

## Julie Enea

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**Subject:** FW: CCCFPD Application for Membership

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**From:** Soheila Bana  
**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 12:48 PM  
**To:** Julie Enea  
**Subject:** Re: CCCFPD Application for Membership

Dear Ms. Enea,

Thank you for your email. I will be there. Meanwhile, may I ask you to please share with Supervisors Candace Andersen and Diane Burgis the email I forward below. It is a sample of the community work I do in 94803 Community Preparedness Alliance and I believe would be informative regarding this position.

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**From:** Soheila Bana  
**Date:** Fri, Apr 30, 2021 at 11:38 AM  
**Subject:** Good News: Free Help, JPA Progress, Emergency Evacuation, FireWise Program & More  
**To:** 94803 Community 3 <[94803-community-3@googlegroups.com](mailto:94803-community-3@googlegroups.com)>

Hello 94803 Neighbors,

Here are some updates for you, including some good news:)

- 1) Free Fire Prevention Project for a senior/physically challenged homeowner AND their neighbors
- 2) Progress on JPA
- 3) Progress on Fire Danger Signs
- 4) Progress on Emergency Evacuation: CCC Uses Zonehaven
- 5) CCC FireWise Program
- 6) CWS Test
- 7) B of A owns the property at 3939 San Pablo Dam Road

In more details:

**1) Free Fire Prevention Project senior/physically challenged homeowner AND their neighbors**

The following is from Genevieve Pastor-Cohen from the City of Richmond. Please let me know if you know a senior/physically challenged homeowner who has overgrown vegetation and is unable to do the work on their own. *Fire Marshal Govan approached me to reach out to residents in Richmond's very high fire severity zone to **identify a senior/physically challenged homeowner who has overgrown vegetation and is unable to do the work on their own.** Additionally, if the senior/physically challenged homeowner lives next to a property where the overgrown vegetation is encroaching upon their property, that would be a good criteria as well.*

*Fire Marshal Govan would like to start this annual project and work with one senior/physically challenged homeowner each year. The project would begin early May and complete the vegetation management task by June 1.*

*Soheila, do you have potential homeowners whom you know would benefit from this project? If so, may we have their contact names and information.*

*Thank you for your reply. I have included Fire Marshal Govan, please reply "all".*

Respectfully,  
Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, MS, CEM, CBCP (ret.)  
Emergency Services Manager  
City of Richmond, Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services  
440 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor

## **2) Progress on JPA**

As you may know, we have hired a consultant to help us with encouraging cities to join the coalition in support of a Joint Power Agency (JPA) for Wildfire Prevention and Vegetation Management in the East Bay. It seems like although my personal letters to Mayor Butt were not fruitful, the consultant's work with the city manager may result in the City Council endorsing the JPA.

## **3) Progress on Fire Danger Signs (image below)**

CCC Fire Chief Broschard announced in the periodic Wildcat Canyon Wildfire Prevention meeting that he has ordered 6 signs to alert citizens of the fire danger level. I assume they would look like the image you see at the bottom of this email. We need to ask for some of those signs to be installed in El Sobrante.

If you live in El Sobrante, please ask MAC to request 2-3 signs to be installed here. We need to be proactive and propose specific locations for them. Please share your ideas with MAC.

## **4) Progress in Emergency Evacuation: CCC uses Zonehaven**

CCC Fire Chief Broschard also announced that they will be using Zonehaven for dividing residential areas into zones and managing emergency evacuation. See [zonehaven.com](http://zonehaven.com)

El Cerrito and Orinda are ahead in the game, Richmond is behind and needs to catch up in terms of preparing the map and residential info for using this service. I am unaware of the status of mapping unincorporated El Sobrante for emergency evacuation. Please ask MAC to inquire about the status of mapping unincorporated El Sobrante and push for faster progress before the fire season.

## **5) CWS Test**

We were told by the County OES that it would take a year or so to coordinate a testing of the emergency alert system or CWS. We need to get started now. I am really wondering now that if a preparation for a test takes a year, how would they perform in case of a real emergency?! This means coordinating a test is really important and urgent. We need to push the authorities to coordinate for a 94803 area Community Warning System test!

I think we should start with El Sobrante MAC and ask them to request it and coordinate it with the other entities.

## **6) CCC FireWise Program**

CCC Fire Chief Broschard mentioned this program "Firewise Program, Being Phased In Across the District, Offers Neighbors Opportunity to Work Together to Protect Their Communities From Wildfire Dangers

<https://www.cccfpd.org/pdfs/2-23-21%20--%20Con%20Fire%20Introduces%20Firewise%20USA%20Program%20Across%20District%20--%20FINAL.pdf>

Recently, Marilyn (Thanks to her) looked into it and reported back the following:

*"I got a response from ConFire and they said Richmond is on its own—not supported for the Firewise program by the county. Ugh.*

*But we can do it on our own (that is, through neighborhood councils—perhaps as a subset?). It's just additional work, and it loses the opportunity to bring the entire 94803 group together. I have a feeling when that JPA is put into effect this kind of issue will be go away."*

## **7) B of A owns the property at 3939 San Pablo Dam Road**

Some of you have written to me, expressing concern that Bank of America had rented the property. As a real estate agent, I checked the title and learned they have owned it since 1964, as you see in the text of the petition. Please

support the petition, pass it around, post it on Nextdoor, and let us make it up to 1000+ signatures and submit before they make other plans for the parcel. FYI, we already contacted the bank and told them of our request and informed them that we will submit a petition to show that it is a community wide desire and need to have a Community Center. B of A would get tax deduction for their donation and we would get the building for a nice community center that next to the library and the future Community Park would make a HUB for our community and change the face of El Sobrante.

**P.S. A Fire Danger Sign in El Cerrito:**



Ask El Sobrante MAC to get some in the 94803 area soon!

Thank you,  
Soheila Bana  
94803 Emergency Preparedness Alliance

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