

San Bruno Fires Meeting

October 220, 2018 11am-12pm

[455 Golden Gate Ave. SF, CA Governor's Conference Room 14th Floor](#)

Attendees: Genesis Garcia (Assemblyperson David Chiu's Office), Enka Hernandez (D10 Supervisor Malia Cohen's Office), Stephen Guarini, (Chief, State Fire Marshalls), Jack Stinson, (State Fire Marshall, Supervisor), J.R. Eppler (Potrero Boosters), Thomas Crowell, Bill Owings, Michael Ryan (San Bruno Neighbors), Jean Bogiages (MUNA, GBD)

Absent: Chris Balingit (Caltrans Maintenance), Randy Quezada (HSH), Mary Tse (SFFD)

Meeting Notes

Survey of Neighbors

Bogiages presented survey results from 11 of 18 neighbors on the east side of the 600 block of San Bruno. Results are attached. Primary concern of the neighbors is that their homes are in danger. See Attachment A.

CHP Report

CHP has been reporting the results of the monitoring done for the month. See Attachment B. The number of campers they find has been decreasing. Some of the land behind the Community Garden on 20th Street and to the north of it is very steep and hard for the CHP to reach. Dolcini thinks there might be campers there. There is a gate that needs to be fixed in that area, but no agency is taking responsibility for it (RPD or Caltrans). Neighbors have reported that Jesse, a homeless camper associated with setting fires, has been seen in the neighborhood. Dolcini reports that the folks he does find on the Caltrans land are new and he believes that many of the homeless are not from San Francisco. CHP will arrest campers they find and Caltrans Maintenance will remove camping materials. Dolcini reported that Caltrans Maintenance has hired a new contractor to do maintenance.

Caltrans Maintenance

No one from Caltrans Maintenance attended the meeting.

CALFIRE

Stephen Guarini, Chief and Jack Stinson, Supervisor, SCALFIRE State Fire Marshalls attended the meeting. Jack Stinson heads the Freempont Division which is the closest one to San Francisco. There are about 140 State Fire Marshalls working in California. They primarily monitor and investigate, They do fire regulation enforcement and fire occurrence investigation in existing state building as well as in plans for new state buildings. In general, they do not investigate fires or analyze potential fire hazards on Caltrans right-of-way land. In order for them to investigate fires they need to be called immediately so that they can investigate before conditions are altered. Guarini said he would bring the issue of ignoring right-of-way land up at the next CALFIRE section meeting he will be attending. We are asking for a fire hazard analysis of the area so that we can use such a report to support the request for funding to re-landscape the area. We learned from our San Francisco Fires Department representatives that SFFD only

has responsibility to put out fires on Caltrans Land, not to investigate. Or analyze hazardous conditions. The CALFIRE number is 916-323-7390.

DHSH problems identified

Quezada was not able to attend the meeting.

Funding for re-landscaping

Bogiages found two grants with open cycles that have applications due November 29 and November 30. One is a Proposition 68 grant from California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection with a range of \$150K - \$1,500K. The other is a ReLeaf Grant with an award range of \$10K to 75K. The grants are primarily for planting and caring for trees in California.

Garcia reported that at the next meeting we will have the Caltrans Landscape specialist. We can discuss funding opportunities for making the right-of-way fire resistant.

Action items:

- Follow up with State Fire Marshalls after meeting – Jean
- Arrange for Caltrans Landscape Specialist to attend our next meeting - Genesis

