Introduction

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## SECTION I: COLLABORATION

### A: COMMUNITY / AGENCIES / FIRE SAFE COUNCILS

Representatives directly involved in the development of the *Kensington X FSC CWPP* are included in the following table. Their organization, and roles and responsibilities are indicated below:

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B. Community Overview – Description of topography, population, climate, land uses, businesses, schools, infrastructure, fire safe councils, and other applicable traits specific to this CWPP area.

1. The Kensington community of 1850+ homes was developed beginning in around 1920 and is located within the San Diego City limits. It is bordered by Highway 15 (west), Highway 8 (north), Fairmont Ave (east) and Normal Heights community (south). Each of the three highways are located in the bottom of large canyons. Public lands are found in the two major east to west canyons that bisect the community and in the frontage found along the Interstate 15 and Interstate 8 and Fairmont Ave. The canyons also contain numerous finger canyons that run in all directions. All of the canyons are considered steep with grades of 30-40 degrees.

2. Access to the community is via four two-lane roads running north from Adams Ave. These access roads decline after several blocks and most of the areas eventually have only one road in and out. All evacuation routes will need to terminate at the south side of the community at Adams Avenue or in the Normal Heights area. Evacuation preparedness and routes are established by individuals or collectively a community. During an emergency, evacuation duties fall under the authority of the police department, not the fire department. Residents are advised to have an evacuation kit that can be carried as it may be necessary to evacuate on foot.

3. The Kensington X FSC’s have worked with residents and the Inspector from the Fire Department to establish 100 feet of defensible space around homes. Most of the canyon lots extend to the bottom of the canyons. The greenery in the canyons is mostly native with an occasional palm, pepper or eucalyptus tree.

4. As stated before, all houses sit on top of the hills that are bisected by multiple canyons. Per City of San Diego Municipal Landscape Development Codes and Regulations, irrigating of vegetation in Brush Management Zone-2 and outward into the canyons native and naturalized vegetation is prohibited. Native and naturalized vegetation shall sustain off of annual rains. Dry fuel and erosion (steepness of the canyons) are definite dangers. Another consideration is that fires burn up hill to the houses. We advise neighbors that the fires would most likely be fought from the top of the hill or behind the houses. Many of the canyon houses have only 5 feet between the house and adjoining property line. This adds to the importance of prevention and planning on the part of the residents.

The slopes of the canyons vary, but a 25-40 degree slope would be a good estimate. The two major canyons run east to west as do the seasonal Santa Ana Winds sometimes reaching 50 miles per hour or greater. While this is great for drying laundry outside, it is a disaster for fire danger!

5. There have been two major fires in the Kensington area over the past 50 years. The first one occurred in the 1960-70’s and came up the canyons by way of a strong Santa Ana winds. Many homes were destroyed. The second major fire was in 1985 and came from the north into the Normal Heights neighborhood. This neighborhood mirrors and borders the community of Kensington on the west. While Normal Heights does not have east to west bisecting canyons, it has canyons housing freeways (Interstates 15, 805, 8) on three sides. The cause of this fire is not known, but it came from the north and was fueled by Santa Ana winds76 houses were lost and 57 houses were damaged.

Kensington has had several small fires that were reported early and quickly addressed by the fire department. Most recently there was a campfire in one of the major canyons that got away from the homeless campers. Several neighbors phoned in the fire and the Fire Department helicopter made a retardant drop to assist in putting out the fire. The City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is currently the only fire agency in San Diego County that conducts night air firefighting operations.

In September 2017, Homeless Campers living among the numerous Fan Palm trees and overgrown brush on Fairmont Ave had a camp fire get away from them. Much of the brush and several of the palm trees were destroyed, but no lives were lost. It appears that fronds from one of the overgrown Fan Palm trees caught
fire and blew into the housing area across the road from the fire. Two of the tall trees in that area appear to have had their foliage burnt away. A fast response from the San Diego Fire Department quickly put out the fire.

6. Kensington weather is usually between the temperatures reported from Lindberg Field and El Cajon, in the East County. The weather is usually dry and seldom has frost. The East to West Santa Ana winds blow from the deserts east of San Diego and have a natural pathway formed by Interstate 8, located at the bottom of a canyon which also runs east to west. Kensington is bordered on the north by Interstate 8. San Diego usually has low rainfall, causing lots of dry grass and bushes. Some seasons like the 2016-17 season, have larger amounts of rain that brings lots of growth and generates greater amounts of fuel.

7. Kensington has a four block long busy commercial and business area that serves residents from Kensington and other areas of San Diego. In addition to the commercial area, several private schools, a community library and churches are located in the community.

8. Kensington has a large elderly population living in the area. Walkability, shopping, churches and medical offices enable a quality life and independence for this population.
SECTION I: COLLABORATION -- continued

C. Identification of Community Values at Risk

Using technology and local expertise, the sponsors of this CWPP have developed a series of maps depicting the site and situation of the Kensington X Community (Appendix B).

Values at risk within the community are:
Quality of Life for the residents of 1850 homes located in the Kensington Community.

Specific list of those Issues:
- Security for residents
- Health of loved ones and family
- Preservation of property and life style
- Preservation of environment: plants, animals, birds.
- Contentment and Happiness of residents.
- Walkable access to goods and services for all residents

D. Local Preparedness and Firefighting Capability— All fire jurisdictions within the area as identified by this CWPP are listed below with information as available on number of firefighting personnel and fire response vehicles:

1) City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is the agency that serves both response to fires and medical and associated emergencies to Kensington Community.

There are two Fire and Rescue Stations near Kensington, they are the Friar's Road Station (FS45), three miles away and the Felton Street Fire Station (FS18) one mile away. Both stations have five star ratings.

2) Wildland fires would also be responded to by the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and the County, as necessary.
SECTION II: PRIORITIZED FUEL REDUCTION TREATMENTS

The partnership that exists between the listed organizations and citizens in this CWPP allows the community of Kensington X FSC to reduce hazardous vegetative fuels that could ignite residences and commercial facilities, particularly, during Santa Ana wind fire conditions. Maintaining properties with the appropriate defensible space is a key factor to protecting lives and properties.

The CWPP is not to be construed as indicative of project "activity" as defined under the “Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Three, Projects Subject to CEQA." Any actual project activities undertaken that meet this definition of project activity and are undertaken by the CWPP participants or agencies listed shall meet with local, state and federal environmental compliance requirements.

A. Priorities

Kensington X FSC priority is that the residents living in the 1850+ homes in Kensington are afforded fire safe environment.

TO THIS END, OUR GOALS ARE:

1. Communicate directly with residents via meetings, flyers, workshops and internet service such as Next Door Kensington website.
2. Create a fire safe environment by supporting the establishment of 100 feet of defensible space around homes and buildings.
3. Annual provision of large dumpsters located throughout the neighborhood for collection of green waste and palm fronds from the Kensington area.
4. Continue an annual "junk" pick up service for discarded beds, furniture and other flammable materials. Service is door-to-door and available to all residents.
5. Encourage Neighbor to Neighbor evacuation plan and assistance to less able neighbors.
6. Train residents in developing home evacuation kits and evacuation plans for their family.
7. Continue regular and ongoing community efforts to underground the dangerous utility wires and boxes that are located in the canyons and along property lines in 2/3's of Kensington. Past efforts have resulted in a plan to underground 1/3 of the area within 2-3 years.
8. Address the danger presented by homeless campers in our canyons. The community has diligently reported trespassers, lights/campfires, abandoned carts and trash bags seen in the canyons.
9. Pursue funding and resources to assist canyon property owners with brush and weed thinning.

B. Existing Projects

1. Continue providing information, assistance and resources to the Kensington Community to establish and maintain a living environment safe from fire danger.
2. Increase the number of FSC Members/Leader from five to ten. 1850 homes and the residents of those homes necessitate a greater level of contact and service. The five established areas of Kensington will continue as mapped, but each will have two leaders in the future in place of the single leader.
3. Continue recruiting and managing Dumpster Minders. We presently have a group of ten residents who have volunteered to house dumpsters in front of their houses for a week at a time. We wish to have these volunteers better coordinated and appreciated for their time and efforts.
4. Increase exploration with city in joining resources to trim the 20-30 overgrown palm trees and overgrown Eucalyptus along with brush and other trees located on city land in Kensington's three major East to West canyons. The goal of these programs is to reduce fuel and establish three fire breaks in the area.

5. Continue an annual "Kick Off" program promoting clean-up, trimming and dumpster activities. This program will provide residents with information on the dumpster program, junk collection program, establishment of 100 feet of defensible space, evacuation planning and execution as well as all other activities and resources available by the FSC.

This program and the activities related to creation of defensible space will occur after the end of gnat catcher mating season February-August 30th. Activities are conducted in the first three weeks in September.
In cooperation with the City of San Diego, the **Kensington X FSC CWPP** supports and promotes fire safe activities and supports and educates its citizens in ways to reduce structure ignitability through meeting the requirements of the California Building and Fire Code, City of San Diego Municipal Codes and Regulations.

Following is a description of structural challenges, including proposed methods of improvement and implementation proposed for the community:

1. Continue Education and Training of Community Residents in Creating Defensible space around structures and maintaining property with consideration for Fire Resistance.
2. Continue to utilize the resources of the periodic Fire Marshal inspections in a positive and receptive way. Residents are now seeing this inspection as a resource for the safety of our neighborhood and residents.
3. Continue to educate residents on elements that make their property safer.
4. Continue to work with San Diego City in trimming the palm trees and brush located in two of the east/west canyons along Fairmont Avenue.
5. Continue to work with the City to remove Homeless Campers in Kensington Canyons.
6. Pursue resources for residents with large overgrown canyon lots in order to reduce fuel load.
7. Research and gather information for community dissemination on the use of rooftop sprinkler systems, such as they have in Australia and replacing existing house vents with smaller and fire safe vents which prevent fire access to attics.
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan as developed for Kensington X CWPP:

- Was collaboratively developed, and meets the intent of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) in emphasizing the need for agencies to work collaboratively with communities in developing hazardous fuel reduction projects, and places priority on treatment areas identified by communities themselves in a CWPP. Interested parties and federal land management agencies in the vicinity of this CWPP have been consulted.

- Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the types and methods of treatment that will protect areas within this CWPP.

- Recommends measures to reduce ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.

- Is intended for use as a planning and assessment tool only, utilizing a compilation of community issues/goals and projected fire mitigation strategies. The CWPP is not to be construed as indicative of project “activity” as defined under the “Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Three, Projects Subject to CEQA.” Per the Community Guide, Section 3.1.1, “CEQA only applies to public agency decisions to approve, or actions to carry out, a discretionary project.” Any actual project activities meeting this definition of project activity and undertaken by the CWPP participants or agencies listed shall meet with local, state and federal environmental compliance requirements.

Chair of Fire Safe Council submitting this CWPP
Beverly K. Barrett, Ed.D

Eddie Villavicencio
Assistant Fire Marshal
City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Date
1-9-2018

Date
2-16-18
This Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been developed for the community of Kensington, City of San Diego.

This CWPP was reviewed and recommended for approval by the San Diego Community Wildfire Protection Plan Review Committee as demonstrated by the signature below.

[Signature]
Chair of CWPP Review Committee
(name)

[Signature] 4/9/18
Date

The CAL FIRE Unit Chief has final signing authority on CWPPs in San Diego County. The signature below attests that the standards listed in the section above and the content of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan are proposed to be met and mutually accepted:

[Signature] 4/20/20
Date

STATE AGENCY (authorizing entity — required for finalization)

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Monte Vista Unit
Tony Mecham, Unit Chief
LIST OF REFERENCES:

   http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art05Division01.pdf
   http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art05Division07.pdf

2. City of San Diego Municipal Code, Landscape Regulations, available at:
   http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art02Division04.pdf

   http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art03Division01.pdf

   http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art04Division02.pdf

   http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter05/Ch05Art05Division94.pdf

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   http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art09Division03.pdf

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   https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/brush_0.pdf

8. City of San Diego Clarification of Brush Management Regulations and Landscape Standards, available at:

9. City of San Diego Application for Use of Goats for Brush Management Permit, available at:

10. City of San Diego Ready, Set Go (English Version), available at:
    https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/safety/tips/readysetgo

11. City of San Diego Ready, Set, Go (Spanish Version), available at:

12. www.livingwithfire.com

13. www.firesafecouncil.org

14. www.firesafesdcounty.org
The Kensington FSC X meets throughout the year on an as needed basis. Members communicate and share information via phone or email.

Meetings have coordinated community training and information related to FSC activities and resources. Every September the whole community participates in the annual clean up and establishment of defensible space and the location for the FSC dumpsters placement throughout the community.

Communication between the FSC Council and Community occurs via hand delivered flyers, scheduled meetings, and Nextdoor Kensington (a popular community Website).

FSC Members and Neighborhood children march behind the Fire Engine in the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Participants pass out flyers and printed information provided by the Lakeside FSC Office.

A neighborhood movie is presented 8-9 times throughout the summer. Residents who attend receive an update on FSC Happenings and related material is disseminated.

Eddie Villavicencio, from the Fire Department has presented meetings related to fire safety on several occasions and at several community meetings.

Following are several meeting agendas and sign in sheets:

1.0 Membership Roster of Fire Safe Council Kensington East
2.0 September 9, 2014 presentation to Subcommittee for Utility Undergrounding, Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group – continuing discussion with Kensington Association
3.0 Letter to San Diego City re: need to collaborate on City lands
4.0 Dumpster use/location schedule 2017
5.0 Dumpster reservation form
6.0 Sign in sheets for meetings 2016-2017
7.0 Handouts (limited samples) for meetings 2016-2017
8.0 Slide presentation to various community groups regarding Kensington 5 Fire Safe Council activities
Figure 1: Area Map

Figure 2: Communities Map

Figure 3: Assets at Risk

Figure 4: USGS Topographic Map

Figure 5: Fire Threat (modeled by CDF FRAP)

Figure 6: Fire History 1910 – 2010 (CDF FRAP)

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Signature:

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SECTION I: COLLABORATION

A: COMMUNITY / AGENCIES / FIRE SAFE COUNCILS

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SECTION I: COLLABORATION -- continued

B. Community Overview – Description of topography, population, climate, land uses, businesses, schools, infrastructure, fire safe councils, and other applicable traits specific to this CWPP area.

1. The Kensington community of 1,850+ homes was developed beginning in around 1920 and is located within the San Diego City limits. It is bordered by Highway 15 (west), Highway 8 (north), Fairmont Ave (east) and Normal Heights community (south). Each of the three highways are located in the bottom of large canyons. Public lands are found in the two major east to west canyons that bisect the community and in the frontage found along the Interstate 15 and Interstate 8 and Fairmont Ave. The canyons also contain numerous finger canyons that run in all directions. All of the canyons are considered steep with grades of 30-40 degrees.

2. Access to the community is via four two-lane roads running north from Adams Ave. These access roads decline after several blocks and most of the areas eventually have only one road in and out. All evacuation routes will need to terminate at the south side of the community at Adams Avenue or in the Normal Heights area. Evacuation preparedness and routes are established by individuals or collectively a community. During an emergency, evacuation duties fall under the authority of the police department, not the fire department. Residents are advised to have an evacuation kit that can be carried as it may be necessary to evacuate on foot.

3. The Kensington X FSC’s have worked with residents and the Inspector from the Fire Department to establish 100 feet of defensible space around homes. Most of the canyon lots extend to the bottom of the canyons. The greenery in the canyons is mostly native with an occasional palm, pepper or eucalyptus tree.

4. As stated before, all houses sit on top of the hills that are bisected by multiple canyons. Per City of San Diego Municipal Landscape Development Codes and Regulations, irrigating of vegetation in Brush Management Zone-2 and outward into the canyons native and naturalized vegetation is prohibited. Native and naturalized vegetation shall sustain off of annual rains. Dry fuel and erosion (steepness of the canyons) are definite dangers. Another consideration is that fires burn up hill to the houses. We advise neighbors that the fires would most likely be fought from the top of the hill or behind the houses. Many of the canyon houses have only 5 feet between the house and adjoining property line. This adds to the importance of prevention and planning on the part of the residents.

The slopes of the canyons vary, but a 25-40 degree slope would be a good estimate. The two major canyons run east to west as do the seasonal Santa Ana Winds sometimes reaching 50 miles per hour or greater. While this is great for drying laundry outside, it is a disaster for fire danger!

5. There have been two major fires in the Kensington area over the past 50 years. The first one occurred in the 1960-70’s and came up the canyons by way of a strong Santa Ana winds. Many homes were destroyed. The second major fire was in 1985 and came from the north into the Normal Heights neighborhood. This neighborhood mirrors and borders the community of Kensington on the west. While Normal Heights does not have east to west bisecting canyons, it has canyons housing freeways (Interstates 15, 805, 8) on three sides. The cause of this fire is not known, but it came from the north and was fueled by Santa Ana winds.

Kensington has had several small fires that were reported early and quickly addressed by the fire department. Most recently there was a campfire in one of the major canyons that got away from the homeless campers. Several neighbors phoned in the fire and the Fire Department helicopter made a retardant drop to assist in putting out the fire. The City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is currently the only fire agency in San Diego County that conducts night air firefighting operations.

In September 2017, Homeless Campers living among the numerous Fan Palm trees and overgrown brush on Fairmont Ave had a camp fire get away from them. Much of the brush and several of the palm trees were destroyed, but no lives were lost. It appears that fronds from one of the overgrown Fan Palm trees caught
fire and blew into the housing area across the road from the fire. Two of the tall trees in that area appear to have had their foliage burnt away. A fast response from the San Diego Fire Department quickly put out the fire.

6. Kensington weather is usually between the temperatures reported from Lindberg Field and El Cajon, in the East County. The weather is usually dry and seldom has frost. The East to West Santa Ana winds blow from the deserts east of San Diego and have a natural pathway formed by Interstate 8, located at the bottom of a canyon which also runs east to west. Kensington is bordered on the north by Interstate 8. San Diego usually has low rainfall, causing lots of dry grass and bushes. Some seasons like the 2016-17 season, have larger amounts of rain that brings lots of growth and generates greater amounts of fuel.

7. Kensington has a four block long busy commercial and business area that serves residents from Kensington and other areas of San Diego. In addition to the commercial area, several private schools, a community library and churches are located in the community.

8. Kensington has a large elderly population living in the area. Walkability, shopping, churches and medical offices enable a quality life and independence for this population.
SECTION I: COLLABORATION -- continued

C. Identification of Community Values at Risk

Using technology and local expertise, the sponsors of this CWPP have developed a series of maps depicting the site and situation of the Kensington X Community (Appendix B).

Values at risk within the community are:
Quality of Life for the residents of 1850 homes located in the Kensington Community.

Specific list of those Issues:
- Security for residents
- Health of loved ones and family
- Preservation of property and life style
- Preservation of environment: plants, animals, birds.
- Contentment and Happiness of residents.
- Walkable access to goods and services for all residents

D. Local Preparedness and Firefighting Capability — All fire jurisdictions within the area as identified by this CWPP are listed below with information as available on number of firefighting personnel and fire response vehicles:

1) City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is the agency that serves both response to fires and medical and associated emergencies to Kensington Community.

There are two Fire and Rescue Stations near Kensington, they are the Friar's Road Station (FS45), three miles away and the Felton Street Fire Station (FS18) one mile away. Both stations have five star ratings.

2) Wildland fires would also be responded to by the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and the County, as necessary.
SECTION II: PRIORITIZED FUEL REDUCTION TREATMENTS

The partnership that exists between the listed organizations and citizens in this CWPP allows the community of Kensington X FSC to reduce hazardous vegetative fuels that could ignite residences and commercial facilities, particularly, during Santa Ana wind fire conditions. Maintaining properties with the appropriate defensible space is a key factor to protecting lives and properties.

The CWPP is not to be construed as indicative of project "activity" as defined under the "Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Three, Projects Subject to CEQA." Any actual project activities undertaken that meet this definition of project activity and are undertaken by the CWPP participants or agencies listed shall meet with local, state and federal environmental compliance requirements.

A. Priorities

Kensington X FSC priority is that the residents living in the 1850+ homes in Kensington are afforded fire safe environment.

TO THIS END, OUR GOALS ARE:

1. Communicate directly with residents via meetings, flyers, workshops and internet service such as Next Door Kensington website.
2. Create a fire safe environment by supporting the establishment of 100 feet of defensible space around homes and buildings.
3. Annual provision of large dumpsters located throughout the neighborhood for collection of green waste and palm fronds from the Kensington area.
4. Continue an annual "junk" pick up service for discarded beds, furniture and other flammable materials. Service is door-to-door and available to all residents.
5. Encourage Neighbor to Neighbor evacuation plan and assistance to less able neighbors.
6. Train residents in developing home evacuation kits and evacuation plans for their family.
7. Continue regular and ongoing community efforts to underground the dangerous utility wires and boxes that are located in the canyons and along property lines in 2/3's of Kensington. Past efforts have resulted in a plan to underground 1/3 of the area within 2-3 years.
8. Address the danger presented by homeless campers in our canyons. The community has diligently reported trespassers, lights/campfires, abandoned carts and trash bags seen in the canyons.
9. Pursue funding and resources to assist canyon property owners with brush and weed thinning.

B. Existing Projects

1. Continue proving information, assistance and resources to the Kensington Community to establish and maintain a living environment safe from fire danger.
2. Increase the number of FSC Members/Leader from five to ten. 1850 homes and the residents of those homes necessitate a greater level of contact and service. The five established areas of Kensington will continue as mapped, but each will have two leaders in the future in place of the single leader.
3. Continue recruiting and managing Dumpster Minders. We presently have a group of ten residents who have volunteered to house dumpsters in front of their houses for a week at a time. We wish to have these volunteers better coordinated and appreciated for their time and efforts.
4. Increase exploration with city in joining resources to trim the 20-30 overgrown palm trees and overgrown Eucalyptus along with brush and other trees located on city land in Kensington's three major East to West canyons. The goal of these programs is to reduce fuel and establish three fire breaks in the area.

5. Continue an annual "Kick Off" program promoting clean-up, trimming and dumpster activities. This program will provide residents with information on the dumpster program, junk collection program, establishment of 100 feet of defensible space, evacuation planning and execution as well as all other activities and resources available by the FSC.

This program and the activities related to creation of defensible space will occur after the end of gnat catcher mating season February-August 30th. Activities are conducted in the first three weeks in September.
SECTION III: TREATMENT OF STRUCTURAL IGNITABILITY

In cooperation with the City of San Diego, the Kensington X FSC CWPP supports and promotes fire safe activities and supports and educates its citizens in ways to reduce structure ignitibility through meeting the requirements of the California Building and Fire Code, City of San Diego Municipal Codes and Regulations.

Following is a description of structural challenges, including proposed methods of improvement and implementation proposed for the community:

1. Continue Education and Training of Community Residents in Creating Defensible space around structures and maintaining property with consideration for Fire Resistance.

2. Continue to utilize the resources of the periodic Fire Marshal inspections in a positive and receptive way. Residents are now seeing this inspection as a resource for the safety of our neighborhood and residents.

3. Continue to educate residents on elements that make their property safer.

4. Continue to work with San Diego City in trimming the palm trees and brush located in two of the east/west canyons along Fairmont Avenue.

5. Continue to work with the City to remove Homeless Campers in Kensington Canyons.

6. Pursue resources for residents with large overgrown canyon lots in order to reduce fuel load.

7. Research and gather information for community dissemination on the use of rooftop sprinkler systems, such as they have in Australia and replacing existing house vents with smaller and fire safe vents which prevent fire access to attics.
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan as developed for Kensington X CWPP:

- Was collaboratively developed, and meets the intent of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) in emphasizing the need for agencies to work collaboratively with communities in developing hazardous fuel reduction projects, and places priority on treatment areas identified by communities themselves in a CWPP. Interested parties and federal land management agencies in the vicinity of this CWPP have been consulted.

- Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the types and methods of treatment that will protect areas within this CWPP.

- Recommends measures to reduce ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.

- Is intended for use as a planning and assessment tool only, utilizing a compilation of community issues/goals and projected fire mitigation strategies. The CWPP is not to be construed as indicative of project “activity” as defined under the “Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Three, Projects Subject to CEQA.” Per the Community Guide, Section 3.1.1, “CEQA only applies to public agency decisions to approve, or actions to carry out, a discretionary project.” Any actual project activities meeting this definition of project activity and undertaken by the CWPP participants or agencies listed shall meet with local, state and federal environmental compliance requirements.

Chair of Fire Safe Council submitting this CWPP
Beverly K. Barrett, Ed.D

Date
1-9-2018

Eddie Villevicencio
Assistant Fire Marshal
City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
This Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been developed for the community of Kensington, City of San Diego.

This CWPP was reviewed and recommended for approval by the San Diego Community Wildfire Protection Plan Review Committee as demonstrated by the signature below.

__________________________  __________________________
Chair of CWPP Review Committee  Date
(name)

The CAL FIRE Unit Chief has final signing authority on CWPPs in San Diego County. The signature below attests that the standards listed in the section above and the content of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan are proposed to be met and mutually accepted:

__________________________  __________________________
STATE AGENCY (authorizing entity — required for finalization)  Date
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Monte Vista Unit
Tony Mecham, Unit Chief

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SECTION V: Appendix B: Meeting Tracking Documents

The Kensington FSC X meets throughout the year on an as needed basis. Members communicate and share information via phone or email.

Meetings have coordinated community training and information related to FSC activities and resources.

Every September the whole community participates in the annual clean up and establishment of defensible space and the location for the FSC dumpsters placement throughout the community.

Communication between the FSC Council and Community occurs via hand delivered flyers, scheduled meetings, and Nextdoor Kensington (a popular community Website).

FSC Members and Neighborhood children march behind the Fire Engine in the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Participants pass out flyers and printed information provided by the Lakeside FSC Office.

A neighborhood movie is presented 8-9 times throughout the summer. Residents who attend receive an update on FSC Happenings and related material is disseminated.

Eddie Villavicencio, from the Fire Department has presented meetings related to fire safety on several occasions and at several community meetings.

Following are several meeting agendas and sign-in sheets.*

1.0 Membership Roster of Fire Safe Council Kensington East
2.0 September 9, 2014 presentation to Subcommittee for Utility Undergrounding, Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group – continuing discussion with Kensington Association
3.0 Letter to San Diego City re: need to collaborate on City lands
4.0 Dumpster use/location schedule 2017
5.0 Dumpster reservation form
6.0 Sign in sheets for meetings 2016-2017
7.0 Handouts (limited samples) for meetings 2016-2017
8.0 Slide presentation to various community groups regarding Kensington 5 Fire Safe Council activities
SECTION V: Appendix C: Maps

Figure 1: Area Map

Figure 2: Communities Map

Figure 3: Assets at Risk

Figure 4: USGS Topographic Map

Figure 5: Fire Threat (modeled by CDF FRAP)

Figure 6: Fire History 1910 – 2010 (CDF FRAP)

Figure 7: Wildland-Urban Interface Zone Designations (CDF FRAP)

Figure 8: Vegetation Classification
Kensington FSC Committee Members list

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Sept 9, 2014 Update on Fire SafeCounsel Issues and Talking Points

The electrical wire and transformer under-grounding will be revisited in December per Marty Emerald's office. The KTPG's position, in the past has been that the boxes placed above ground when the wires are buried are unsightly and many residents prefer to leave the wires in the canyons until another solution agreeable comes along. As far as I know, the issue has a long history and has stalled the under-grounding here in Kensington on several occasions. I have presented the position of the Two Firesafe Councis, Kensington East and Kensington North to the Planning Counsel. That is: We want the wires removed from the canyon and under-grounded as soon as possible.

Our situation is unique as the only city canyon electrical system located in especially dry canyons. Our areas experience frequent East to West Santa Ana Winds (all three canyons run east to west), the limited access for firefighters' equipment, limited evacuation routes for residents, the presence of heavy brush in the city-owned land at the bottom of the canyons, and our failure to always maintain a defensible 100 feet around our homes. This is a scenario for disaster. Safety of our lives and property needs to TRUMP the aesthetics of the electrical boxes located on the streets above ground.

The following are some of the talking points I covered in the short time I was allocated with the KTPG's planning sub committee last month:

- The danger of an electrical equipment caused fire increases from 5% to 50% when the conditions are very dry and windy.
- The Witch Creek Fire of 2007 and last year's Australian fire were both caused by electrical equipment. These are only 2 recent examples.
- High population density in Kensington will result if greater loses to property and lives then if a fire happens than in less populated areas, e.g. North and East County
- Limited space between houses for firefighters and equipment to access the canyons means fires need to be fought from the ridges. Access between most of the houses is 4' for each property for a total of 8' that is separated in 90° of the cases in Kensington.
- Inability to use planes or helicopters due to the high wires and transformers in the canyons. In conjunction with Santa Ana causes high winds.
- Neighbors who have not maintained a 100 foot defensible space around
their houses decreases firefighting space. What can we do?

- Tom Evons and I have written and have received grants from the Burn institute to be used to rent dumpsters. The dumpsters will be set up on the streets for brush and tree trimmings. Only in Kensington East and North. We anticipate getting the particulars about this activity to you later this month.
- Marty Emerald’s office is looking into support for the cleanup of city owned property and support for the Canyon Neighbors in creating the 100 feet of defensible feet around their homes. There is also a possibility of more dumpsters for other areas of Kensington.
- There will be meetings held with SDGE in an effort to prioritize Kensington for wire replacement.

ALL of you are welcomed to join in this effort. We will be scheduling meetings along the way. If you are interested in helping Tom and I out, please contact me with your email address so I can keep you posted on our activities. Of course pass this information on to your neighbors so they too can be a part of the planning and preparation.
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September 11, 2017

I am one of the Five Kensington Fire Safe Council (FSC) Members. For the past five years we have been working in our Community to prevent brush fires. Kensington is surrounded by four canyons, Hwy. 15, Hwy 8 frontage road (Camino del Rio South) and Fairmont and Aldine Drive. In addition to these main canyons, we are intersected by three canyons running east to west and numerous finger canyons. The east to west blowing Santa Ana winds are a special danger to our area. In addition to the winds we have danger from discarded cigarettes and car fires. We are relieved with the new bike trail along Hwy 15 as it has created defensible space * on the west. The businesses along Camino del Rio South also creates some defensible space. Fairmont and Aldine do not have the same advantage of having defensible space. The City and/or Highway department need to do a much better job of cleaning up and thinning the brush and trees in the frontage along these two busy streets. There was some effort last Spring to address the problem, but by summer all has grown back. There are also two “untouchable” areas along Fairmont. As I understand the situation the triangle of land created by the intersection of Aldine and Fairmont was exchanged with preserved land elsewhere to satisfy a quota for preserved land. There are about 20 skirted palm trees and heavy brush in this area. The other area is bordered by Fairmont and the end of El Camino del Rio South. This triangle also contains about 20 palm skirted trees. Unfortunately this area recently caught fire and half of it was lost.

The danger from the skirted palm trees is the high flammability of the dried skirts. These skirts are picked up by the wind and blown into other areas. With a easterly blowing Santa Ana wind, that means that they are blown up the hill to Kensington homes. In fact, this happened in the recent fire noted above and the fire destroyed a very large pine tree in the housing development just off of Fairmont.

In the past year we had a fire on the hill overlooking Fairmont that was put out by the Fire Department. Last year we also had Fireworks set off in the same area. A homeless couple were seen when they were observed walking into the same area with a portable barbecue. Add to all of this, the recent influx of homeless campers that occurred when the Mission Valley camps were disassembled. We have reported the homeless camps and their deserted belongings have been regularly picked up by a city agency.
What do I propose? The FSC would like to secure grant money for next spring and partner with the appropriate agencies to get the above concerns addressed. This community is ready and able to work with the city or whatever agency is involved to make our community safe and secure from the danger of fires.

We have recently offered to work with neighboring communities for our common good. You may recall that in 1985 the Normal Heights community had a Santa Ana fueled fire that burned over 300 acres, destroyed 76 homes, damaged 57 homes, caused $9 million dollars damage and necessitated the evacuation of 1000-1500 residents. Normal Heights mirrors the terrain found in Kensington with the exception of the absence of finger canyons there.

Please direct me to the agency or person we can work with to address this situation.

Beverly K, Barrett
4362 Argos Drive
San Diego, Ca. 92116
619 851-9303

*Space created to give fire department opportunity to defend buildings
Dumpster Use, Location/Schedule FSC 20'17

Dumpster Use
-Dumpsters are for the use of all Kensington residents
-Dumpsters are for Green Waste and Palm Fronds Only. Other waste will cause financial fines and reduce money for use of Dumpster program.
-If you find non-green items in dumpsters, pull them out and place on street. Notify the city to have it picked up at <getitdone.force.com>.
-You do not have to cut up tree limbs as long as they fit into the dumpster without hanging over the edges.
-If you spill around the dumpster, please sweep it up.
-Thank the Host Neighbor who has consented to have this not so beautiful dumpster on the street of their property. Hosts: Please mark the exact location of dumpsters the night before with trash cans or cones.

-Funding was received from 5 SDGE Grants submitted by the Kensington 5 Fire Safe Councils: Mike Brown-Talmadge Loop, Robb Bower-Kens South, Bev Barrett-Kensington East, Brad Cameron-Kens West, Tom Evons-Kens North.

Schedule/Location

Week 1: Sept 6-13   Note date changes due to Labor Day
4312 Ridgeway
4358 Argos Drive
4391 Middlesex Dr.
42nd on the north side of Alder
5230 Canterbury Drive

Week 2: Sept 13-20
5331 East Palisades Rd
4266 Ridgeway Drive
5202 Canterbury drive.
Madison and Terrace west side against Hwy 15
4801 E. Alder

Week 3: Sept 20-27
4215 Ridgeway Dr.
4360 Middlesex Drive
4661 E. Talmadge Drive
5011 Bristol Rd
4551 Kensington Drive

Click on--- http://www.readyforwildfire.org/docs/files/File/Ready-Set-Go-Plan-09_CALFIRE_sm.pdf Important informational brochure on Creating Defensible Space, Wild Fire Preparation and Evacuation. Contact at Bev Barrett: 619-282-0425 or bbarrett@cox.net
Dumpster Reservation

-The Fire Safe Council grants will provide 3 dumpsters to each of the five FSC areas in Kensington.
-The dumpsters are to be used to collect only green waste: palm clippings, brush and tree branches.
-Dumpsters will be placed for one week, Monday through Monday during the first 3 weeks of September: Wk 1:5th-12th, WK 2 12th-19th, Wk 3 19th-26th.
-Primary use for dumpsters will be to create 100 feet of defensible space around buildings/homes.

If you would like to have a dumpster located on the street in front of your property for you and your neighbors use, please complete the following form and email it to bbarrett@cox.net.

Name of home owner: Allison Walsh
Address: 4266 Ridgeway Drive, SD 92116
Email: alwada@cox.net
Phone number: 619/823-5906
Preferred week:

Week 1_September 5-12
Week 2_September 12-19
Week 3_September 19-26

Please return to Bev at bbarrett@cox.net ASAP to assure your dumpster
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| 1            | Allison Walsh
4266 Ridgeway Drive | alwada@cox.net
619 823-5906 |
| 2            | Mark Ayers
4391 Middlesex       | Dane                     
619 261-6612 |
| 3            | Elizabeth Clegg
5310 Canterbury Dr.  | wavypwd@gmail.com         
619-528-0882 |
| 4            | Dane McCleary
4823 Sussex          | danemcleary@gmail.com    
808-284-5742 |
| 5            | Molly Gee
4730 Vista Street    | molly_gee@me.com         
785-218-9523 |
| 6            | Anne Gonzalez
4337 Hilldale Rd     | morningfogg@yahoo.com    
858-361-8245 |
| 7            | Nigal Miller
4828 Hart Dr.        | Nigal@cox.net
619-283-0058 |
| 8            | Carl Heiter
4801 E. Alder        | carlheiter@att.net       
619-886-0902 |
| 9            | Robb Bower
Terrace and Madison  | robb-bower@yahoo.com     
619-301-9880 |
| 10           | Scott/Clea Stanton
4771 Vista Ln         | cleashannon@gmail.com    
619-867-2787 |
From: Beverly Barrett <beverly.barrett@icloud.com>
Subject: Dumpster schedule and informational flyers for "Junk" Pick Up Day
Sept 9
Date: August 7, 2017 at 11:35:03 AM PDT
To: Mike Brown <mkbrown4632@cox.net>, Tom Evons <tevons@gmail.com>,
Brad Cameron <bradcameron@cox.net>, Robb Bower
<robb_bower@yahoo.com>

Mike and his wife, Kathy, have an opportunity to present our slide show and
information regarding the greenery and junk collection to the "Kensington Sisters’
Community Meeting.

I will do the same kind of inservice on August 28, 7:30 on our deck. Let me know
if any of you can do the same type of program in your area. You just need run
everyone through the slides, and hand out defensible space flyer along with
Dumpster location map. I will get these to you. You need to collect signatures on
a sign in sheet so I can use it to support future grant writing. I can reimburse for
refreshments. If you can’t do it, I understand. You and your neighbors will be
welcomed to join us at our house. on August 28. Let me know what you need
from me.

Several very important things-I am giving each of you: the Dumpster schedule for
week 1& 2, with names, locations, phone numbers and email addresses.
PLEASE keep the Dumpster Schedule with names, phone numbers, locations,
email addresses for your own use. I would hate to be the cause of someone
getting placed involuntarily on a solicitation list or some violation of their
confidentiality.

The maps for dumpster location/ defensible space and the flyers for the “Junk”
pick up will need to be passed out sometime during the week of August 20th. I
will post the maps on the Neighborhood News. But I was told not post the
“Junk” Pick up on Neighborhood News as the City wants to be assured that it is
Kensington’s Junk and not imported from somewhere else. I don’t make the
rules, but help me follow them -PLEASE. So we will need some neighbors to
help us pass them out door to door and spread the word. The garbage truck will
cruise up and down every street starting at 8 AM on Sept 9. Two strong garbage
collectors people will load from the curb. Meanwhile, you can let everyone know
about the things they do not want to put into your junk pile: light bulbs, propane
tanks, bass cylinders, tires, hazardous waste and dirt and construction materials.

Let me know if you need my help to get the flyers out. Here is the way I do it, I
put two little kids on one side of the street and I go on the other side of the street
and we race-they leap frog and I run for my life!!! You can also get your walking
neighbors to take a route around their block.

I really want this to work for us. I was horrified when I went out with the inspector
last fall and saw all of the flammable junk overflowing in people's yards. I suspect it was predominately at older people's houses so I hope our neighbors will step up and help each other and get it to the street.

I am sorry for this big load. Let me know what you need my support on.
Sign In Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five
Activity: Movie Night

Date: 7-16-2016

1. B. Bennett
2. Everett
3. Ol Pratt
4. Lief Hendrickson
5. Carol Stebbins
6. Charles Stebbins
7. Martha Fuller
8. R. Fulke
9. Charlotte
10. Joan
11. Nigel Dyes
12. Terrell
13. Alison - Dyes
14. Bob
15. Peter
16. Sully
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18. RSC - Dumplings
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Sign In Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five
Activity: Evacuation Planning
Date: 2/29/2016

Lee Barnett
Tim Gonser
Raquel Elías
Eddie Villavicencio
Brad Cameron
Jim Conway
Larry Zwissler
Lauren Cortez
John Reed
Charles Stoddard
Carol Stoddard
Bruce Allen
Shirley Chou
Margo Kasch
Sign in Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five
Activity: E & G Workshop
Date: 3/4/2016

Mark & Lynn Stephens - KE
Terry Frey - EJ
Nigel & Joan Miller - KE

Millie Medigovich - KE
Everett Faller - KE
Susan Aguilera - KE

Vince Lummus - KE
Bob Bouchard - KE

Olga M. Lara - KE

FSC Area
WD, W, S, E, Tail Loop

Email list
rbouch 9595@cord
bazure@gmail.com
Sign In Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five
Activity: Meeting/Inservice

Date: 7-23-2016

Bill Bemisberger
Robin Rodgers
John Rodolph
Everett Fenex
Sarah Pullum

Marty Hambright
Gerald, Marie-Franc, Pierre Gauhar

Fernandine Bernard

R. Overgard

Leslie Seger

Jergl Kellas

Christina Rael
Brook & Barbara

Brian & Jo Baxter

Terry Geier

Rob Fuller

Alex Johnson
Ron Mauney
Nancy J. Bandyer
Sign In Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Fjw:
Activity: Meeting
Date: June 4, 2016

Jesslyn/Ronon/Jordan/Lyam/Mattan Erlich

Hilary Everett Fenex

Edith Mason/Ben Mason

William Bambarge

Christopher Radin

Jared Acierno

Donalene Berger

BEN

Kay Quijada

Krista Gennerick

M.E. Haviland

Barbara Haviland
Sign In Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five
Activity  Meeting

Date  6-25-2016

Marty Tulley
Alison Johnson
Joan Miller
Russ Ferr
Ashley Yurchuk
Terry Geier
Leslie Seiger
Ron Munney
Nancy Bantug
Mary Hambright
Darin Braasch
Marjorie Snyder
William Taylor
James Stagg

Everett Perry
Sign In Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five
Activity: Meetings, Dumpsters

Date: 8-6-2016

Bob Bernhard
Marty Hamblin
Brian King
Gillian Krepaski
Barbara M. Huntington
Leslie Seiger
Everett Faram
Ronald K. Mander
Joseph Maloney
Sign In Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five
Activity Meeting-Plan for 2017

Nigel Miller
Joan Miller
Ken Fuller

Date 6-24-2017
283-0058
619-264-4536

619 804-3220

Nancy Bamberger
Bill

619 804-3220

Carol Stebbins
Mary Ann Witmer
Marion Conner

619-283-0963
658-603-0559
858-254-0715

619-855-3733
619-260-2344
858-472-1246

619-283-0963

Joe MacDonald
Sybilla Dorros

619-282-0421
619-282-0425

Carolyne Sher
Charles Stebbins

619-282-0425
Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five

Activity Meeting Re: Slide Present.

Sign in Sheet

Brad Cameron
6/25/2017

M. K. Bennett
6/25/17

Mike Brown (BKB)
6/25/17

Juneau 3.7

6/25/17
Sign In Sheet

Fire Safe Counsel-Kensington Five
Activity Inspection

1. Mark Guinther
2. Sandy Pfefferkorn
3. Ken Burkhardt
4. Carol Stickem
5. Sandy Huntington
6. Marty Hamborg
7. Nancy Bamberger
8. Lief Hendrickson
9. Carol Carr
10. Tom Carr

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Date 7/29/2017
Now that you’ve done everything you can to protect your house, its time to prepare your family. Your Wildland Fire Action Guide must be prepared well in advance of a fire. Include all members of your household. Use these checklists to help you gain a situational awareness of the threat and to prepare your Wildland Fire Action Guide. For more information on property and home preparedness before a fire threat, review the preparedness checklist on the Firewise Communities website, www.firewise.org

Ready – Preparing for the Fire Threat

☐ Create a Family Disaster Plan that includes meeting locations and communication plans. Rehearse it regularly. Include in your plan the evacuation of pets and large animals such as horses.

☐ Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.

☐ Ensure that your family knows where your gas electric and water main shut-off controls are located and how to use them.

☐ Plan and practice several different evacuation routes.

☐ Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.

☐ Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross. Keep an extra kit in your vehicle.

☐ Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members.

☐ Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers in your cell phone, posted near your landline phone and in your emergency supply kit.

☐ Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.
Advanced Preparation
Complete this checklist before the threat!

☐ 1. Update your homeowners insurance.
☐ 2. Create a home inventory.
☐ 3. Prepare a defensible space for firefighters.
☐ 4. Trim flammable vegetation away from wood structures.
☐ 5. Remove flammable litter from your roof and gutters.
☐ 6. Test your smoke alarms and change batteries.
☐ 7. Check expiration dates on your fire extinguishers.
☐ 8. Protect your vents and eaves from embers.
☐ 9. Shake and pre-position your Fire Prevention Go.
☐ 11. Prepare a list of daily essentials.
☐ 12. Pack Grab-and-Go Bags for each family member.
☐ 14. Learn your children’s school Disaster Plan.
☐ 15. Prepare travel cases and a plan for your pets.
☐ 16. Study the evacuation routes for your neighborhood.
☐ 17. Know your evacuation destination.
☐ 18. Establish a family meeting place outside of Scipps Ranch.
☐ 19. Plan for evacuation assistance, if necessary.
☐ 20. Become familiar with “2-1-1 San Diego” services.

For more information on these subjects, go to arifiresafe.org and click on “Evacuation Planning.”

Get Ready to Go
If you hear there is a wildfire approaching San Diego, it is time to get ready. It is time to PREPARE TO GO!

- Load your car.
- Grab-and-Go Bags
- Daily essentials: money, medicine, glasses, three-day supply of clothes
- Pet crate, pet food
- Valuables, pictures, computers, chargers
- Dress for evacuation, including sturdy shoes.
- Close and lock all windows and doors.
- Turn off outside lights.
- Pull out and attach garden hoses.
- Move lawn furniture away from house.
- Review your Out-The-Door Checklist.
- Decide on your destination. Notify family members.
- Tune to 800 or 760 AM or any local TV station.
- Be alert for an emergency notification call.
- Apply for Fire Prevention Go, time permitting.

IF YOU SEE OR SMELL SMOKE - GO! DON'T WAIT!
Tree and Shrub Spacing

Chaparral Plant Before Pruning

Chaparral Plant After Pruning

Before Brush Management

After Thinning and Pruning

Tree and Shrub Spacing

Chaparral Plant Before Pruning

Chaparral Plant After Pruning

Before Brush Management

After Thinning and Pruning
How to Selectively Thin and Prune Plants and Trees in Zone 2 and Avoid Clearing Sensitive Vegetation in Violation of the Code.

Step 1: **Remove**...as much dead wood as you can and invasive species within the Brush Management Zone areas.

Step 2: **Thin**...the entire Zone 2 area. Start by cutting down 50% of the plants over 2 feet in height to a height of 6 inches. Don’t go any lower than 6 inches so the roots remain to control soil erosion. The goal is to create a “mosaic” or more natural look, as shown below, so do your cutting in a “staggered” pattern. Leave uncut plant groupings up to 400 square feet — that’s a 20x20-foot area, or an area that can be encircled by an 80-foot rope — separated by groupings of plants cut down to 6 inches. Thinning should be prioritized as follows: 1) invasive non-native species; 2) non-native species; 3) flammable native species; 4) native species; and 5) regionally sensitive species.

Before Brush Management

After Thinning and Pruning

Step 3: **Prune**...all plants or plant groupings that are left after the thinning process to achieve the horizontal and vertical clearances shown in the illustration below. (For trees in Eucalyptus Woodlands areas, see FPB Policy B-08-1.)

Tree and Shrub Spacing

Remaining plants, 4 feet or more in height, should then be cut and shaped into “umbrellas.” This means pruning one half of the lower branches to create umbrella-shaped canopies. This allows you to see and deal with what is growing underneath. Upper branches may then be shortened to reduce fuel load as long as the canopy is left intact. This keeps the plant healthy and the shade from the plant canopy reduces weed and plant growth underneath. Vegetation that is less than 4 feet in height, like coastal sage scrub, should be cut back to within 12 inches of the root crown.
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Step 4: Dispose of the cuttings and dead wood by either hauling it to a landfill; or, by chipping/mulching it on-site and spreading it out in the Zone 2 area to a depth of not more than 6 inches.

Step 5: Thin and prune annually.... because plants will grow back.
SECTION V: Appendix C: Maps

Figure 1: Area Map

Figure 2: Communities Map

Figure 3: Assets at Risk

Figure 4: USGS Topographic Map

Figure 5: Fire Threat (modeled by CDF FRAP)

Figure 6: Fire History 1910 – 2010 (CDF FRAP)

Figure 7: Wild land-Urban Interface Zone Designations (CDF FRAP)

Figure 8: Vegetation Classification
Kensington Communities FireSafe Councils

Kensington West
A + B

Kensington North
a + b

Kensington East
a + b

Kensington South
A + B

K-Talmadge Loop
a + b

Revised 2017
**Kensington East**
Bev Barrett’s Fire Safe Council

44 - Alder Dr (13 to Hart + 31 to E&W Alder)
45 - East/West Alder (26 outside + 19 inside)
26 - Argus Dr
37 - Hart Dr (23 outside + 14 inside)
22 - Vista
4 - Vista Lane
48 + 1a (6 unit rental) – Biona (33 north of Alder + 15 south + 1 apt unit)
6 + 7b – Adams (North side Biona to Aldine)
9 - Vista St off Adams
4 – Aldine (West side)
Total = 245 houses, 1 apartment unit, 5 businesses

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**Kensington South**
Skip Mosenblocker’s Fire Safe Council

14h – Terrace Court area (some on Alder)
10h – 3a – Terrace Alder to Adams
13h – Terrace – Adams to Madison
9h – 3a – Terrace – Madison to Monroe
23h – Sussex
22h – Kensington – Canterbury to Alder
16h – Kensington – Alder to Adams
20h – 4a – Kensington – Adams to Madison
19h – 4a – Kensington – Madison to Monroe
2h – 1a – Park Place
23h – Marlborough – Canterbury to Alder
13h – 1c – Marlborough – Alder to Adams
21h – 4a – Marlborough – Adams to Madison
24h – 4a – Marlborough – Madison to Monroe
21h – Edgewater – Canterbury to Alder
18h – Edgewater – Alder to Adams
19h – 6a – Edgewater – Adams to Madison
20h – 3a – Edgewater – Madison to Monroe
15h – 42nd St – Madison to Monroe
15h – Biona (west side) – Adams to Madison
3h – Madison (south side) – 42nd St to Biona
3h – Copeland Place
9h – Copeland (west side)
5h – 5a – Monroe (north side) – Terrace to Copeland
41b – 5a – Adams Ave
Total= 357 houses, 42 apartment units, 41 businesses, 1 church

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Kensington Fire Safe Councils (combined list)

Kensington West
Brad Cameron’s Fire Safe Council

2 - Norfolk Terrace
7 - Rochester Road
36 - Westminster Terrace
94 - Canterbury (6 north to Norfolk Terr + 50 west side + 38 east side)
15 - Hilldale Road
19 - Middlesex Dr
38 - North/South Hempstead Circle
5 - Wesleyan Place
17 - Bedford Dr
11 - East Bedford Dr
9 - Edgeware Road
32 - Marlborough Dr
40 - Ridgeway Dr
15 - Palisades Road
9 - East Palisades Road
Total = 349 houses

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Kensington North
Tom Evons’ Fire Safe Council

7 - Canterbury (north side)
16 - Kensington (east side)
36 + 4a - Marlborough Dr (19 east side & 2 apts + 18 & 1 apt west side)
18 - Lymer Dr
18 - Norfolk Terrace
30 - Rochester Road
52 - Hilldale Road (31 south side + 21 north side)
48 - Middlesex Dr (25 south side + 23 north side)
28 - Hastings Road (15 west side + 13 east side)
20 - Bristol Road
11 - Roxbury Road
18 - Braeburn Road
Total = 302 houses, 4 apartments

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KENSINGTON TALMADGE LOOP
Mike Brown’s Fire Safe Council

27 – upper loop
33 – center loop
22 – lower loop
74 – canyon side
5 – Aldine East side
3 – Adams to Van Dyke – (169)
29 – Van Dyke to Madison
31 – Van Dyke to Monroe – incl Van Dyke Place (224)
29 – Vista to Madison
26 – Vista to Monroe (279)
15 – Biona east side to Madison
10 – Copeland east side to Monroe (304)
Total = 304 houses

Total for all 5 Kensington Fire Safe Councils
1557 houses, 47 apartments, 46 businesses, 1 church

h – house, a – apartment, b – business, c – church

Disclaimer – impossible to tell for sure how many units are apartments, I assume I have counted many of them as houses. Also, many homes have rental units. Estimates are based on looking at Google maps. Also house counts may be off slightly.
Santa Ana Wind Directions
FIRE THREAT

CDF-FRAP has developed a rating of wildfire threat based on the combination of undetected fire behavior (fuel loads) and expected fire frequency (fire potential) to create a 4-class index for risk assessment. Areas that do not support wildfire fuels (e.g., open water, agricultural lands, etc.) are omitted from the calculation. Most large urbanized areas receive a moderate fire threat classification to account for fires caused by ornamental vegetation and flammable structures. For a detailed description of these data and methods please visit https://frap.calsagov/projects/fire_threat/
Draft map for fire threat

New regulations approved by the California Public Utilities Commission will enhance fire safety of power and communication lines.

Fire threat areas
- Elevated, tier 2
- Extreme, tier 3
SAFETY

In order to improve the safety of the community, a new program was established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify and map areas at risk for wildfires.

The program, known as The California Fire Mission, has been created to help communities prepare for and respond to wildfires. It involves mapping areas with a high risk of wildfire and providing guidance on how to reduce that risk.

The program includes a series of maps that show the level of risk in different areas. The maps are used by local officials to develop plans for preventing and responding to wildfires.

Draft map for fire threat

There's an interactive map that shows the areas most at risk for wildfires. This map is updated regularly to reflect changes in the risk level.

Soot from wildfires making air dangerous to breathe

The increase in wildfires has led to an increase in soot and smoke in the air. This can be particularly dangerous for people with breathing problems.

Draft map for fire threat

The map shows the areas most affected by wildfires and provides guidance on how to reduce the risk of exposure to soot and smoke.

Draft map for fire threat

The interactive map is updated regularly to reflect changes in the risk level.

Diamonds and precious stones

In addition to reducing the risk of wildfires, the program also helps communities protect their valuable assets such as homes and businesses.

Draft map for fire threat

The interactive map is updated regularly to reflect changes in the risk level.

WORRIED ABOUT FIRE?

To learn more about the safety measures being taken to prevent wildfires and protect your community, contact your local emergency management agency.

Contact us!

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help ensure your safety and well-being.
Kensington Brush Fire Started in Homeless Camp

By Christina London

A small brush fire was quickly extinguished in San Diego’s Kensington neighborhood Wednesday morning.

The fire started around 9:45 a.m. in a homeless encampment off Interstate 15 near Adams Avenue.

Crews had the fire out within 15 minutes but remained on the scene about two
hours watching for hot spots, according to fire officials.

No injuries were reported. Aerial pictures showed homes at the top of the canyon. However, no evacuations were issued and the fire department never indicated those homes were in danger.

The California Highway Patrol and Caltrans evicted the homeless people living in the encampment Wednesday afternoon, officials said.

The fire department is still investigating exactly what sparked the fire.

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Fire-Rescue Department

Major Fires and Incidents

Throughout its history, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department has encountered thousands of fires and incidents. Here are some of the major events:

- **1910 - American-Hawaiian Company Freighter Fire** ([/fire/about/majorfires/1910ahcofreighter])
- **1913 - The Great Standard Oil Fire** ([/fire/about/majorfires/1913greatstandard])
- **1925 - Brunswig Drug Company Fire** ([/fire/about/majorfires/1925brunswig])
- **1948 - Goodrich Surplus Store Fire** ([/fire/about/majorfires/1948goodrich])
- **1955 - Burnett Furniture Company** ([/fire/about/majorfires/1955burnett])
- **1956 - Fourth Alarm Kensington Fire** ([/fire/about/majorfires/1956kensing])
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*Note: This list includes fires that were significant events prior to 1972 but those records are less reliable, and this list is not exhaustive for all fires that occurred in California.*

*Figures and data are from various sources and may not be comprehensive.*
Scores of GoFundMe campaigns set up to help people, animals affected by Lilac fire

More than 100 campaigns from people asking for financial assistance for victims of the Lilac fire have popped up on GoFundMe, including an effort that has raised more than $630,000 to help care for horses and people tied to San Luis Rey Downs thoroughbred training center.

There are several campaigns said to be for families who lost their homes, and a few for people hurt — even a plea to aid a horseman trampled in the chaos of frightened horses fleeing the large training center.

The Lilac fire started about 11:15 a.m. last Thursday, in the area of Interstate 15 and Old Highway 395 near Dulin Road in Bonsall. Fueled by dry vegetation and high winds, it quickly swept across 4,100 acres. Thousands fled the blaze, which Cal Fire officials said left 157 structures destroyed and another 64 damaged.

Four people were hurt in the fast-moving fire, including a horse trainer burned over 50 percent of her body. Forty-six horses from San Luis Rey Downs died, some said to have been too afraid to leave their open stalls.

The training center in Bonsall was hit heavily by the fire. One of the most successful GoFundMe requests for relief arising from the Lilac fire was a joint effort by Santa Anita Park, The Stronach Group and the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, which as of Wednesday afternoon had surpassed its $600,000 goal. More than 4,900 people had donated.

"Horse people have very big hearts, and this community has big hearts for horses, too," said Mac McBride, spokesman for the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

On Wednesday, a working committee was formed to oversee the funds, and announced that $250,000 would be distributed this week to those with the most critical need. The nonprofit California Horsemen's Foundation will distribute the money.

There are also pages set up to help Martine Bellocq, a San Luis Rey trainer who was burned over 50 percent of her body as she tried to get horses to safety, and one for Les Baker, also known as Cowboy, an outrider who was reportedly trampled as he tried to save horses.
Several campaigns seek assistance for people who lost homes, particularly in the Rancho Monserate Country Club, a mobile home park for seniors, where at least 65 homes were destroyed.

The San Diego Union-Tribune also kicked off a GoFundMe campaign to help animals displaced by the fire. That campaign had topped $11,300 by Wednesday, surpassing its $10,000 goal. The money will go to the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA.

Teri Figueroa U-T

Lending a helping hand at the holidays

Father Joe’s Villages’ Ladies Guild volunteer Cathy Lapoint (left) helps Perry Owens, who is in the transitional housing program at Father Joe’s Villages, wrap Christmas presents for his two children. More than 50 families were treated to the gift-wrapping event Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Big cleanup of S.D. river to kick off

Twice a week through spring, city will work to haul out waste, discourage homeless camping along waterway

By Joshua Emerson Smith

The San Diego River is getting an unprecedented makeover — the largest effort perhaps in recent history to address the pollution that has for decades plagued watersheds throughout the region.
Mayor Kevin Faulconer announced Wednesday that the city will remove trash and homeless encampments along the river twice a week through the end of March.

"It hasn’t been done to this extent that I can ever remember," Faulconer said on Wednesday at a press event along the river in Grantville. "We’re changing that. We’re protecting this natural resource. It’s a jewel for all San Diegans."

The river has seen an influx of homeless in recent months since the city cracked down on people camped on downtown streets in response to the ongoing outbreak of hepatitis A that has claimed 20 lives and sickened at least 569 people.

Homeless encampments along the river jumped to 116 in October, up from 61 in the same month in 2016, according to the nonprofit San Diego River Park Foundation.

"This is amazing," foundation President Rob Hutsel said in response to Wednesday’s announcement. "We’ve never seen this level of commitment from the city of San Diego.

"I’ve never been as optimistic as I am today that for once we’re going to get a clean river," added Hutsel, who co-founded the group in 2001.

During several cleanup events in September, the city hauled out more than 66 tons of garbage and debris from the river around Qualcomm Stadium. In recent days, officials said they have removed more than 10 tons of additional material to the east in Grantville.

"It’s been a problem down here on the river that’s been growing exponentially over the last several years," said Councilman Scott Sherman, whose District 7 includes much of the city’s eastern section of the river. "It’s our imperative to make sure that we stop the destruction that’s going on down here on the river."

Last winter the watershed saw a huge increase in pollution from human feces, which county health officials have said is not linked to the eruption of hepatitis.

Officials are still trying to pinpoint the source of the pollution, from homeless camps to leaky sewer pipes. An investigation into potential sources of contamination is expected to continue for the next three to five years, according to officials.

David Gibson, executive officer of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, put the city on notice earlier this year that it could face fines if the river wasn’t cleaned up.

"This is a very big deal for the water quality issues and protection of human health," Gibson said Wednesday. "I’m very glad to see the city is stepping up."

Andrew Hughan, spokesman for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said that only a couple of other cities in the state have launched similar campaigns.
The department “applauds the city’s effort to keep waterways clean and safe for fish and wildlife along the river,” Hughan said.

The timing of the cleanup comes as the city and local service providers have teamed up to open several temporary homeless shelters to serve about 700 people, including those living along the river.

One of the tent facilities opened up this month in Barrio Logan, with two more in the East Village and the Midway District scheduled to open before Christmas.

The city in recent months has also made efforts to clean up another one of its major waterways, Chollas Creek, said Leslie Reynolds, executive director of Groundwork San Diego, which advocates for cleaning up the creek.

The city, in partnership with Groundwork, plans to release in January a long-awaited blueprint for cleaning up the waterway, which runs through southeastern San Diego and empties into San Diego Bay, Reynolds said.

“It’s the first time that we’ve had anything this in-depth,” she said. “This is a really comprehensive master plan.”

Efforts to remove trash and homeless camps from urban waterways are part of a larger effort to restore rivers and creeks to conditions that would allow for public recreation.

Water quality regulators have fought with municipalities for decades to address pollution in stormwater that runs off streets and parking lots into rivers, bays and beaches.

The situation — which would require significant amounts of public funding to fully address — is largely credited for triggering swimming advisories up and down the region’s shoreline 72 hours after it rains.

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Green Spaces are Overgrown City Owned Land
This map depicts relative amounts of live fuel moisture (LFM), the amount of water contained within the living part of plants, for the lands predominantly covered by chaparral vegetation communities within (and just beyond) San Diego County. LFM levels are estimated by correlating image data from the MODIS sensor on the NASA Terra satellite with ground-level measurements of LFM made by the California Department of Forestry. Notice that much of San Diego County and particularly the chaparral lands within the recently burned areas are mapped as Extremely Low LFM. This makes the vegetation fuels particularly flammable, even though the severe wind and low humidity conditions during October 21 through 24 were capable of burning and propagating fires in vegetation having higher LFM.

The fire perimeters (as of 26 Oct 2007) are shown in blue.

Map generated by: Madhura Niphadkar and Doug Stow, Geography Department, San Diego State University
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SOUTH COAST AND MONTANE ECOLOGICAL PROVINCE

CALVEG ZONE 7

March 30, 2009

Note: This Province consists of the Southern California Mountains and Valleys Section or "Mountains" (M262B) and the Southern California Coast Section or "Coast" (262B)

Note the slope gradients as follows:

• High gradient or steep (greater than 50%)
• Moderate gradient or moderately steep (30% to 50%)

SECONDARY MAPPING SOURCES IN ZONE 7

Other data sources have been used in this zone to augment mapping originated by the Remote Sensing Lab or its contractors. These were used to fill in areas that had not been mapped by RSL, but no or very little structural information or accuracy assessments are available for these layers. The sources are indicated as attributes within the tiling geodatabase structure given as downloadable files on the RSL web page. Calveg types have been crosswalked from the files in the original sources and described above in other areas; these types are indicated as occurring in the Channel Islands, as follows:

Conifers
• Bishop Pine - PM
• Torrey Pine - PT

Hardwoods
• Coastal Mixed Hardwood - EX
• Riparian Mixed Hardwood - NR
• Coast Live Oak - QA
• Willow (tree) - QO
• Eucalyptus - QZ

Shrubs
• Coyote Brush - CK
• Lower Montane Mixed Chaparral - CQ
• Scrub Oak - CS
• Coastal Bluff Scrub - SH
• Coastal Lupine - SL
• Soft Scrub - Mixed Chaparral - SQ
• California Sagebrush (Coastal Sage Scrub) - SS

Herbaceous
• Annual Grasses and Forbs - HG
• Perennial Grasses and Forbs - HM
• Tule - Cattail - HT

Non-native Vegetation
• Non-native / Invasive Forbs - IF

Land-Use and Non-Vegetated
• Agriculture - AG
• Barren - BA
• Dunes - DU
• Urban - UB
• Water - WA