



AGENDA REPORT

Fire Department

DATE:	November 15, 2022
TO:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Angel Montoya, Fire Chief
SUBJECT:	Report by the West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	There is no fiscal impact related to this item.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	N/A
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council (WCCFSC) intends to introduce itself to the City of Richmond and discuss its mission, objectives, and achievements.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	RECEIVE a presentation from West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council (WCCFSC) regarding its mission, objectives, and achievements – Fire Department (Chief Angel Montoya 510-307-8041).

DISCUSSION:

The West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council (WCCFSC) was established in May 2022 to provide education, exchange information and foster wildfire prevention and fire safety within the City of Richmond and County of Contra Costa.

Objectives

WCCFSC aims to promote wildfire risk reduction and resiliency through public education and raising awareness to Richmond and Contra Costa County residents. In addition, WCCFSC intends to continue collaborating with fire agencies and public entities to perform vegetation management and fuel reduction throughout the City of Richmond and Contra Costa County.

Achievements

Some of the most recent achievements of WCCFSC includes collaborating with multiple public safety agencies in managing projects such as clearing evacuation routes and public emergency egress routes, performing fuel reduction, and installing fire danger signs throughout Contra Costa County.

Additionally, WCCFSC along with Richmond Fire Prevention Services Division, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Fire Marshal's Office, and the City of Richmond's Public Works Department provided shaded fuel breaks on sides of Castro Ranch Road, an evacuation route for Carriage Hills and Castro Heights neighborhood.

Lastly, on May 19, 2022, the Richmond Fire Department, WCCFSC, Richmond Police Department, Contra Costa County Office of the Sherriff, and Office of Emergency Services conducted Richmond's first emergency evacuation drill.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – WCCFSC PowerPoint