

Item #14 – Approve Hazardous Vegetation Removal
Reimbursement for Projects #31857 and #25130 in the
combined total amount of \$2,200.

The Interim General Manager will present verbal comments.



Kensington Community Services District

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Reference Program: Consideration of Appeal — Hazardous Vegetation Removal Reimbursement Grant Program — Projects #31857 and #25130

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Hazardous Vegetation Removal Reimbursement for Projects #31857 and #25130 in the combined total amount of \$4,200.

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, Project #31857 and Project #25130 were submitted to the program and subsequently denied. Upon review, it was determined that the denial decisions were inconsistent with the treatment of other comparable applications approved during the same program cycle. The projects in question involved a similar scope of work and met the same eligibility criteria as those that received approval.

Following the initial denial, the District's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator attempted to advance these applications through the Contra Costa County Measure X Wildfire Mitigation Program as an alternative funding pathway. While Measure X did not formally deny the applications, the Program's approving authority requested additional considerations before proceeding — specifically, that the affected properties are located on streets recently designated with "No Parking on Red Flag Days" signage, a condition not addressed under the County's existing program requirements. Because this signage is new, it introduced an additional layer of review that fell outside standard Measure X criteria, stalling meaningful progress on both projects and leaving the applicants without a clear path to hazard mitigation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will result in a total fiscal impact of \$4,200 to be reimbursed from the District's Hazardous Vegetation Removal Reimbursement Grant Program budget. No additional County or Measure X funding is being requested or relied upon for these two projects.



Applicant: 31857

Quote: \$2,200

Justification: Situated within 10' of the roadway and 30' of the structure – removal will provide off-street parking for Red Flag Day on a highly constrained street with limited access. Vegetation type is invasive and highly flammable (e.g., echium and scotch broom). Removal of trees allows for off-street parking; this street has only one side that can provide off-street parking for residents.



Applicant: 25130

Quote: \$2,000

Justification: Situated within 10' of the roadway and 30' of the structure – removal will provide off-street parking for Red Flag Day and reduce the risk of a downed tree during evacuation on a major route for a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.