

# West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council

WCCFireSafe.org, Established: April 2022 Agency Liaison: Richmond Fire Chief Angel Montoya

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## ✓ Raising Public Awareness and Promoting FireWise Communities

- Run by community volunteers
- Successfully established two FireWise USA Communities: Kennedy Grove and Greenbriar East (Greenbriar West and others pending)
- Promoted community collaboration at the local level, working closely with city and state agencies, including the WCCFSC Advisory Board

### ✓ Evacuation Drills and Emergency Exit Routes

- Conducted evacuation drills in Carriage Hills and Brickyard Landing
- Initiated and facilitated Emergency Exit Route Projects, ensuring safety for Pinole, Unincorporated El Sobrante, and Hilltop Green community residents

### ✓ Mitigation Services and Fundraising

- Facilitated Measure X mitigation services, enhancing safety for cities and residents in West Contra Costa
- Raised funds to introduce and implement innovative methods to protect homes and prevent wildfires
- ✓ A Cal Fire Safe Council grant used for startup activities.

## ✓ Red Flag Days, Emergency Preparedness & Emergency Communication

- Raised public awareness about Red Flag days through facilitating "Fire Danger Today" signs (Fire Station #63)
- Promoting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Emergency Communication (Em Comm)

#### ✓ Firewise Demonstration Garden at Fire Station #63

 Initiating a firewise garden at Fire Station #63 to promote fire safety education in partnership with UC Master Gardeners

### ✓ Fire Station #63 Open Houses, 2022 and 2023

In collaboration with the Richmond Fire Department, hosted two
Open Houses to promote fire safety and engage community

#### WCCFSC ADVISORY BOARD includes, but not limited to:

Richmond Fire Department, El Cerrito Fire Department, Contra Costa County Fire Prevention District (CCCFPD), Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department, California Fire Safe Council, CAL FIRE, East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD), East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD), Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), Oakland Fire Safe Council, Diablo Fire Safe Council, Berkeley Fire Safe Council, Team Rubicon, Richmond Police Department, Contra Costa County Sheriff