

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors

AGENDA

Meeting Location

“Smart Space” Office Center  
450 South Melrose Drive  
Vista, CA 92081



Rescheduled Regular Meeting

Monday, July 22, 2024

1:00 P.M.

Director Fougner will participate via video conference  
2475 Elevado Rd, Vista, CA

July 22, 2024  
1:00 pm

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**BUSINESS SESSION – REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATION (Public Comment)  
The Board invites District residents and others in attendance to address the Board on any matter of public concern related to the District’s business.

All items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion without discussion unless Board Members, Staff, or the public requests removal of an item for separate discussion and action. The Board of Directors has the option of considering items removed from the Consent Calendar immediately or under Continuing Business.

- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR
  - a. Board of Directors Minutes  
**Approve** the Board of Directors minutes of June 12, 2024
  - b. Payroll Register  
**Approve** Payroll paid on July 5, 2024 \$6,483.34  
**Approve** Payroll Taxes paid on paid on July 8, 2024 \$495.98  
\$6,979.32
  - c. Accounts Payable  
**Approve** Accounts Payable Check 4209 thru 4121 to be paid June 28 & July 22, 2024 \$109,375.17  
Auto withdrawal(s) paid on June 10 – July 17, 2024 \$976.95  
\$117,331.44

- d. Receive and File – Information
  - i) Fire Department Reports
    - (1) *Fire Chief*
    - (2) *Fire Marshal*
    - (3) *District Inspector*
    - (4) *Incident Report – June 2024*
  - ii) Administrative Manager’s Report
  - iii) Correspondence
    - (1) None

5. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)  
To acknowledge receipt and accept the approved and signed CWPP.  
Action Requested: **Accept**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fuels Management Along Buena Creek Road  
A presentation will be delivered to the Board of Directors on the proposed Buena Creek Fuels Reduction project.  
ACTION REQUESTED: **Information**
- b. Outline of Processes and Obtaining Grants for Fuels Management  
A presentation will be delivered by FireWatch representatives to discuss fuel management processes, aerial survey and an analysis of wildfire risk along Buena Creek Road.  
ACTION REQUESTED: **Information/Direction/and/or authorize the cost of an aerial survey.**
- c. Standards of Covers (SOC) Update  
A presentation showing the trends comparing the SOC of 2010, 2015, 2020 and 2024 data will be delivered to the Board of Directors for information and discussion.  
ACTION REQUESTED: **Information**

7. ORAL REPORT(s)

- a. Fire Chief
- b. Deputy Chief - Administration
- c. Administrative Manager
- d. Legal
- e. Board of Directors

8. ADJOURNMENT



VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors  
Rescheduled - Regular Meeting Agenda  
Monday, July 22, 2024 1:00 pm PT

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I certify that on July 19, 2024 a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on the District's website and near the meeting place of the Board of Directors of Vista Fire Protection District, said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting of the Board of Directors (Government Code Section 54954.2)

Executed at Vista, California on July 19, 2024

  
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Karlene Rannals  
Board Clerk



**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes – June 12, 2024**

*These minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda and do not necessarily reflect the order in which items were considered.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

President Elliott called to order the regular meeting of the Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 1:00 PM at the “Smart Space” conference room located at 450 South Melrose Drive, Vista CA.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Ploetz led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll

Directors Present: Elliott, Fougner, Miller, Ploetz

Directors Absent: Gomez

Staff Present: Karlena Rannals, Administrative Manager; Gerard Washington, Fire Chief;  
Bret Davidson, Deputy Chief; Fred Pfister, Legal Counsel

3. Open Discussion with the Board (Public Comment)

No one requested to speak to the Board.

4. Consent Calendar

MOTION BY DIRECTOR PLOETZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR FOUNGNER, CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (*Gomez*); 0 ABSTAIN to approve all items on the consent calendar as submitted:

a. *Board of Directors Minutes*

- i) Board of Directors minutes of May 8, 2024
- ii) Board of Directors minutes of May 30, 2024

b. *Payroll Register*

• Payroll paid on June 7, 2024	\$4,583.34
• Payroll taxes paid on June 7, 2024	\$ <u>350.63</u>
Total	<u>\$4,933.97</u>

c. *Accounts Payable*

• Accounts Payable Check 4195 thru 4208 paid June 12, 2024	\$221,335.26
• Auto withdrawal(s) paid on April 10 – May 8, 2024	<u>960.34</u>
Total	<u>\$222,295.60</u>

d. *Receive and File*

- i) Fire Department Reports
  - (1) *Fire Chief*
  - (2) *Fire Marshal*
  - (3) *District Inspector*
- ii) Administrative Manager’s Report
- iii) Correspondence
  - (1) Fire Apparatus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

5. Continuing Business

a. *Appointment of Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin to Provide Attorney Services to the Vista Fire Protection District*

The ad hoc committee and staff summarized the staff report provided. They reported that two proposals were evaluated and both firms were interviewed. Based on the information in the proposals and subsequent interviews, the subcommittee recommended Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin to provide legal services to the District with Chris Cardinale serving as general counsel. Mr. Cardinale was present to respond to questions from the board.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR FUGNER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR PLOETZ, CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (*Gomez*); 0 ABSTAIN to approve the selection of Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin to provide attorney services to the Vista Fire Protection District, and authorize the President to execute the contract.

President Elliott on behalf of the Board of Directors conveyed their appreciation to Mr. Pfister for the services that he and his firm White & Bright has provided for over 25 years. Mr. Pfister extended his appreciation and assured the board that he will be available to assist in the transition or other services if requested.

6. Public Hearing(s)

a. *Fixed Charge Special Assessment for Weed Abatement Unpaid Charges*

President Elliott opened and closed the public hearing. Ms. Rannals reported that there were no written comments submitted.

7. New Business

a. *Resolution No. 2024-04*

Ms. Rannals summarized the staff report provided. She informed the Board that this resolution is necessary to levy assessments on the 2024/2025 property tax roll for collection of delinquent 2023 weed abatement charges. The two delinquent parcel owners will have until July 31, 2024 to pay the city. If it remains unpaid, then the District will reimburse the City for abatement costs and the District will then levy the special assessment to the property by August 10, 2024, the County of San Diego deadline. Staff responded to questions from the board.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR FUGNER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MILLER, and ADOPTED Resolution No. 2024-04 *entitled* A Resolution of the Vista Fire Protection District Approving and Confirming a Report and Account for Abatement of Weeds, Shrubs, Dead Trees, and Waste Mater for Fiscal Year 2022-23, and Ordering the Assessment of Unpaid Charges on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Elliott, Fougner, Miller, Ploetz
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Gomez
ABSTAIN:	None

b. *Preliminary Budget FY 2024-25*

Ms. Rannals delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Preliminary Budget for FY25. She reports that preliminary revenue projection \$4,860 (in thousands) decreased (6.3%). The revenue anticipated is primarily from the San Diego County Tax Assessor's FY25 estimated receivables (\$4,550). She informed

the board that at this time, she is awaiting the annual assessed valuation report to determine the true budgetary impact of the Mar Vista Detachment; the remainder of the revenue is comprised of Grant, Interest and Miscellaneous revenue.

She reports that the overall Operating Budget of \$4,658 (in thousands) decreased (1.3%). She summarized the expenditure changes between the proposed budget and FY24 estimated expenditures that include:

- Emergency Services – \$4,095 (+.3%) - this is where 90% of the tax revenue goes to fund the emergency response and fire prevention services.
- Personnel Cost – \$149 (+4.9%) – the increase is a result Fire Inspector contract increase, salary adjustment for the Administrative Manager, and a placeholder of \$75,000 should the District retain the services of a Community Outreach Coordinator or Grant Writer.
- Grant – \$3 – the District received a onetime grant from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant for the reconstruction of Fire Station 3. The \$3 is the balance of the monies committed to the Fire Safe Council of Vista.
- Contractual/Maintenance/Supplies – \$86 (+3.6%) – this increase represents increased costs in services and supplies.
- All Other – \$325 (+14.3%) – these expenses include training, staff professional development, weed abatement, and the basic increase for all other costs.

She also provided an overview of the District’s cash position and she responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR FOUIGNER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MILLER, to approve the Preliminary Budget for FY25 as presented on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elliott, Fougner, Miller, Ploetz  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Gomez  
ABSTAIN: None

President Elliott announced that the District will schedule a public hearing for adopting the Final Budget on September 11, 2024, and he further requested that the Board Clerk notify the public of the hearing according to all applicable codes.

*c. CSDA Board of Directors Election*

Ms. Rannals informed the Board that she has received the ballot from CSDA to elect a member to the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A. There are three candidates, including the incumbent Jo Mackenzie. She requested board direction for casting the ballot on behalf of Vista Fire Protection District.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR PLOETZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MILLER, CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (*Gomez*); 0 ABSTAIN to support Jo Mackenzie to the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A.

d. *Board of Directors Meeting – July 10, 2024*

Ms. Rannals informed the Board that she would not be attending the July meeting due to a conference on the east coast, and because of the time difference and conference schedule, she could not participate remotely. Director Fougner also informed the Board that he would also not be in attendance. Ms. Rannals requested consideration that the meeting is cancelled since the agenda is light. The board members after deliberating that since the “standards of cover” report and the new response times reports would be discussed, they agreed to reschedule the meeting, in lieu of cancelling.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR FOUNGNER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR PLOETZ, CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (*Gomez*); 0 ABSTAIN to reschedule the July 10 board meeting, to Monday, July 22 at 1pm at the SmartSpace location.

8. Oral Report(s)

1) *Fire Chief* – Chief Washington reported that there were several questions that arose out of the 2:2:1 meeting that he was unable to attend due to travel. He met with Ms. Rannals to review all questions that he or Chief Davidson will respond to.

- Q: Buena Creek Road Clearance – when is this scheduled? Chief Davidson responded that staff contacted CalFire and was informed that Buena Creek Road was completed March 28<sup>th</sup> and Gopher Canyon was completed April 17<sup>th</sup>. Because of the growth, CalFire intends to revisit the roads in October.
- Q: Is there an update on Station 3 Construction? Chief Washington responded that personnel would move to the temporary station in September. Demolition is anticipated in October. The cost of construction has increased significantly, however, now all costs have been capped, and the current cost is approximately \$15 million.
- Q: Weed Abatement Program – What is the update? Chief Davidson responded that inspections started on June 10<sup>th</sup>. One part time inspector will work Friday & Saturdays. To date: 305 inspections are complete, staff have received 335 phone calls, and notice of violations has started to be sent, which starts the 30-day period for compliance.
- Q: Response Time Data – Will the report restart in July? Chief Davidson responded that the Tableau data does not break down the calls between the City and District. For the month of May, personnel responded to 1,438 total calls for service of which 1,045 were responses to the City/District; 393 responses were mutual or automatic aid. In addition, they transported 696 patients.
- Q: What is the status of the speed bumps/humps? Chief Davidson responded that the fire department is working with the City’s traffic engineer to review the recommended locations. They are recalculating the response time to account for the “slowing” and “speeding” of the

apparatus in cooperation with the consultant. They are also looking at the times using both primary and secondary roads traveled. This topic remains ongoing.

- Q: What is the timeline for approval of the Standards of Cover (SOC)? Chief Washington responded that he would like to have the District accept the new SOC by the time the Fire Department starts their strategic planning process in September. Both the City and the District are striving for a common set of facts in Urban/Suburban and Rural times. Director Fougner requested that the District receive 2015 and 2020 SOC's for reference, even though the District never had the opportunity to see the "look back" data or approve the updated SOC. Chief Washington agreed to provide the documents to Ms. Rannals for distribution to the board members upon request.
- Q: How can the District provide input on the accuracy of the maps in the hazard and high hazard areas? Chief Washington intends to contact Chief Meecham of CalFire to get more information as to how the maps are developed. He understands that some of the hazard areas may be misclassified. Staff will continue to research.

2) Deputy Chief - Administration

- The fire department intends to offer a "Women's Empowerment Camp" in cooperation with Oceanside and North County FPD, August 9-11.
- Staff recently attended the annual EMS Conference.

3) Administrative Manager – Ms. Rannals: In addition to her report, she reported on the following:

- She has received notification that the election filing period will be July 15 – August 9. She has confirmed that divisions A; B and C are in place. Should an incumbent choose not to file, then the filing period is extended for 5 days for that division only. As a point of interest, the current number of registered voters throughout the District is 12,577.
- She will be attending the IAAP Conference July 9 – 15 in New York City. Although she will be out of the office, she will continue to monitor messages.

4) Legal – Mr. Pfister – No report. Mr. Cardinale is grateful for the opportunity to serve the District as new legal counsel.

5) Fire Safe Council of Vista – Update: Director Gomez in his absence submitted a written report to the Ms. Rannals:

- He attended the annual Fire Safe Council Awards luncheon.
- He contacted Captain Shoots from CAL FIRE who is going to assist the Council in getting communities in the city/district to be Fire Wise Communities approved through NFPA. This will help reduce the number of homes being turned down from having fire insurance coverage. This program will also assist us in educating residents in their community.
- They are currently working on our yearly budget for the next meeting, meeting date to be determined.
- The CWPP has been signed by all parties and is approved.
- On behalf of the Fire Safe Council, they would like to thank the Vista Fire Protection District Board on assisting us with the Grant and support. I had the CWPP pass my desk and have signed to forward to Chief Washington



6) *Board of Directors*

- None

*10-minute recess*

9. Closed Session

Pursuant to the following section, the board met in closed session from 3:10 pm – 3:50 pm, and discussed the following:

- a. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation
  - 1) Administrative Manager  
All board members listed, Administrative Manager Rannals and Chris Cardinale (Legal Counsel) attended and participated in the discussion.

10. Closed Session Report Out

Upon reconvening, President Elliott reported that the Administrative Manager's performance and salary was discussed.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR MILLER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR FOUNGNER, CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (*Gomez*); 0 ABSTAIN to revise the Administrative Manager's annual compensation to \$60,000 effective July 1, 2024; and pay a one-time performance bonus of \$2,500 on July 22, 2024.

11. Adjournment

President Elliott adjourned the meeting at 3:53 pm.

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Karlana Rannals  
Board Clerk

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James F. Elliott  
President

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**PAYROLL REGISTER - June (Paid 7/05/24)**

Payment No.	Name	Gross
Direct		
Deposit	Elliott, James (Apr - Jun 2024)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Fougner, Robert (Apr - Jun 2024)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Gomez, Daniel (Apr - Jun 2024)	\$ 300.00
Direct		
Deposit	Miller, Read (Apr - Jun 2024)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Ploetz, John (Apr - Jun 2024)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Rannals, Karlena	<u>\$ 4,583.34</u>
		<u>\$ 6,483.34</u>
	Employer Payroll Taxes	
	Federal (Social Security/Medicare)	\$ 495.98
	State	<u>\$ -</u>
		<u><u>\$ 6,979.32</u></u>

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
**July 22, 2024**

Check #	PAYEE & ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Auto Withdrawal	SmartSpace Vista (c/o SVN Vanguard) 4455 Murphy Canyon Road, Ste 200 San Diego, CA 92123	Space Rent -July 2024 <i>Paid on 7-2-2024</i>	\$877.95
Auto Withdrawal	ADP, Inc.	Jun Payroll Fee <i>Paid on 7-8-2024</i>	\$99.00
		<b>Accounts Payable (Auto withdrawal)</b>	<b>\$976.95</b>
4209	C J Brown & Company CPA's 10805 Holder St. Ste 150 Cypress, CA 90630	FY24 Audit Progress Payment	\$3,140.00
4210	CITY OF VISTA 200 Civic Center Drive Vista, CA 92084	Fire/EMS - TA#11 Fire Inspector - June 2024	\$86,259.82
4211	RANNALS, Karlena	Out of Pocket Expenses (Jun 1 - 30, 2024)	\$907.68
4212	AZTEC LANDSCAPING 7980 Lemon Grove Way Lemon Grove, Ca 91945	Emergency Access Roads, Invoice # L4660, June 2024	\$2,187.50
4213	CITY OF VISTA 200 Civic Center Drive Vista, CA 92084	Fire Inspector - June 2024	\$5,881.56
4214	SD CHAPTER - CSDA 505 Garrett Ave Chula Vista, CA 91940	FY25 Dues Invoice #25-43	\$150.00
4215	FIRESTATS, LLC 2036 Nevada City Highway, #84 Grass Valley, CA 95945-7700	Progress Payment - Strategic Plan (Final) Progress Payment - Strategic Plan	\$6,212.50
4216	AUDITOR & CONTROLLER - COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (LAFCO) Auditor & Controller - Property Tax Services 5530 Overland Ave., Ste 410 San Diego, CA 92123	FY25 Cost Share	\$2,682.15
4217	LITTLE YELLOW BUDDIES 13615 Fairlane Road Valley Center, CA 92082	Serviced Hydrants - Qty 47	\$1,269.00
4218	RGM CONSULTING 815 Sierra Verde Dr. Vista, CA 92084	Monthly Maintenance (July 2024) Inv # 7270	\$150.00
4219	SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE P.O. Box 740665 Los Angeles, CA 90074	Inv 0000595043 Legal Notices Forced Abatement - Budget Public Hearing	\$390.96
4120	SDCFCA-ADMINISTRATION SECTION % Maia Hodge-Vista Fire Department 200 Civic Center Drive Vista, CA 92084	FY25 Dues	\$60.00
4121	STREAMLINE P.O. Box 207561 Dallas, TX 75320-7561	Monthly Billing for Webhosting Invoice # 67009CA4-0044	\$84.00
	WHITE AND BRIGHT 970 Canterbury Place Escondido, CA 92025	Legal Fees - District Business Invoice #13103 (Jun 2024)	\$0.00
		<b>Accounts Payable (Checks)</b>	<b>\$109,375.17</b>
	PAYROLL: See Payroll Register U.S. TREASURY (PAYROLL TAX)	Employee & Directors FEDERAL FORM 941-EFT VIA EFTPS-DEPOSIT	\$6,483.34 \$495.98
		<b>June Payroll Total</b>	<b>\$6,979.32</b>
		<b>Total District Expenses - June 2024</b>	<b>\$117,331.44</b>
	<b>CHECK VOID</b>		
	<b>Director</b>		<b>22-Jul-24</b>
			
	<b>Administrative Manager</b>		<b>16-Jul-24</b>

**Accounts Payable  
Certification**

Vista Fire Protection District  
450 S. Melrose Dr., Ste 105  
Vista, CA 92081

CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. TA #11

CONSULTANT/VENDOR:  
City of Vista

BILLING PERIOD:

ADDRESS: 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084

ACCOUNT No.:

DESCRIPTION: Tax Apportionment #11

**STATEMENT OF PAYMENT**

				Apportionment of Fee	FEE PAYABLE
Gross Tax Apportionment	100%	\$	95,844.24	0%	\$ -
Less Interest Allocation	100%	\$	-	0%	\$ -
Tax Apportionment	100%	\$	95,844.24	90%	<u>\$ 86,259.82</u>
Invoice Billed #:					\$ 86,259.82
Discrepancy					<u>0.00</u>



Certified by: Karlene Rannals, Administrative Manager

19-Jun

Date



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: GERARD WASHINGTON, FIRE CHIEF  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT  
DATE: July 15, 2024



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## Monthly Activity Summary (June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

1. Eight Firefighter Paramedics are in the background check process with five contingent offers extended.
2. The Strawberry Festival was a success, with a large attendance and a strong fire department presence.
3. Completed PEER Support training and added six more peer supporters.
4. Onboarded four temporary weed abatement inspectors.
5. The ribbon-cutting event for apparatus was well attended. Thank you to Director Plötz for representing the fire district.
6. The Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) contract was awarded for \$1M.
7. Brush Engine 122 went to Sonoma County.
8. OES 408 was deployed to the Thompson Fire and has returned. It is currently out of service for repairs.
9. Firefighter Donoff was deployed as a radio operator to the Thompson fire and returned safely.
10. Engine 122, Chief Ford and Chief Halle were deployed to fires.
11. Six Strike Teams from San Diego County are currently deployed in California Wildfires
12. The ladder truck specifications are in the final phases.
13. There was a second alarm fire on S Melrose with an estimated 2 million dollars' worth of stock. They estimated a loss of 160,000 in produce. The cause is suspected to be Arson.
14. There was a third alarm fire in the district with one Firefighter injured, but he is back to work.
15. Four temporary weed abatement inspectors were oriented and have begun inspections.
16. Since June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5,148 weed abatement Inspections have been conducted. Approximately 1,000 violation notices will be sent out next week.
17. The second draft of the NBS ambulance recommendations will be completed soon for City Manager and Fire Chief review.
18. Erickson Hall occupied the station 3 temporary site on June 17. The move-in date for fire personnel is scheduled for October 4.
19. Live fire training was conducted, with all shifts and many adjoining agencies attended.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: MARK VIEROW, FIRE MARSHAL  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FIRE MARSHAL  
DATE: JULY 11, 2024



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## Monthly Activity Summary (June 1-30, 2024)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

1. Projects: The Havens, Gopher Canyon Rd
  - 10 fire sprinkler hydro inspections
  - 2270 Primrose, 1 building, 11 apartments
  - No change
  - 2357 S Santa Fe Ave. La Sabila Senior Living complex 85 Units
  - Site work has Started
  
2. Plan checks and construction inspections continue.
  - 2 plan checks
  - 18 construction inspections
  
3. 38,137 new square feet of new construction
  - \$30,509.60 in fire mitigation fees for June.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: JAMES KOZAKIEWICZ, FIRE INSPECTOR  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FIRE  
DATE: JULY 12, 2024



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## Monthly Activity Summary (June 1– June 30, 2024)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

1. Inspector Kozakiewicz evaluated all emergency access roads. West side of Hardell Lane needs attention. Inspector Kozakiewicz notified Aztec Landscaping.
2. The 2024 weed abatement initial inspections are nearly complete. Reinspection's will follow in the coming weeks.
3. Inspector Kozakiewicz attended the Fire Safe Council meeting at the American Red Cross Offices. The presentation's focus was on SDG&E's ongoing project to underground/harden above ground electrical. Awaiting SDG&E presentation to provide to VFPD Board.
4. Inspector Kozakiewicz attended the Home Ignition Zone Defensible Space training provided by San Diego Fire Department.
5. On June 11, 2024, there was a vegetation fire located at 3766 El Paso Alto. Inspector Kozakiewicz submitted a public records request to Cal Fire for the investigator's findings. Awaiting report. No injuries.
6. On June 30, 2024, there was a structure fire located at 2233 Via Subria. Cause of fire within the garage undetermined. There were no injuries.

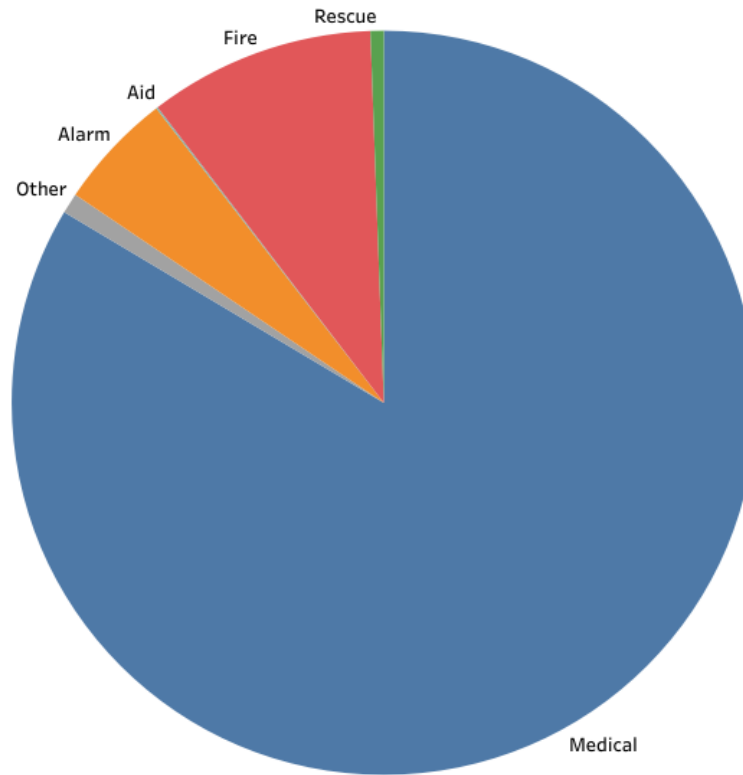
# Agency Dashboard



# Assigned Incidents for VISTA FD June 2024

Agency  
VISTA FD

Month and Year  
June 2024



Medical	1,038 incidents / 83.57%
Fire	122 incidents / 9.82%
Alarm	63 incidents / 5.07%
Aid	1 incidents / 0.08%
Rescue	7 incidents / 0.56%
Other	11 incidents / 0.89%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,242 incidents / 100.00%</b>

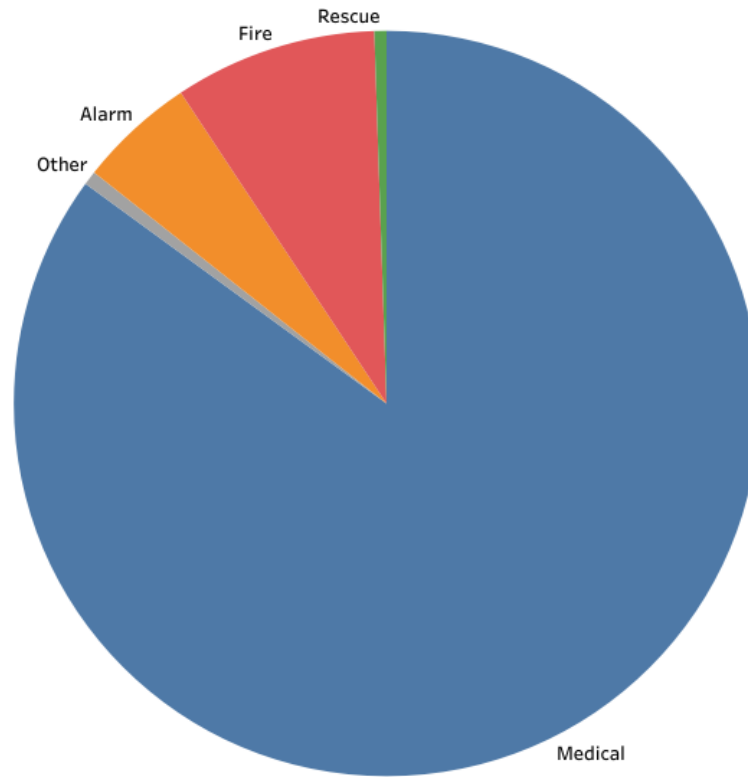
### Problem Category

- Medical
- Other
- Alarm
- Aid
- Fire
- Rescue

Assigned incidents for all VISTA FD units.

Data Last Updated: 7/16/2024 8:27:33 AM UTC

# Incidents in VISTA FD Jurisdiction June 2024



Jurisdiction  
VISTA FD

Month and Year  
June 2024

Medical	842 incidents / 85.05%
Fire	87 incidents / 8.79%
Alarm	50 incidents / 5.05%
Rescue	5 incidents / 0.51%
Other	6 incidents / 0.61%
Grand Total	990 incidents / 100.00%

Problem Category

- Medical
- Other
- Alarm
- Fire
- Rescue

Incidents occurring only in VISTA FD jurisdiction.

Data Last Updated: 7/16/2024 3:03:57 PM UTC

Aid Given by VISTA FD  
June 2024 : Incident Count

Jurisdiction	
CAL FIRE	12
CAMP PENDLETON	
CARLSBAD FD	11
CSA 17 AREA	
DEL MAR FD	
DISPATCH	
ENCINITAS FD	
ESCONDIDO FD	12
HEARTLAND	
NORTH COUNTY FPD	18
OCEANSIDE FD	180
OP AREA INCIDENTS	
PALA FD	1
PAUMA FD	
RANCHO SANTA FE FPD	
RINCON FD	
SAN DIEGO FD	
SAN MARCOS FD	83
SAN PASQUAL RESV FD	
SOLANA BEACH FD	1
VALLEY CENTER FPD	
VISTA FD	

Incidents outside of jurisdiction to which units were assigned,  
sorted by jurisdiction

Aid Received by VISTA FD  
June 2024 : Incident Count

Home Jurisdiction	
CAL FIRE	3
CAMP PENDLETON	
CARLSBAD FD	20
ESCONDIDO FD	
NORTH COUNTY FPD	18
OCEANSIDE FD	172
PALA FD	
PAUMA FD	
RANCHO SANTA FE FPD	1
RINCON FD	
SAN DIEGO FD	2
SAN MARCOS FD	44
SAN PASQUAL RESV FD	
VALLEY CENTER FPD	
VISTA FD	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>260</b>

Incidents within jurisdiction to which outside units were assigned,  
sorted by home jurisdiction

Aid Given by VISTA FD  
June 2024 : Unit Count

Jurisdiction	
CAL FIRE	13
CAMP PENDLETON	
CARLSBAD FD	13
CSA 17 AREA	
DEL MAR FD	
DISPATCH	
ENCINITAS FD	
ESCONDIDO FD	15
HEARTLAND	
NORTH COUNTY FPD	22
OCEANSIDE FD	230
OP AREA INCIDENTS	
PALA FD	1
PAUMA FD	
RANCHO SANTA FE FPD	
RINCON FD	
SAN DIEGO FD	
SAN MARCOS FD	107
SAN PASQUAL RESV FD	
SOLANA BEACH FD	1
VALLEY CENTER FPD	
VISTA FD	

Units assigned to incidents out of jurisdiction,  
sorted by jurisdiction

Aid Received by VISTA FD  
June 2024 : Unit Count

Home Jurisdiction	
CAL FIRE	5
CAMP PENDLETON	
CARLSBAD FD	32
ESCONDIDO FD	
NORTH COUNTY FPD	21
OCEANSIDE FD	242
PALA FD	
PAUMA FD	
RANCHO SANTA FE FPD	1
RINCON FD	
SAN DIEGO FD	2
SAN MARCOS FD	63
SAN PASQUAL RESV FD	
VALLEY CENTER FPD	
VISTA FD	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>366</b>

Outside units assigned to jurisdiction,  
sorted by home jurisdiction

# Incident Volume by Hour for VISTA FD

June 2024



	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
BR122									1														1		
BR125											1			1									1		
E121	10	7	8	7	4	3	7	12	14	15	19	12	10	20	10	13	9	14	13	9	18	12	10	8	
E122	1	1	2	4		6		1	7	5	3	7	4	8	10	8	3	4	9	4	5	3	2	1	
E123	6	4	3	3	4	2	8	7	11	12	11	9	12	5	11	10	7	13	14	11	11	16	6	4	
E124	4	6	7	3	6	2	4	7	7	17	10	10	11	6	6	14	16	8	9	10	14	9	10	5	
E125	1		2	5	5	3	3	3	8	7	7	8	7	13	15	7	9	5	4	7	7	8	7	1	
E126														1	1		1	1							
RA121	9	7	3	5	2	3	7	9	12	8	12	11	13	24	16	16	21	17	15	11	12	15	8	7	
RA123	5	4		2	2	1	9	2	6	6	7	6	12	7	9	11	9	11	10	11	10	13	5	3	
RA124	5	5	5	4	5	4	2	4	13	12	11	11	11	11	6	9	16	11	12	7	14	7	9	6	
RA126	9	9	4	6	3	5	2	5	11	9	10	13	14	10	12	14	14	14	7	13	15	10	7	6	
T126	13	11	8	7	7	2	7	8	12	8	11	14	20	17	10	19	23	15	11	15	16	15	4	9	

Count of ID broken down by Time Assigned Hour vs. Unit Name.

Incidents by Unit for VISTA FD  
June 2024

<b>Ambulance</b>	RA121	263
	RA123	161
	RA124	200
	RA126	222
	Total	<b>845</b>
<b>Brush</b>	BR122	2
	BR125	3
	Total	<b>5</b>
<b>Engine / Truck</b>	E121	264
	E122	98
	E123	200
	E124	201
	E125	142
	E126	4
	T126	282
	Total	<b>1,143</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,408</b>

Count of Distinct Time Assigned broken down  
by Apparatus Type and Unit Name.

## VISTA FD Transports

June 2024

Name	
RA121	117
RA123	69
RA124	96
RA126	100
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>382</b>

These two tables display a distinct count of ID broken down by Destination. Only transports which arrive at a destination are counted.

## VISTA FD Transport Destinations

June 2024

Destinations	
TRI CITY MEDICAL CENTER (TCMC)	213
PALOMAR HOSPITAL	114
KAISER SAN MARCOS MEDICAL CENTER	30
SCRIPPS ENCINITAS HOSPITAL	13
CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	5
SCRIPPS HOSPITAL LA JOLLA	2
UCSD HILLCREST	1
SHARP MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	1
POMERADO HOSPITAL	1
KAISER SAN DIEGO MEDICAL CENTER	1
AIR AMB LZ	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>382</b>

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: KARLENA RANNALS, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - ADMINISTRATION  
DATE: July 17, 2024



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### **Activity Summary (June 1 – 30, 2024)**

The following highlights my work activities for the reporting period:

1. Prepared agenda items and supporting reports for June 12 Board of Directors meeting.
2. Finalized Preliminary Budget for approval at June meeting
3. Met (via Zoom) President Elliott, June 5
4. Attended (in person) San Diego County Fire Chiefs Installation Luncheon, June 6
5. Coordinated and participated in the 2:2:1 meeting (June 10 & 11) in advance of monthly board meeting.
6. Attended June 12 Board of Directors meeting.
7. Attended (in person) Administrative Fire Services Section Quarterly Meeting in El Cajon, June 13
8. Participated (via Zoom) with Chief Despain and President Elliott editing the draft strategic plan, June 19

The highlights do not include emails, phone calls, website updates, and other requests for review/comments on district topics.

### **Supplemental Information**

This newsletter came to my inbox, and I am providing a link for your reading pleasure.

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### **Future Activity**

1. Board Policies



2024



# Community Wildfire Protection Plan

VISTA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL



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# Preface

## What is a community wildfire protection plan?

Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) are *blueprints* for preparedness at the neighborhood level. They organize a community's efforts to protect itself against wildfire, and empower citizens to move in a cohesive, common direction.

Among the key goals of the Vista CWPP, which was developed collaboratively by citizens, and federal, state and local management agencies, are to:

- Align with the San Diego region's cohesive pre-fire strategy, which includes educating homeowners and building understanding of wildland fire, ensuring defensible space clearing and structure hardening, safeguarding communities through fuels treatment, and protecting evacuation corridors.
- Identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatment.
- Recommend the types and methods of treatment that will protect the community.
- Recommend measures to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.



**Note:** The CWPP is not to be construed as indicative of project “activity” as defined under the “Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Three, Projects Subject to CEQA.” Any actual project activities undertaken that meet this definition of project activity and are undertaken by the CWPP participants or agencies listed shall meet with local, state, and federal environmental compliance requirements.

*The Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County produced this report in partnership with the San Diego County Fire Safe Council which is comprised of a 15-member Board of Directors consisting of leading representatives from federal, state & local agencies and stakeholders throughout San Diego County. Funding is provided by the California Fire Safe Council through the 2022 CAL FIRE County Coordinator Program. In accordance with the federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.*

# 01

## Snapshot of the Community

*Each community in San Diego County has a unique history and identity. Below is a description of what sets this area apart, including its landscape, preparedness, and firefighting resources.*

### I. OVERVIEW

#### Vista, CA

The area of the Vista Fire Safe Council corresponds to that of the Vista Fire Protection District, in north San Diego County. The area is roughly 43 miles north of San Diego, California. The area comprises approximately 20 square miles adjacent to the City of Vista primarily on the east. It is bordered on the north by the North County Fire Protection District, on the east by the Deer Springs and San Marcos Fire Protection Districts, on the south and west by the City of Carlsbad, and on the northwest by the City of Oceanside.

- The District serves a population of close to 20,000 people. It is characterized by rural and semi-rural residential lots with large to moderate-sized single-family homes, and extensive areas of undeveloped chaparral. Community members enjoy country living in a peaceful and quiet environment with dark night skies. There are no sidewalks and few streetlights.
- There are no public parks in the District and few commercial businesses. There is one school (Hannalei Elementary). The primary land use is rural residential. CalA-Vie, a world-class spa, and Vista Valley Country Club with its golf course, are in Gopher Canyon.



### II. LANDSCAPE

#### Topography

Topographic features include Gopher Canyon in the northern part of the District, with its seasonal creek that drains into the San Luis Rey River, and Buena Creek in the southern portion, which flows into Agua Hedionda Creek and Lagoon. These are major east-west valleys that each contain County highways identified as evacuation routes. The San Marcos Mountains run generally north to south at the eastern edge of the District and are largely undeveloped.

- Most of the District is within the Inland Foothills Zone of San Diego County, with elevations from 119 feet to 1,671 feet above sea level. Much of the terrain is hilly, providing scenic views that gave the



area its name, Rancho Buena Vista, but also has implications for fire activity. Among the significant native shrub species are manzanita, scrub oak, lemonade berry, mountain mahogany, toyon, ceanothus, and chamise. There are many ornamental plantings at residences, as well as family fruit orchards of citrus and avocado trees. The District also contains riparian hardwood ecosystems with coast live oak and varying understory species. Non-native species such as Eucalyptus, Mexican Fan Palm, Pampas Grass, and Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*) have naturalized in riparian areas and vacant lots, where they present a significant fire hazard.

## Fire History

The most impactful North County fires include:

- The Dawson fire (summer of 1983) from the southern area of the City of Vista extending into Carlsbad, consumed approximately 200 acres.
- The Gopher Canyon fire (July 1985) driven by powerful easterly winds, burned over 1000 acres.
- The Robbie Lane fire (late 1980s) in Gopher Canyon injured one Deer Springs firefighter.
- The Harmony Grove fire (October 1996) south of the District consumed 8600 acres and led to the loss of 60 homes and one life.
- The Gavlin fire (February 2002), primarily in Fallbrook to the north of the District, burned 5,763 acres and destroyed 43 houses. (This fire is unusual as it occurred in February.)
- The Cedar fire (October 2003), one of the largest wildfires in California history, burned 273,246 acres, destroyed 2820 buildings, and killed 15, including one firefighter. (Its advance was stopped prior to it reaching the District.)
- The Witch Creek and Rice fires (October 2007) affected Escondido and Fallbrook. (Several fires merged burning over 257,000 acres and causing 2 deaths and 55 injuries to firefighters.)

- The Cocos fire in San Marcos (May 2014), caused by arson, burned 1,995 acres and damaged 40 buildings.
- The Lilac fire (December 2017) moved east along Highway 76 and burned 4,100 acres and 114 houses. The fire directly impacted the District through road closures and a major commitment of Vista Fire resources through the incident.
- The Creek fire aboard Camp Pendleton (December 2020) burned 4,200 acres west of Fallbrook.

## Key Infrastructure

- Natural riparian areas include seasonal creeks that generally run east to west. The Vista Irrigation District (VID) maintains the 20-million-gallon Pechstein Reservoir that connects to the San Diego Aqueduct and the Vista Flume. This facility is essential to a reliable water supply for the City of Vista and the surrounding area. While VID is the primary source of water, some areas of the Vista Fire Safe Council community are served by Rainbow, Vallecitos, and Oceanside Water Districts.
- As noted above, the primary land use in the area is rural residential, with many houses located in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). Many of these homes are older and insufficiently hardened against a possible wildfire. There are extensive areas of native chaparral that provide protection against erosion and serve as habitat for a variety of species. The chaparral also provides a significant source of fuel for potentially destructive wildfires.
- Overhead power lines are the primary conduit for electrical service in the area, but these lines are vulnerable to treefall and high winds. Another vulnerability exists because the major roads in the area are two-lanes only and were engineered and built when the population was much smaller. Despite the rural nature of the area, there are heavy rush hour traffic delays during the morning and evening commuting

hours. Traffic on these roads has a major impact on fire department response times.

- There are a few areas of level open space, such as at Hannalei School and Vista Valley Country Club's golf course, that could be developed as Temporary Refuge Areas (TRAs).

## Maps

Using technology and local expertise, the sponsors of this CWPP have included a series of maps depicting the site and situation of Vista (Appendix C). The following maps are visual aids from which the Vista Fire Safe Council, Fire Protection District, and community members can assess and make recommendations.

1. Area Communities Map
2. Fire Hazard Severity map
3. Fire History (2000-present)
4. Evacuation Map

## III. FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES

The Vista Fire Protection District has a long-term contract with the City of Vista to provide fire and emergency services within the District until the year 2056. Additionally, wildland firefighting in the area is the responsibility of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) The Vista Fire Department is a modern, professional, suburban department that supports six stations. These stations provide primary coverage to the District. When needed, Vista Fire receives mutual aid from neighboring agencies which include Deer Springs Fire Protection District, North County Fire Protection District, San Marcos Fire Department, Oceanside Fire Department, and Carlsbad Fire Department.

## 02

# Collaboration

*Strong working relationships are critical in ensuring that our communities are well-prepared. This section describes those key partners and their roles in developing this CWPP.*

## I. KEY PARTNERS

The Vista Fire Safe Council led the development of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), with guidance and support from several partners. The development team included representatives from the agencies described in the table below.

ORGANIZATION	ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES
Fire Safe Council of Vista	Is currently in its organizational phase.
Vista Fire Protection District	Provided initial sponsorship of the Fire Safe Council of Vista.
Vista Fire Department	Has day-to-day responsibility for fire and medical response; conducts community risk and value assessments; develops community protection priorities; and established fuels treatment project areas and methods.
CAL FIRE / San Diego County Fire	Conducts community risk and value assessments; develops community protection priorities; and establishes fuels treatment project areas and methods. Additionally, CAL FIRE has statutory responsibility for wildland fire protection in State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands.
Fire Safe Council of SD County	Provided major assistance in drafting this document.
North County Fire Protection District	Neighboring agency with whom we work to make sure our plans are appropriately deconflicted.
Bureau of Land Management	Supports review and approval of document; offers education programs on evacuation preparedness and fire behavior; consultation with fuels projects and programs.



# 03

## Community Engagement & Education

*Understanding wildfire risk is a key building block in preventing the loss of property and life. This section discusses efforts to build awareness, starting with the individual.*

### I. PRIORITIES

1. Completing all requirements to become an accredited FSC.
2. Establishing the organization as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.
3. Attending all County FSC meetings.
4. Engaging in networking activities such as participating in other related fire and emergency response meetings, having informal chats with colleagues, or establishing regular check-ins with the San Diego Sheriff's Office (SDSO), Vista Fire, Vista Fire Prevention, and Vista Emergency Management.
5. Purchasing a "pop-up" tent with logos and appropriate branding which can be deployed at community events to build awareness and citizen investment

rescue, amateur radio operators, service clubs, and the Vista Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

4. Provide a presence at community outreach events, e.g., Vista's Strawberry Festival or the annual National Night Out event sponsored by SDSO.
5. Enlist high school students to canvass high-risk neighborhoods to distribute educational materials about fire prevention, property mitigation, etc.
6. Distribute handouts on wildfire preparedness in cooperation with VFD Fire Inspectors.
7. Research and implement available programs such as the smoke detector project sponsored by the Red Cross.

### II. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

As this is a newly forming Fire Safe Council, there is nothing yet to mark as completed.

### III. FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Organize a Wildfire Safety Fair in collaboration with other agencies.
2. Provide neighborhood workshops on defensible space and home preparedness.
3. Establish liaison relationships with local preparedness and response groups such as animal

# 04

## Structural Hardening

*Long before a wildfire sparks, there are numerous steps that residents can take to protect their homes and other structures. This section describes some of those efforts.*

### I. PRIORITIES

1. Support the District and Vista Fire Department in education, engineering, and enforcement efforts.
2. Collaborate with the District and the County to enforce standards for construction; identifying hazards, e.g., in relation to shake roofs and combustible siding.
3. Support Firewise and/or other similar industry standards.
4. Support Zone Zero education for residents.

### II. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

As this is a newly forming Fire Safe Council, there is nothing yet to mark as completed.

### III. FUTURE PROJECTS

Potential future projects will be evaluated per the Community Hazard Ratings in the attached technical report (Appendix C).

# 05

## Defensible Space

*Creating a buffer between buildings and the grass, trees, shrubs, and other wildland areas surrounding it are essential to improving survivability. This section looks at efforts to build this key layer of protection.*

### I. PRIORITIES

1. Working with the District's Fire Protection Officer (Inspector) in support of defensible space inspections (DSI).
2. Canvassing communities in advance of DSI and providing educational materials designed to improve compliance.
3. Educating property owners about the next steps they can take to mitigate risk and become more fire resistant.

### II. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

As this is a newly forming FSC, there is nothing to mark as completed at this time.

### III. FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Partner with CAL FIRE/San Diego County Fire Protection District in their chipping program.
2. Sponsor and promote classes in our area from the Fire Safe Council of San Diego (FSCSDC), CAL FIRE, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) such as the Wildland Urban Interface Workshop and Last Chance Survival Simulation Workshop.

# 06

## Fuels Treatment

*Fuels are combustible materials such as grasses, leaves, plants, shrubs and trees that feed flames. This section describes efforts to treat and manage these materials in the community.*

### I. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

As this is a newly developing FSC, there is nothing to report as completed at this time.

### II. PRIORITIES

1. Investigate and analyze the need for fuel projects and fuel breaks with Vista Fire Department, CAL FIRE, and Vista Fire Protection District.
2. Collaborate with Vista Fire Chief and Fire Inspector to identify and remove hazard trees per Fire Code. Will seek grants for this work.
3. Explore grant opportunities in alliance with resource agencies such as CAL FIRE, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, and others as RFPs (requests for proposals) are released. This grant search initiative will focus on projects to achieve fuel reduction, removal of non-native species including Eucalyptus, Mexican Fan Palms, and Arundo. Additionally, we will be vigilant for grants and funding opportunities to address trash removal and the restoration of Buena Creek through environmentally sensitive means. The US Department of the Interior offers funding through several offices and programs including the Office of Wildfire, the Wildfire Fire Management Program, and the Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve Fund. Furthermore, future grant searches will

include FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants (HMG) programs and its Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program.

4. Public education initiatives will be pursued through agencies such as the San Diego Fire Resource Foundation or the U.S. Fire Service.

### III. FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Explore all methodologies for fuels treatments, including such things as goats and other novel approaches to wildfire mitigation.
2. Work with SDG&E to identify and remove hazard trees that are currently or potentially threatening power lines.
3. Remove invasive and flammable species from waterways in collaboration with the appropriate resource agencies.
4. Explore grants to achieve the above objectives.

# 07

## Evacuation Planning

*Identifying key corridors in and out of a community – as well as temporary refuge areas – is essential to being prepared for evacuation. This section provides an overview of the PACE system (primary, alternate, contingency and emergency) used to plan ahead.*

Evacuation planning is a dynamic process subject to the nuances of each community. Below is an overview of the Vista Fire Safe Council's key ingress and egress, as well as designated evacuation corridors, Temporary Refuge Areas, completed projects, priorities and future projects.

### I. OVERVIEW OF INGRESS AND EGRESS

Primary, Alternate, Contingency and Emergency (PACE) evacuation routes include Buena Creek Road and Gopher Canyon Road. These are both County highways that run east and west. The smaller roads that feed into these, such as Little Gopher Canyon Road, are often surrounded by years of brush accumulation. Due to terrain and geographic considerations, some areas within the District have only one paved road in and out. The Vista Fire Protection District has built and currently maintains multiple emergency access roads that are gated and locked until a specific need arises.

### II. DESIGNATED EVACUATION CORRIDORS

#### Enter name of location

##### PRIMARY

1. Gopher Canyon Road
2. E. Vista Way
3. Melrose Drive
4. N. Santa Fe Avenue
5. Buena Creek Road
6. Civic Center Drive
7. Highway 78

8. Highway 76

##### ALTERNATE

1. Bobier Drive/Oceanside Boulevard
2. Olive Avenue
3. Sunset Drive

##### CONTINGENCY

1. W. Vista Way
2. Osborn Street
3. Taylor Street
4. Vale Terrace
5. Buena Vista Drive
6. Mar Vista Drive
7. Shadowridge Drive

##### EMERGENCY None.

Note: Due to the numerous pathways from one's home to one of the routes listed, there are no granular-level emergency routes designated in this document. Residents are and will continue to be encouraged to know their individual exit strategies and designated places for seeking refuge. Part of the future messaging will remind residents to plan for reunification with family members.

### III. TEMPORARY REFUGE AREAS

As noted above, the primary evacuation routes from our area are Buena Creek Road and Gopher

Canyon Road. The District intends to explore possible sites for TRAs and develop them in concert with law enforcement (the San Diego Sheriff's Department) and Vista Fire Department. We will request that the Vista Fire Chief deconflict evacuation routes from adjacent communities. At present, the Vista Valley County Club at 29345 Vista Valley Drive off Gopher Canyon Drive is the only TRA within the District.

The other designated TRAs in the city of Vista include:

1. Vista Sports Park (1600 Sports Park Way)
2. Stater Brothers location (intersection of Bobier Drive and N. Santa Fe)
3. North County Regional Center (Court, Sheriff, Probation, etc. at 325 S. Melrose)
4. Wave Waterpark (101 Wave Drive)
5. Buena Vista Park (2101 Lupine Hills Drive)
6. Rancho Buena Vista High School (1601 Longhorn Drive)

#### IV. PRIORITIES

- Fuels reduction along evacuation routes as this is deemed to be essential for protecting lives and property in the area.

#### V. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

As this is a newly developing FSC, there is nothing yet to mark as completed.

#### VI. FUTURE PROJECTS

1. The Vista FSC will continue to participate in the San Diego County roadside PACE program mentioned above. (Planning partners in this program include the Vista Fire Department, CAL FIRE/San Diego County Fire, and Fallbrook's Fire Safe Council.)
2. Collaborate with PACE participants to ensure that all evacuation plans are de-conflicted.
3. Monitor and pursue grant opportunities for fuels reduction along evacuation routes.
4. Engage with the San Diego Sheriff's office to review that agency's evacuation policies, protocols, and procedures and to plan for, at the very least, a

tabletop exercise to discuss a real-life scenario to test the effectiveness and efficiencies of the plan.  
5. Actively collaborate with other agencies such as San Diego Gas and Electric (SDGE), County-level emergency response programs, FEMA mitigation teams, etc.

# 08

## Other Mitigation & Preparedness

*There are countless ways that communities can act to protect themselves ahead of wildfires. This section details additional past, current and future efforts underway that were not previously mentioned.*

### I. PRIORITIES

1. There are multiple vacant and unmaintained properties in the area, many of which contain volunteer, non-native fuel trees (such as the Eucalyptus and Mexican fan palms). The FSC, in conjunction with the Vista Fire Department and CAL FIRE/San Diego County Fire, shall explore the various options for mitigating these tree hazards in a manner that is like what is already being done for weed abatement.

2. Additionally, our riparian areas require an actionable management plan that is consistent with, and acceptable to the area's resource agencies.

### II. COMPLETED AND/OR ONGOING PROJECTS

As this is a newly developing FSC, there is nothing to mark as completed at this time.

### III. FUTURE PROJECTS

Many properties in this rural area lack clear reflective number signs identifying their address. As this plan becomes operationalized, the FSC intends to provide 4" reflective numbers to these people.


# 09

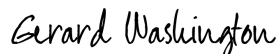
## Signatures

*This plan must be approved by the following key parties: the local author (examples include Fire Safe Council President, Firewise Community, Tribal National, HOA, etc.), the chief of the primary responding fire agency, the CAL FIRE Unit Chief, and chair of the CWPP review committee. This section includes these signoffs.*

*The Community Wildfire Protection Plan, as developed for as developed for **Vista Fire Safe Council**:*

- Was collaboratively developed and meets the intent of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) in emphasizing the need for agencies to work collaboratively with communities in developing hazardous fuel reduction projects, and places priority on treatment areas identified by communities themselves in a CWPP. Interested parties and federal land management agencies in the vicinity of this CWPP have been consulted.
- Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the types and methods of treatment that will protect areas within this CWPP.
- Recommends measures to reduce ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.
- Is intended for use as a planning and assessment tool only, utilizing a compilation of community issues/goals and projected fire mitigation strategies. The CWPP is not to be construed as indicative of project “activity” as defined under the “Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Three, Projects Subject to CEQA.” Per the Community Guide, Section 3.1.1, “CEQA only applies to public agency decisions to approve, or actions to carry out, a discretionary project.” Any actual project activities meeting this definition of project activity and undertaken by the CWPP participants or agencies listed shall meet with local, state, and federal environmental compliance requirements.
- Assists and encourages compliance with current county and state fire code standards.

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 X \_\_\_\_\_  
 President of the  
 Fire Safe Council Submitting this CWPP

DocuSigned by:  
  
 X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Participating Fire Agency representative  
 (State, Local, or Tribal)



### San Diego County Community Wildfire Prevention Plans Review Committee:

This CWPP was reviewed and recommended for approval by the San Diego Community Wildfire Protection Plan Review Committee as demonstrated by the signature below.

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Don Butz, President  
Fire Safe Council of San Diego County

The CAL FIRE Unit Chief has final signing authority on CWPPs in San Diego County. The signature below attests that the standards listed in the section above and the content of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan are proposed to be met and mutually accepted.

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## Appendices

*This section includes important additional information that complements other portions of the plan.*

### APPENDIX A.

#### MEETING TRACKING DOCUMENTS

This CWPP was developed for the community of Vista, through a series of community meetings. The Vista Fire Safe Council members who contributed to the document include the following:

#### **Community Representatives**

- Daniel Gomez
- John Ploetz

#### **Agency Representatives**

- Donald Butz, FSC of San Diego County
- Ryan Silva, CAL FIRE/San Diego County Fire
- Morgan Dioli, RCD of Greater San Diego County

#### **Meetings Dates**

APPENDIX B.  
MAPS

Figure 1 Area Communities Map

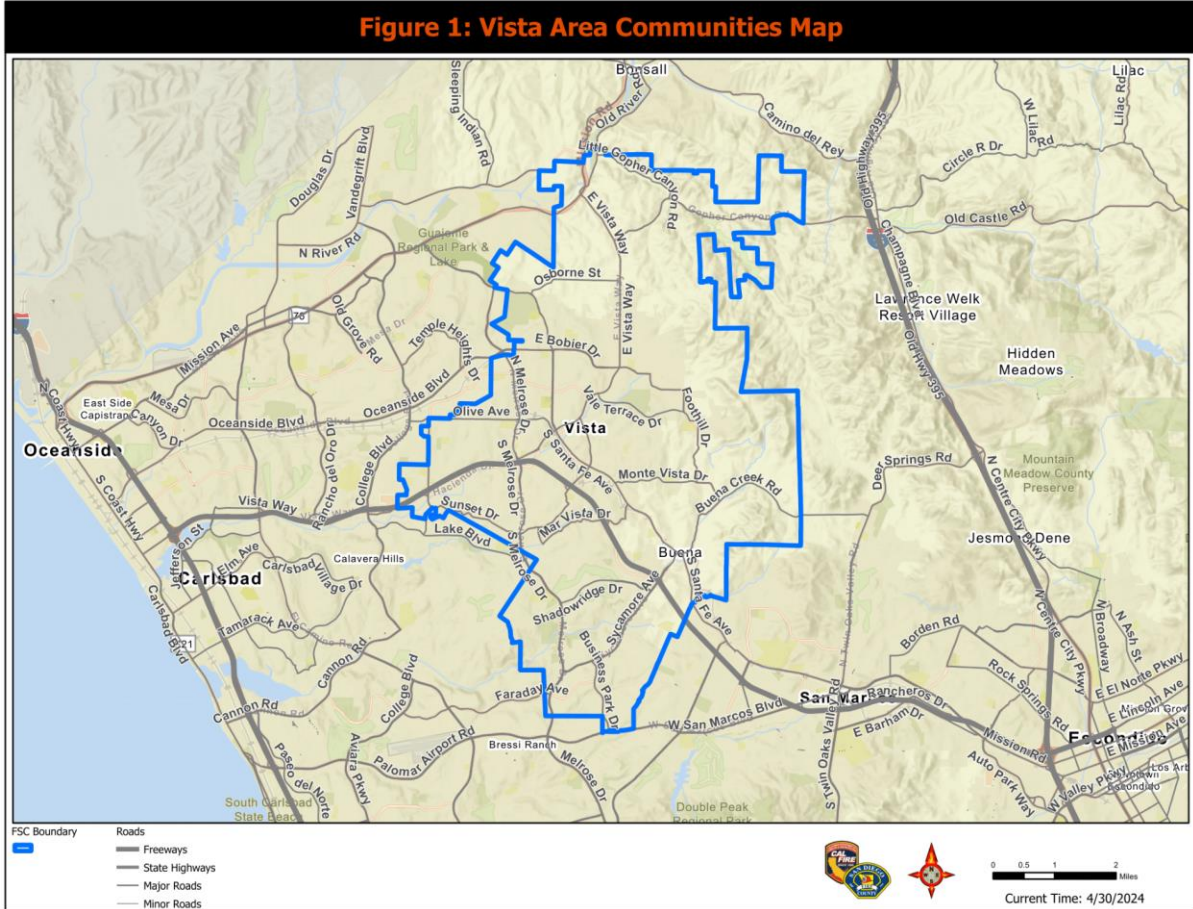


Figure 2 Fire Hazard Severity Map

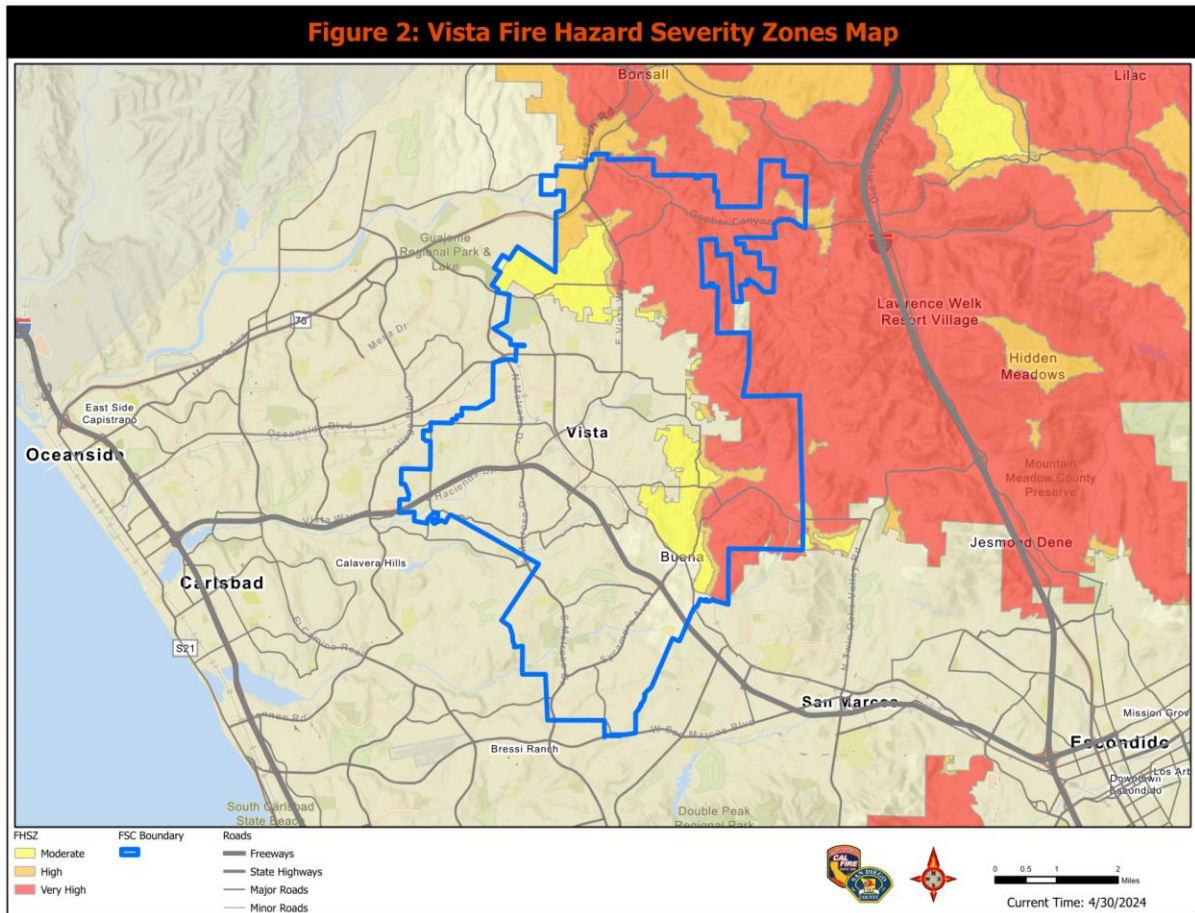




Figure 3 Fire History 2000-Present

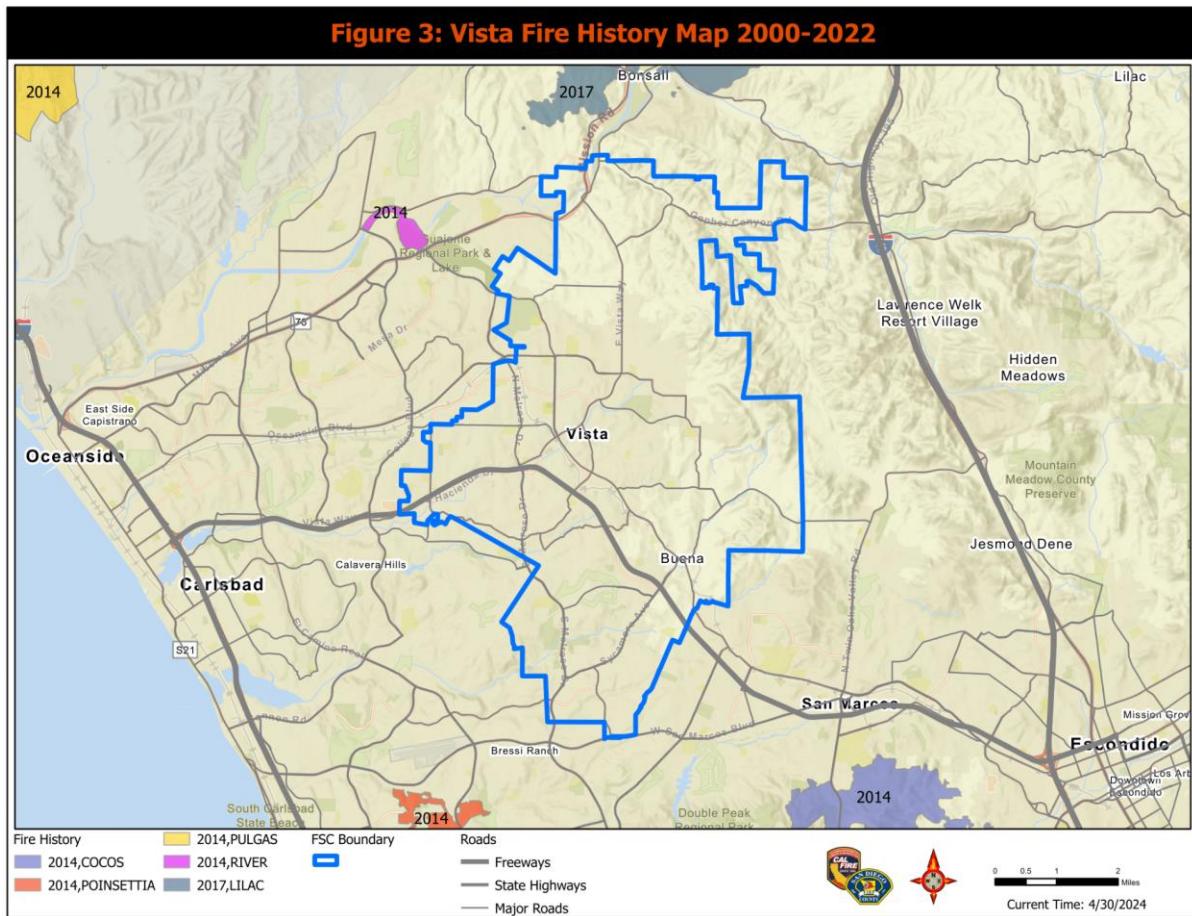


Figure 4 Evacuation Map

