To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors

From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Date: December 8, 2020

Subject: Report on 2020 Fire Season



## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ACCEPT a report from the Fire Chief regarding the 2020 fire season.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The 2020 fire season proved to be, yet again, another year of firsts and unprecedented fire activity within the state, our local region, and Contra Costa County.

Contra Costa County fared better than many of our neighboring counties; however, the District responded to more than 400 grass and vegetation fires, managing to hold all but a handful of them to less than 10 acres. This was a considerable feat given the weather and fuel conditions and came as a result of significant planning and preparedness.

In recognition of the changing nature of our fire seasons, we are no longer declaring an official end to the season as we have done in past years. As it currently stands across the District, there are considerable dead annual grasses, dry brush, and vegetation that all have

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Action of Board On: 12/08/2020 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER  Clerks Notes:  VOTE OF SUPERVISORS	
AYE: John Gioia, Director Candace Andersen, Director Diane Burgis, Director Karen Mitchoff, Director Federal D. Glover, Director	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.  ATTESTED: December 8, 2020  David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Contact: Lewis Broschard, Fire Chief 925-941-3300 x1100	By: June McHuen, Deputy



# BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

wildfire risk. In spite of lower temperatures and some rain, the danger of wildfires still remains a threat.

This report will discuss the 2020 fire season, our preparations and expanded capabilities to date, and what potential next steps may be for consideration into 2021 and beyond as we must explore additional prevention, planning, preparedness, and response capabilities for this growing threat within all the communities served by the District.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Fire Season 2020 Report