Fire Danger in the East Bay Hills

The October 1991 “Tunnel” fire in the Berkeley-Oakland Hills provided the impetus for the development of the Hills Emergency Forum. However, it was not the first major urban wildland intermix fire in this region. Historically the East Bay has proven prone to wildland fire. The area’s recorded fire history shows 14 major fires since the first fire documented in 1923. When mapped it becomes apparent that the fires often reoccur in the same general areas and show similar environmental conditions.

The mission of the Hills Emergency Forum is to coordinate the collection, assessment and sharing of information on East Bay hills fire hazards and further, to provide a forum for building interagency consensus on the development of fire safety standards and codes, incident response and management protocols, public education programs, multi-jurisdictional training, and fuel reduction strategies.

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- **East Bay Regional Park System**
  - www.ebparks.org
- **East Bay Municipal Utilities District**
  - www.ebmud.com
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  - www.lbl.gov
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