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Subject: FW: Home Hardening Program Expansion: Consider Using HOAs and Firewise Communities to Lead a Voluntary Effort
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:20:50 PM

Directors,
Please see below for correspondence received.

Respectfully,

Dave Winnacker
Fire Chief
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From: Richard Olsen <rjolsen@pacbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Winnacker, David <dwinacker@mofd.org>
Subject: Home Hardening Program Expansion: Consider Using HOAs and Firewise Communities to Lead a Voluntary Effort

Dear Chief Winnacker,

I listened via Zoom to the first part of last evening's MOFD Board of Directors Meeting, through Agenda Item 9.1 (the Mid-Year Budget Review).

With particular respect to Director Jorgens' comments relative to the MOFD's Home Hardening Program during the Agenda Item 9.1 discussion, I certainly understand and respect Craig's advocacy of expanding and fully funding that program. At the same time, I also completely appreciate the additional direct burden doing so would impose on the MOFD's already fully utilized staff. In that circumstance, an ideal solution would necessarily require the full support of any Home Hardening Program expansion by highly motivated and well organized volunteers who would have to directly assume the burden of "selling" and implementing the program.

There are two sets of already existing community organizations within the MOFD's service area that could jointly (or separately) undertake that assignment. One such group would be the Homeowners Associations that serve the subdivisions and neighborhoods within the MOFD. (Per Director Jorgens' current biography on the MOFD's website: "He is also the President of his local homeowner's association.") A second such group would be the MOFD's Firewise USA Communities. Both sets of organizations are already highly organized and have effective leadership teams in place. Most of the homeowners who reside in the communities served by those organizations would presumably have a high level of self-interest in improving the wildland fire resistance of their personal residences. They could also potentially benefit from "Wildfire Mitigation Homeowners Insurance Property Level Discounts" provided by some property insurers.

The participation of HOAs and Firewise Communities in such an all-volunteers-managed activity would necessarily involve some limited MOFD staff initial outreach to those entities. Assuming that the MOFD has a master list of all the HOAs and Firewise communities in the District, that outreach would involve visiting the websites of each such entity, identifying the entity's Manager or Board Chair and then sending to those individuals a summary of what is available. That communication would need to include a strong suggestion that because of the MOFD's staffing

situation, IF the entity's leadership believes that implementing the program would be in the best interests of their constituents, they would necessarily have to provide the local volunteer support to fully implement the Home Hardening Program within their community.

Thank you very much for your attention to my above suggestions. Please feel free to share this communication with the members of the MOFD's Board of Directors and anyone else you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Email contact from Moraga-Orinda Fire District, CA

From: Moraga-Orinda Fire District <info@mofd.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 3:42 PM
To: Isaacs, Jeff [REDACTED]
Subject: Email contact from Moraga-Orinda Fire District, CA

Message submitted from the <Moraga-Orinda Fire District, CA> website.

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This note will serve in responding to the various door hanger and two letters. Mid Jan 2024, a letter we received was responded to, via a call. A female receptionist answered. We questioned the threat of Citation, to follow, but dismissed the Administration Citation of \$100. It is a matter of "Principle", and not the "FINE"...that drives us on this matter. Be advised that we are professionals, and have resided in ORINDA since 1978. If memory serves, that was before ORINDA became a CITY. We resent these "Threats", which to date, has NOT BEEN BACKED-UP WITH LEGAL NOTICE(S). WARNINGS OF THIS MAGNITUDE IS REQUIRED BY R.E. LAW, TO BE FORMALLY ADDRESSED, AND NOTICES VIA CERTIFIED MAIL. MEETINGS PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO BECOMEING PART OF A 'GENERAL PLAN' ITEM. I.E. " ORINDA DOES NOT ALLOW BUILDING ON IT'S RIDGE-LINE". DONALD RIDGE / COMES TO MIND. I WAS IN THAT FINAL / PLANNING MEETING. IT IS NOW HISTORY, HOW ONE MR. KIM, GOT TO 'PURCHASE FOUR LOT, LET ALONE MANAGED TO BUILD FOUR LARGE PROPERTIES, ALL LINED UP TOGETHER, WITH A METAL GATE ON EITHER END, NO LESS. BE ADVISED THAT WE DON'T TAKE THREATS LIKELY. HOWEVER, FOR WHAT THIS IS WORTH, WE WILL REMOVE THE ONE JUNIPER PLANT ON OUR SIDE OF THE PROPERTY LINE. I.D. AS LOT #4. AND STAND ON THE EASEMENT FACTOR, WHICH THE CITY'S' PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, WILL NOT CROSS. WILL NOT COMPLY WITH THE FINE OF A \$100. WE AWAIT THE OFFICIAL NOTICES / TO DO THE RIGHT THING! INCIDENTALLY, THE TWO JUNIPERS, ON THE 'UP-SIDE OF THE PROPERTY LINE. IS NOT OURS. AGAIN, WE ARE LOT # 4 (225 ALICE LANE). OUR NATIVE AMERICAN HANDYMAN WILL BE ON SITE, TOMORROW (MONDAY) 3/18, TO REMOVE OUR ONE JUNIPER PLANT. WE WILL ALSO BE SENDING OUR GENERAL NOTATIONS, MADE DIRECTLY ON YOUR LASTEST MAILING, VIA USPS, IN THE MORNING MAIL. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!