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## FROM THE CITY OF OAKLAND



The draft EIR of the Vegetation Management Plan went live on 9/20/2023 and is **ready for comments and feedback**. The city is about to roll out a robust communication campaign to ensure folks get a chance to review it. **See details and the plan.**

**Save the Date:** The City of Oakland Planning Commission will conduct a public meeting on the Recirculated DEIR for the VMP on November 1, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Info on how to participate in this meeting is **here**.

## FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



The state is working to reign in home insurance companies who are dropping coverage. Governor Newsom signed a **new Executive Order** urging the insurance commissioner Lara to take bold action to **stabilize the insurance market**.

>>> OFSC Guide [Home Insurance](#) <<<

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: EL TÍMPANO

Throughout this wildfire season, **El Tímpano** is working to **fill gaps in crisis information and preparedness**, connecting their community with tangible resources and information they can use to stay safe.



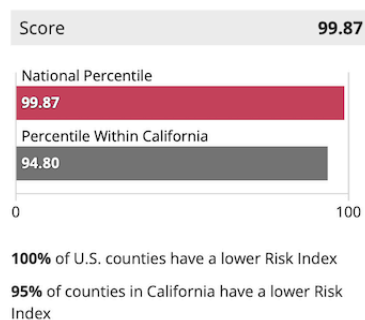
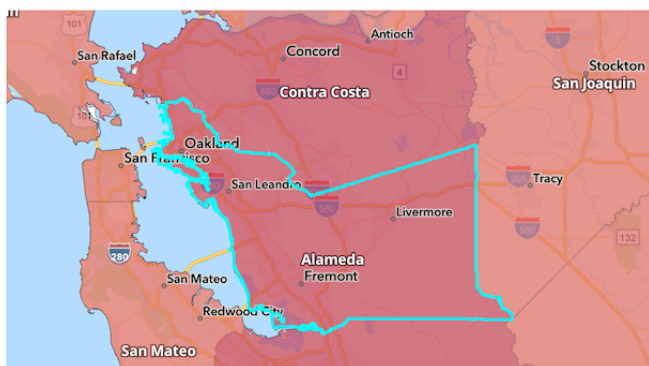
Earlier in the month, community members joined El Tímpano at the César Chávez Library in Oakland's Fruitvale neighborhood to learn how to make their own air filter from Common Humanity Collective and how to prepare for emergencies like wildfires and earthquakes in a PEP workshop from the city of Oakland Emergency Management Services Division (EMSD).

**Learn more** about El Tímpano and stay tuned for future workshops across Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

**>>> OFSC Guide Wildfire Smoke Preparedness**

**>>> OFSC Wildfire Safety Program Wildfire Monitoring & Reporting**

## ALAMEDA COUNTY IS "VERY HIGH" RISK



The FEMA National Risk Index rating is "**Very High**" for Alameda County, CA when compared to the rest of the U.S. – the highest threats are Earthquake, Flooding, Wildfire and Drought. But it's worthy to note that **Community Resilience** is also rated "Very High". **VIEW**

## SPEAKING OF RISK IN ALAMEDA COUNTY...

Important **community safety information** was recently sent out on Tuesday, 9/19/2023, by way of this AC Alert about air quality and wildfire smoke: "The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has issued an air quality advisory due to smoke from wildfires... [MORE](#)



Did you receive last week's AC Alert? If not,

>>> **SIGN UP** for AC Alert <<<

## AND SPEAKING OF ALERTS...

Nationwide Test of the FEMA Emergency Alert System (EAS)  
and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)



Wednesday  
Oct. 4th, 2023  
11:20am Pacific  
[\*\*DETAILS\*\*](#)

>>> For more info on WEA and IPAWS, visit [\*\*CAL ALERTS\*\*](#) <<<

## NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR DFSC



"Diablo Firesafe Council is proud to announce the hiring of Holly Million as our new Executive Director. A passionate 32-year veteran of the nonprofit world, Holly brings deep knowledge of nonprofit management, fundraising, communications, and partnership-building to this role, having worked as an executive director, director of development, fundraising consultant, and board member for scores

of organizations throughout her career." ~ from [Diablo Firesafe Council](#)  
Newsletter, 9/22/2023

## CAN YOU HELP CONTINUE IMPORTANT SAFETY PROGRAMS?



Helping our communities be prepared and ready for any disaster is a **crucial service that OFSC has provided**, and needs to continue doing so. We are seeking funding to help re-instate our works in the community safety such as:

- offering Firewise USA® support
- providing free workshops
- developing new wildfire safety programs
- nurturing connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness

Your financial support would help us to continue on with these and other important, potentially life-saving endeavors. And should you have any **contacts with corporate and/or foundation sources** of grant funds and donations, we'd be grateful for any connections.

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.

### SUPPORT

*Oakland Firesafe Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations are tax-deductible.*



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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