



# Kensington Community Services District

Item #16

**DATE:** April 09, 2026  
**TO:** Kensington Community Service District  
**RE:** Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Report  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Johnny Valenzuela, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

The following table outlines the status of the 2024-2025 Kensington Fire Protection District’s Work Plan.

Projects	Status Update
<b>2024-2025 KFPD Work Plan</b>	
<b>1. Red Flag Parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4/1/2026 met with sub committee to discuss education and outreach regarding Red Flag Parking expectations for off-street parking</li> <li>● 3/26/2026 provided information to the subcommittee for planning and messaging development</li> <li>● 3/18/2026 provided feedback to GM regarding Sunset Firewise residents request for support on outreach and coordination for evacuation readiness</li> <li>● 3/17/2026 Met with Sunset Firewise leads to establish a block party with neighbors to improve off-street parking coordination</li> <li>● 3/6/2026 Provided Red Flag Ready and associated materials to GM for Red Flag Roundtable meeting</li> <li>● 3/1/2026 Work with Board Admin to assemble historical documents / campaigns re: Red Flag</li> <li>● 2/2/2026 GM Meeting re: Red Flag Initiatives – pending workshop with Chiefs to affirm deliverables</li> <li>● 11/17/2025 Red Flag Parking Pilot Report provided to KCSD GM for review</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2. Hazardous Vegetation Removal Reimbursement Grant</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4/1/2026 Set Subcommittee application reviewing session for 6/4</li> <li>● 3/31/2026 requested GM direction on Eucalyptus removal project</li> <li>● 3/5/2026 Started site visits and application validation</li> <li>● 3/1/2026 Launched Application campaign for current grant filing period</li> <li>● 2/4/2026 FSK/Redtail Ridge program announcement strategy</li> <li>● 1/23/2026 Firewise distribution email announcement</li> <li>● 1/20/2026 Firewise Lead meeting – program announcement</li> <li>● 1/6/2026 Provided public info to Kensington Outlook for 2/2026 publication</li> <li>● 12/29/2025 Updated the resident application interface and branding, development of public outreach campaign for launch in 2026.</li> <li>● 12/12/2025 Provided revised HVRR for GM review and approval</li> <li>● 11/26/2025 Program final draft provided to GM for KCSD December Board meeting packet</li> <li>● 11/24/2025 Program second draft provided to GM</li> <li>● 11/17/2025 Meeting with GM to review program development</li> <li>● 11/14/2025 provided a revised program outline to GM for review.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3. House Hardening</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4/1/2026 KEEP Launch Campaign and coord meeting</li> <li>● 3/31/2026 KEEP coordination meeting</li> <li>● 3/30/2026 KEEP coordination meeting</li> <li>● 3/20/2026 KEEP coordination meeting</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 3/6/2026 submitted KEEP program to GM for Monthly Board Meeting Consideration</li><li>● 2/26/2026 Present KEEP program to EP Committee</li><li>● 2/25/2026 Discuss KEEP program to GM</li><li>● 2/19/2026 Wildfire Defense Mesh Meeting w Vendor</li><li>● 2/4/2026 Wildfire Defense Mesh meeting- Mesh Pilot Platform</li><li>● 2/3/26 KEEP Development subcommittee meeting</li><li>● 1/25/2026 KEEP Development subcommittee meeting</li><li>● 1/22/2026 EPC Meeting Kensington Ember Exclusion Program Overview subcommittee formation</li><li>● 1/15-1/16/2026 CAL FIRE Qualified Entities Training support for Kensington attendees</li><li>● 12/31/2025 Finalize pilot program for KCSD consideration.</li><li>● 11/30/2026 Proposed adding initiative to the Jan 2026 meeting for KCSD Board review.</li><li>● 11/21/2026 Wildfire Defense Mesh meeting request materials/data for program development</li><li>● 11/18/2026 Wildfire Defense Mesh Concept provided to GM</li></ul>
<b>4. Hazardous Vegetation Impacting Evacuation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 4/1/2026 Discussed Sunset Road vegetation with subcommittee and other targeted streets</li><li>● 3/26/2026 Establish subcommittee meeting</li><li>● 3/18/2026 provided input to GM re: Sunset Road</li><li>● 3/17/2026 Discussed Evacuation Route segment Sunset Road from Arlington into Sunset View Cemetery with residents.</li><li>● 3/1/2026 Correspond with Fire Prevention Office regarding HVRR program and inquiries re: vegetation</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 11/17/2026 Draft Memo provided to GM for Fire Department review and consideration on 12/2.</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5. Firewise Development/Support</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 4/2/2026 requested Admin support for Firewise communication system development</li><li>● 4/1/2026 Assembled door hanger distribution for Trinity Cambridge Firewise</li><li>● 3/30/2026 Firewise lead meeting re: Communication systems</li><li>● 3/20/2026 GM meeting discussed Admin support for Firewise</li><li>● 3/17/2026 Distributed Doorhangers for Sunset Firewise</li><li>● 3/17/2026 Sunset Firewise Lead meeting - established block party date for 5/14</li><li>● 3/3/2026 Firewise Touchpoint with Various Firewise leads</li><li>● 3/1/2026 DFSC presentation 700 Coventry &amp; Ardcove Island</li><li>● 2/20/2026 Trinity &amp; Cambridge Firewise Application submitted</li><li>● 2/5/2026 Trinity &amp; Cambridge Firewise application started</li><li>● 2/3/2026 prospective lead announcement to neighbors to identify co-leads</li><li>● 1/25/2026 FSK + Kensington Library Public Presentation for March Development</li><li>● 1/22/2026 Follow up with prospective Lead for Firewise Development</li><li>● 1/20/2026 Firewise Lead meeting potluck</li><li>● 1/16/2026 Develop resource binder for each Firewise lead</li><li>● 12/29/2026 provide door hangers to first phase of distribution</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12/17/2025 Coordinate with Alameda County Coordinator to facilitate CAL FIRE Qualified Entities Training for Firewise Leads</li> <li>● 12/12/2025 Develop Firewise Lead Meeting for 1/2026</li> <li>● 12/9/2025 Stage doorhangers for first phase of outreach via Firewise Leads and FSK.</li> <li>● 12/6/2025 Shakespeare Cluster/DFSC Event</li> <li>● 12/4/2025 Academic Hill Firewise Block Party</li> <li>● 12/1/2025 Academic Hill Lead Coordination Meeting</li> <li>● 11/26/2025 Tilden Firewise boundary expanded to include Summit Reservoir</li> <li>● 11/17/2026 Colgate-Columbia Firewise Lead Presentation</li> <li>● 11/12/2025 Firewise Rising Lead Meeting</li> <li>● 11/9/2025 Academic Hill Firewise Application for Recognition Filed</li> <li>● 10/28/2025 Firewise Development Meeting (Academic Hill)</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Long Range Acoustic Devices</b></p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<p><b>7. Evacuation Drills/ Guidelines /Communication Plan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4/1/2026 developed communication and education strategies in subcommittee meeting</li> <li>● 3/26/2026 Sent initial subcommittee meeting request out to set first meeting in 4/2026</li> <li>● 3/12/2026 provided Red Flag Ready campaign to K6 for community meeting</li> <li>● 3/5/2026 Provide communication framework for Red Flag Warnings to GM / Chiefs</li> <li>● 2/4/2026 Provided Richmond Evacuation Drill announcement to GM</li> <li>● 1/8/2026 flags sent for storage at Community Center</li> <li>● 12/10/2025 Requested staff to develop storage for flags to be accessible to volunteers for Red Flag Days.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 11/16/2025 Kingston Block Party Material Support</li><li>● 10/18/2025 Public Outreach Materials provided to KCC</li><li>● 10/11/2025 Red Flag Ready Fest Event -promoting Red Flag Day protocols</li><li>● 9/1/2025 Developed Publication to promote Watch Duty as an additional tool for real-time communication re: local incidents to improve resident decision-making for evacuation.</li></ul>
<b>8. Earthquake Preparedness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 3/26 sent email to subcommittee to request topics to develop work plan scope</li><li>● 3/2/2026 Discuss EQ Response needs with CERT to develop strategic initiative</li></ul>
<b>9. CERT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 3/24/2026 met with El Cerrito Kensington CERT board to discuss launch and engagement campaign</li><li>● 3/20/2026 CERT lead meeting GM meeting discuss CERT and expectations</li><li>● 3/4/2026 developed article and publication cover for Fire Plug to announce CERT return and development</li><li>● 3/3/2026 Draft CERT Fire Plug Outlook article provided to CERT members and approved</li><li>● 3/2/2026 Meeting with El Cerrito &amp; Kensington residents re: CERT restart</li></ul>