

Regional Approaches to Urban Interface Problems: East Bay Fire Chiefs' Consortium ¹

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The traditional approach to planning for public fire protection has been based on independent actions by each fire department or district. The county fire chiefs' associations, while providing interagency communication, were not adequate to deal with the regional nature of the wildland urban interface problem. The formation of the East Bay Fire Chiefs' Consortium grew out of the need to provide regional solutions to these problems. This group is composed

of representatives from all agencies that provide protection in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties in a common urban wildland interface zone more than 30 miles in length. The East Bay Fire Chiefs' Consortium serves as a clearinghouse for issues such as policy development, vegetation management, public education, fire response planning, and coordination of interdepartmental training.

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