



Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Incident Notification

DATE: 04/08/2024

TIME OF ALARM: 11:47:23

TYPE OF ALARM: Large Animal Rescue

LOCATION: 4069 Lambert Rd El Sobrante CA

RESPONSE: 2 Rescues, 1 Engine, 1 Equine Specialist, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 2 Animal Control Officer, 2 Captains with a 12 person hand wildland hand crew, Con Fire PIO

ASSISTING AGENCIES: East Bay Regional Parks, El-Cerrito Fire, El Cerrito PD

TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE:32

Contra Costa County Fire responded to a report of a horse in distress and in need of rescue in El Sobrante. Battalion 7 was first to arrive and found a horse stuck in a ravine and in a mud bog with the owner nearby. This parcel of land was on a 3 acre property between the street La Paloma Rd. and Lambert St northwest of Appian way. Battalion 7 determined that the horse was approximately 1000 lbs; was agitated, fatiguing quickly and was trapped in the mud plus he was tangled in large tree roots. "Magic Ben" was unable to self-extricate, he was in need of technical rescue and veterinary care.

Lambert IC was established and resources were ordered. While resources responded to the scene, Battalion 7 (as Lambert IC) made attempts to contact local area large animal vets with minimal progress.

E69 was first to arrive and was placed in charge of creating access to the downed horse. Rescue 86 arrived second and was designated as "Rescue Group" and was directed to work with Rescue 10 and devise an extrication plan that involved a rigging system with mechanical advantage and several anchor points.

Battalion 5 arrived on scene and provided assistance with a connection to a horse rancher that lived in the area and was related to an El Cerrito Police Department's Sergeants. The rancher had performed past horse rescues and helped guide our crews on best practices to operate while controlling the behavior of the horse. The rancher controlled the head and movements of the horse while rescue crews cut away obstructions and rigged the horse. With the assistance of ropes and manpower, the horse eventually stood up and was guided to safety.

After extrication from the bog, the horse was led to its paddock area and rehabilitated then released to animal control and the owner.

SUBMITTED BY: Andy Bozzo, Battalion Chief 7 CCCFPD



"Magic Ben" muddy but free!