issues of statewide concern, share best practices, seek comments and specific input on programs and technical issues,





and inform local agencies and the public of applicable new laws and regulations **AGENDA & LINK**

## SAVE THE DATE



OCTOBER 5, 2024 / SATURDAY / 10 AM - 2 PM

Join Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Keith Carson and Oakland Firesafe Council for a day filled with great information & resources at **Alameda County Emergency Preparedness Day** at Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley. Stay tuned for details!

## COMMUNITY KEEPS US GOING



Working together contributes to the well-being and safety of each other, our neighborhoods and our communities in Oakland (and beyond). OFSC continually strives to help everyone be prepared and ready for disasters. In addition to continuing the Firewise USA® for Oakland program, your **tax-deductible contributions** help us

- Provide free workshops
- Develop new wildfire safety programs
- Nurture connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness

THANK YOU for all that you have done so far in supporting OFSC's work and thank you for ANY donation you are able to make now.

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Oakland Firesafe Council (OFSC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the risks of wildfire danger to people and property through preparedness education, programs and materials, outreach, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

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