



# AGENDA REPORT

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**TO:** City Council and members of the Public

**FROM:** Councilmembers Dan Kalb and Council President Pro Tem Sheng Thao

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing participation in formation of a regional Vegetation Management Joint Powers Agency (EBVMJPA)

**DATE:** September 23, 2021

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City Council colleagues, Councilmembers Kalb and Thao respectfully ask your support for the attached Resolution.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the attached resolution, and upon adoption authorize the City Administrator to assign a city of Oakland staff representative to participate in activities required to form a new East Bay Vegetation Management Joint Powers Agency (EBVMJPA).

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AGENCY (EBVMJPA) TO ADDRESS WILDFIRE PREVENTION IN THE EAST BAY.**

## **SUMMARY**

Acres of California land are on fire as the state is witnessing yet another unprecedented and devastating fire season. Record high temperatures, severe drought, extensive tree die-off aggravate this fire season. A large portion of the East Bay region, including the East Bay Hills from Hercules to Fremont are a CalFire designated high-risk danger zone.

The spread of wildfire does not respect political or jurisdictional boundaries; burn areas and air quality impacts from smoke extend throughout regions.

The problems that jurisdictions are consistently experiencing due to human induced climate change and other factors cannot be solved unilaterally and require interjurisdictional collaboration and outside resources. Regional coordination of wildfire prevention and vegetation management may provide more effective and efficient implementation of best practices, as well as sharing expertise and other resources.

The City Council will have the final decision-making authority on joining the EBVMJPA.

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October 5, 2021

The following entities also approved similar resolutions:

- City of Berkeley
- City of El Cerrito
- City of Pinole
- City of Kensington
- City of Richmond
- Alameda County

The following entities have committed to participate in interagency work without having to pass resolutions:

- East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)
- Caltrans
- City of Orinda
- City of Moraga Fire District
- City of Fremont
- City of Hayward

More information that is consistently getting updated can be found here:

<https://eastbaywildfirejpa.org>.

We want to express gratitude to our constituents and tireless fire prevention activists for their grassroots effort to build a robust coalition of community organizations working with county staff and elected officials.

We appreciate council support for this resolution and its intent.

Respectfully submitted,



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