



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEDIA ADVISORY

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CON FIRE MANAGING COUNTY-WIDE PREPOSITIONED FIRE RESOURCES FOR TODAY'S RED FLAG CONDITIONS

Prepositioning Leverages Scientific and Technological Developments, State Funding to Deliver On-the-scene Firefighting Resources to At-risk Areas Before the Fire

WHEN: Today, Sunday, Oct. 14, anticipated through Monday morning, Oct. 8, 2018

WHERE: Throughout Contra Costa County (see below for detail)

WHAT: As a result of a National Weather Service wind-driven Red Flag fire danger warning for our and neighboring Northern California counties, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) is managing the prepositioning of fire resources county-wide today in addition to upstaffing of District personnel and equipment.

The following resources, all of which will be reimbursed by the State Office of Emergency Services, are available in the county today to assist with any fires during this fire weather event:

- Task Force XCC 2025 (4 wildland fire engines)
- An additional dispatcher staffed in the Con Fire Communications Center

Con Fire, Crockett-Carquinez Fire Department, East Contra Costa County and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection Districts have all contributed an engine to the task force mentioned above with El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department providing the task force leader.

In addition to the above resources, and routine daily minimum staffing, Con Fire has upstaffed its bulldozer, Dozer 220, throughout this period. We anticipate these additional resources remaining available in the county at least through Monday morning, but are continually reevaluating based on evolving weather conditions.

Following the devastating fires in Napa and Sonoma, as well as Southern California, last year local fire jurisdictions have worked towards modernizing the aging and outdated statewide mutual aid system to get fire resources to areas in need much faster and more efficiently.

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Prepositioning Delivers Firefighting Resources to At-risk Red Flag Areas – 2/2/2

Through legislative and administrative efforts our local government fire service leaders have secured \$25M in state funding for the pre-positioning of local government resources during certain weather events as one fix for our statewide mutual aid system's challenges.

In Contra Costa County, pre-positioning has already been used three times since September during Red Flag conditions and this morning we again coordinated resources for the current Red Flag event.

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Contra Costa County Fire Protection District is a recognized fire service leader providing fire and emergency medical services to nearly a million people across a 304 square-mile area, in and around the nine major cities of Contra Costa County, California. The District, with 25 fire stations and some 400 employees, is dedicated to the preservation of life, property and the environment.

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