

Summary of Meeting #5
Draft Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan
And Draft Environmental Impact Report

September 2, 2009

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Attendees

Laura Baker
Ron Barklow
Michael Bond, El Cerrito FD
Khin Chin, Berkeley FD
Afton Crooks, Sierra Club
William Gilbert
Morgan Griffin
Dan Grassetto
Martin Holden, Claremont Conservancy
Lyn Hovland, HCN
Egon Hoyer
Shana Jones, CAL FIRE
Tom Klatt, UC Berkeley
George Laing, Contra Costa Fire PD
Norm LaForce
Bill McClung
Linda Meza
Mary Millman
Gordon Piper
Peter Rauch, CNPS
Steven Riggs
Barbara Sacks
Peter Scott
Moses Silva
Tim Wallace
Roger Wong

EBRPD

Beverly Lane, Board Member
Doug Sidel, Board Member
John Sutter, Board Member
John Escobar, Assistant General Manager
Mike Anderson, Assistant General Manager
Brian Wiese, Chief Planning/Stewardship/GIS Services
David Amme
Ken Blonski, Fire Chief
Neal Fujita, Stewardship Manager
Jack Kenny
Ed Leong, Park Supervisor
Shelly Lewis
Jessica Sheppard, Resource Analyst
John Swanson, Assistant Fire Chief
Jeff Wilson, Park Operations Unit Manager

Consultant Team

Judy Malamut, Principal & Project Manager, LSA
Cheryl Miller, Outreach Coordinator, Amphion
Carol Rice, Wildland Resource Management
Richard Nichols, Biological Resources, LSA
Amy Paulsen, Project Planner, LSA

Purpose and Overview of Meeting. Mike Anderson welcomed participants and provided an overview of the meeting.

Overview of Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan (WHR RMP).

Brian Wiese provided an overview of the draft WHR RMP. He explained the planning process, purpose and goals of the project. He also reviewed the fire hazard assessment and the process used to determine recommended treatment areas (RTAs). RTAs are both areas identified for initial treatment and for continued maintenance. Brian provided an example in Anthony Chabot Park to further explain how this information was developed and will be used. Recommended vegetation management goals have been established for each RTA with treatment recommendations. Guidelines and considerations are also identified related to sensitive

resources, resource protection and best management practices potentially within each RTA. Each proposed treatment area will include a pre-treatment resource assessment and treatment prescription, as well as a post-treatment evaluation. An ongoing maintenance and monitoring process has also been identified that completes this loop allowing for adaptive management of the RTAs as treatments and follow-up maintenance actions are implemented.

Assistant Chief Swanson and Jessica Shepherd discussed how the District staff will implement the Plan. Each year the District Fire Department, Operations and Stewardship staff will use the Plan to establish work priorities in an annual Fuels Treatment Plan. They will field verify the conditions, refine the resource protection and enhancement guidelines and specific actions to take place, and identify a monitoring program to inform future decision making.

Comments and Responses. Since the September 2, 2009 meeting, the District extended the comment period on the Draft Plan and Draft EIR to October 30, 2009, an additional 30 days, for a total of 88 days. The comment period has now closed, and the District and consultant team are working on preparing a Response to Comments Document for the Draft EIR and a Final Plan document. The Response to Comments Document will address comments received on the Draft EIR during the formal comment period (August 3, 2009 to October 30, 2009). The Response to Comments Document and the Draft EIR together comprise the Final EIR for the project (the WHR RM Plan). The District will consider the information contained in the Final EIR when deliberating on the project, and following certification of the Final EIR, the District may take final action on the Plan.

The questions and comments made at the September 2, 2009 meeting regarding the Draft Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan and the Draft EIR have been summarized and will be included in the Final EIR which should be available in early 2010 prior to the Final EIR certification hearing.