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Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

Alta Waverly Residential Building
2302 Valdez Street
Oakland, California
July 7, 2017

On July 7, 2017, at about 4:30 am, a fire erupted at the Alta Waverly, a 196-unit residential building under construction located at 2302 Valdez Street, Oakland. Responding agencies included the Oakland and Alameda County fire departments, the Air District, and American Red Cross.

The 4-alarm fire was accompanied by black smoke that rose vertically for several hundreds of feet before fanning out above in an early morning inversion layer. Winds were light and from the north northwest. Materials burned consisted of construction materials such as wiring, piping, insulation and framing materials. There were no paints or organic-compound containing construction materials known onsite.

Residents within a one-block radius of the fire were evacuated because of concerns over the stability of a tower crane and scaffolding within the fire area. The evacuation zone will remain in place until a plan to take down them down is developed and executed. As of 6:50 am the fire was considered under control.

As of 12:00 pm, Air District inspection staff continued to observe some smoke and odors downwind of the smoldering remains in the vicinity of Harrison Street and Grand Avenue, as well as the northwestern portion of Lake Merritt and Children's Fairyland.

The Air District received no complaints from the neighboring community.

The preliminary cause for the fire is under investigation. District staff will continue to investigate this incident to determine if there are any violations of District Regulations.