




**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE** April 28, 2025  
**TITLE** Safeguarding Communities While Protecting Natural Ecosystems  
**DIVISION** Public Safety  
**FROM** Khari Helae, Assistant Fire Chief  
Chief Roberto Filice, Assistant General Manager of Public Safety  
**APPROVED** 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

This item is informational only.

**BACKGROUND**

Acting Fire Chief Khari Helae and Acting Assistant Chief Patrick McIntyre will present “Safeguarding Communities While Protecting Natural Ecosystems,” addressing wildfire risks while balancing fire safety and environmental stewardship. The presentation emphasizes protecting lives, property, and ecosystems, highlighting the role of resilient native vegetation in controlling fire spread. Key recommendations include fuels management practices like underbrush clearing, prescribed burns, and forest thinning, alongside biochar deployment and enhanced partnerships with stakeholders. These strategies align with the organization’s goals to improve wildfire resiliency, sustain ecosystems, and ensure public safety through environmentally conscious methods.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Presentation “Safeguarding Communities While Protecting Natural Ecosystems”