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PROTOTYPING RESILIENCE An Evacuation Simulation Board Game

On Thursday, November 14th, 36 residents of the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association (Montclair) played out wildfire evacuation scenarios in a board game developed and hosted by Professor Tom Maiorana from UC Davis.



The board game is **Prototyping Resilience**. Using a map of the area as the game board, residents first placed their transportation mode piece at their home location, and then a wildfire was randomly positioned. Drawing Chance cards that included blocked roads and school congestion, players simulated taking turns "evacuating" their pieces to safety.

The game reinforced preparedness steps such as having signed up for **AC Alert**, having a **Go-Bag** and knowing one's Genasys Protect **evacuation zone**. It also stimulated discussion on choosing the best route to safety given the wind-blown fire's direction and obstacles in the way. Plus it was fun engaging with other neighbors!



Many thanks to Tom and his team as well as the representatives from Oakland's Emergency Management Services who attended to provide professional guidance!

If you are interested in this game for your community, fill out the Prototyping Resilience **CONTACT FORM.**

PULL UP A CHAIR, WEDNESDAY EVENING 11/20

Join us for the last meeting of 2024!

We welcome everyone from all communities of Oakland and the East Bay to observe, participate and/or get involved.

OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024

7:00-8:00pm

Meeting Link [HERE](#)



LOOKING LIKE A "YES" FOR MEASURE MM



Elizabeth Stage shares this progress report:

As of 5pm on November 15th, the results for the wildfire prevention ballot measure, MM, looked very promising. With 77% of the eligible votes counted, "Yes" was holding steady at 71% and "No" at 29%.

The Registrar of Voters estimated that there only 17,000 votes left to be counted; he didn't say when he expected the work to be completed. There are few races on the ballot that are close enough to be influenced by the additional votes, mainly the County Supervisor with a difference of 106 votes, and a couple of City Council races that are close but unlikely to change. All of the ballot measures (public safety, ethics, and wildfire prevention) have been considered by Oaklandside and the San Francisco Chronicle to have passed.

The passage of Measure MM is an important step towards greater safety from wildfire, taken by thousands of steps up and down hills to knock on doors and place door hangers on the knobs. Many people contributed money to the campaign, much appreciated, but it fell short in that regard. If you liked the most recent mailer focused on the Keller Fire or you like to back a winner, visit the [WEBSITE](#) to donate.

Next task, to figure how the consequences of a very troubling City Budget, particularly for OFD and OPD; there isn't enough transparency to see how the "fiscal emergency" is going to change services.

WINTER WEATHER AHEAD!

Not that long ago we had temps in the 90's and a Red Flag Warning, and now this week's forecast from the [National Weather Service](#) is for cold, wet weather with the possibility of coastal flooding from a strong atmospheric river. The worst impacts are predicted for the North Bay, but

"By the end of the week, most areas will have received around a month's worth of rain. Flooding is the main concern... most impacts will be to smaller creeks and streams and low-lying, flood-prone urban areas. Strong winds, combined with the heavy rain, could also cause some tree damage and related impacts."



While we welcome the rain to help reduce wildfire risk, we know from past years that atmospheric river systems can be cause a lot of damage as well as be dangerous for travel. Please review our Guide on **Winter Storm Preparedness** and be ready for more winter weather ahead!

Apropos to this week's weather forecast...



The Oakland Radio Communication Association (**ORCA**) held a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) exercise on Saturday, November 2nd. ORCA Amateur/Ham 2-way radio operators stationed at Oakland's Emergency Operations Center communicated with other radio operators who reported simulated storm damage, including downed trees, communications and power outages, traffic accidents, major flooding and mudslides.



In the event of a real disaster, ORCA and **GENOAK** 2-way radio operators can assist emergency responders by reporting damage and helping coordinate community response.

MORE OF NOTE

ALAMEDA COUNTY COORDINATOR MEET-AND-GREET



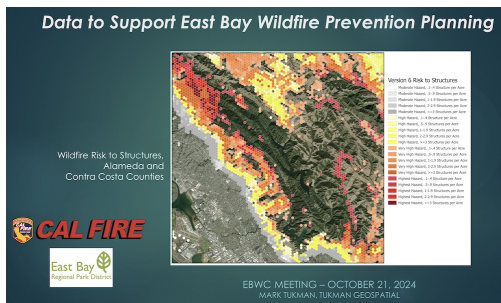
Connect with your fellow stakeholders about wildfire resiliency and preparedness, meet the new interim Alameda County Coordinator Chris Cullander*, and discuss the County Coordinator's **work and purpose**. The event, hosted by Berkeley Fire Department and Hayward Fire Department, will include a Q&A session, catered food, and a tour of the new Hayward Fire Training Center.

SAT./ DEC. 14, 2024 / 11:00AM – 3:30PM / RSVP

*For over 30 years, Chris has focused on being an active community leader in wildfire mitigation. He brings a wealth of experience to this role as:

- A member of Berkeley FireSafe Council, on the Education & Preparedness and Development Committee
- A CERT trainer
- Former Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) Board
- A participant in many Northern Alameda County (NALCO) ARES/RACES BFD Red Flag Warning fire patrol days

EAST BAY WILDFIRE COALITION (EBWC) COALITION MEETINGS



The EBWC meets publicly on a scheduled basis at El Cerrito City Hall. Meeting agendas, minutes, and other materials from meetings can be found under their website's **MEETINGS** tab. The October meeting recording and resources are now available. November's are forthcoming. The next meeting will be in January 2025... stay tuned.

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER LARA PRESS RELEASE



11/14/2024 – “Our new wildfire catastrophe modeling regulation addresses the urgent need to make insurance more available in communities facing wildfire risk,” stated Commissioner Lara in a press release. “As California experiences more intense climate impacts, we must modernize our insurance regulations to meet these realities while ensuring full public transparency and accountability.” **LEARN MORE**

FIRESAFE VENDOR LIST - VENDORS APPLY NOW!



California Fire Safe Council's Fire Safe Vendor List is a digital publication promoting businesses in the fields of fire safety, prevention, and/or mitigation.

This first of its kind, FREE resource is a valuable tool for our community available winter 2025. They are connecting vendors throughout the state skilled in wildfire resiliency projects with wildfire resilience organizations. **DETAILS**



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. **CONTACT**

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