

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020, 7:00PM

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Meeting ID: 856 7237 9320

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#	Item	Commission Action
1	Agenda	Adopt
2	Firewise Program Information - Presented by FireSafe Marin	Discuss
3	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items <i>Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. Speakers may comment only on non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission may not take action on, consider or debate items not on the agenda except under narrow circumstances meeting statutory tests. Response to comments on non-agenda items will be limited to factual information or clarifying questions from staff or Commission. The Chair may refer the matter to staff or to a future meeting agenda.</i>	
4	Commissioner Items of Interest	
5	Draft Minutes of September 1, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
6	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
7	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	
8	Adjourn	

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NEXT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER OR VIA TELECONFERENCE

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
September 8, 2020

Time and Place: 7:00PM Via Teleconference

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, Ron Marinoff

Absent: Pascal Karsenti, Greg Stilson (CSA 13 Alternate)

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, San Rafael Fire Chief Darin White

Farac called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Agenda

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti.
Motion carried.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments from the public.

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

-Elsbree inquired that all firefighters are safe and healthy.

-Farac commented regarding his independent research on Alert Marin and FireSafe Marin programs.

4. Draft Minutes of August 4, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve Draft Minutes of August 4, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Farac requested further discussion regarding FireWise Certification including possible presentation by a FireSafe Marin representative.

-Farac requested discussion regarding how to promote Alert Marin to the greater community.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

The date of the next Fire Commission meeting is October 6, 2020.

Submitted,
Eric Dreikosen



To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From: Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: October 6, 2020

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-Vegetation Management

National Community Civilian Corps (NCCC) members numbering 6-8 based in Sacramento, California are confirmed to begin on October 29, 2020. We are also able to confirm the return of the AmeriCorps, St. Louis-based crews' sometime on or around that date.

The Executive Director for the MWPA was announced on September 16, 2020 and it is our locally known, Mark Brown. Mark served as the Deputy Chief of Marin County Fire Department and said: "I absolutely believe in its mission and am excited to accept the challenge as their first Executive Officer. My goal is to increase the safety of all of Marin – ranging from its residents to its firefighters. I do regret leaving the fire service at the time of the State of California's greatest need, but the importance of the MWPA's mission outweighs the need of providing one more person to the overall effort."

Chief White is working with the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association on countywide use of an evacuation tool and will work closely with stakeholders on evacuation items with the MWPA in our zone.

Pacific Gas and Electric

PG&E has provided an overview on their wildfire safety improvement work in Marin County as of September 1, 2020 and it appears that they are making steady progress on the planned work. Completed items include the installation of 3 high definition cameras which will improve their real time monitoring of high risk areas and conditions, sectionalizing devices which separate the grid into smaller sections for targeted shut-offs (50 were planned and are installed), Substations ready for temporary generation (8 were planned, 8 have been completed), system hardening with stronger poles, covered lines and undergrounding of power lines (2 miles were planned and 2 miles are now completed), enhanced vegetation management (9 miles are planned and 8 miles are completed). They have prioritized their work by locations that are at highest risk of wildfire and in the locations that will reduce the PSPS impacts for most of its customers.

Guidelines/COVID-19:

Marin County was reduced from the purple tier to the red tier and this allowed for additional business to resume commerce. This further expands to allow restaurants, gyms, and indoor churches to hold some level of occupancy (10% of normal occupancy load pre-COVID-19). As was the case last month, given the number of community members who have been displaced by the recent fires, priority consideration is requested for providing vacant hotel and motel rooms, short term rentals, etc. for those without homes due

to evacuations or fire loss stemming from the current fire activity. Those who are visiting or otherwise seeking lodging for leisurely purposes should receive secondary consideration.

As of September 29, 2020, The United States had 7,188,843 cases reported; 205,966 deaths; California has 815,654 cases and 15,782 deaths to-date. Out of 101,265 cases in the Bay Area, Marin County figures are as follows: 4,420 confirmed cases, 91 deaths, 9 persons currently hospitalized and 144 others who had been hospitalized previously, 4,200 have recovered.

Emergency Incidents

September 2020

Fires throughout the state continue to create havoc for our communities. The unhealthy air throughout the Bay area and region became something seldom, if ever, seen by any living resident in the past century. N-95 masks were again sought after as the smoke particles filled the sky, blocking out most of the sun rays and clean air as seen in the September 9, 2020 images of the skies above the Public Safety Center in San Rafael, below.



North Complex Fire



North Complex Fire

San Rafael Engine 652 continues firefighting operations at the devastating [North Complex Fire](#) near Oroville, CA as part of Strike Team 2140C. After 14 days on the fire line, a crew swap-out occurred earlier this week; Captain Chris Cooper, Engineer Michael Lewis, FF/PM John Swartz, and **Marinwood Captain Ryan Brackett are now home**, replaced by Captain Nick Giusti, Engineer Esteban Cespedes, FF/PM Colton Beal, and **Marinwood FF/PM William Kelly**. To date, the fire has killed 15 people, destroyed more than 2,000 structures, and burned more than 300,000 acres. It is currently 78% contained.

Glass Fire



Castello Di Amorosa in Calistoga on September 28, 2020

This fire has consumed 48,000 plus acres and damaged or destroyed 70 homes in Napa and Sonoma, threatening 22,000 structures. It is only 2% contained and has led to numerous evacuations and evacuation warnings.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: September 2020

The Marinwood Fire Department has responded to 108 emergency calls in September 2020 through September 28; of these, 16 calls were cancelled en route. More than half of the calls were medical incidents, including 5 calls in which COVID-19 was suspected. The department responded to two vegetation fires in Novato.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	7	5	2	0	1	N/A	0	15
CSA 13	5	1	0	0	1	N/A	0	7
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	4	5	1	0	0	N/A	0	10
New JPA (East of 101)	35	8	0	0	0	N/A	0	43
SR Mutual Aid	6	7	0	0	0	1	0	14
MC JPA	5	3	0	0	0	N/A	0	8
MC Mutual Aid	0	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	1
Novato	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	10
Total number	62	38	3	2	2	1	0	108
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>57.4%</i>	<i>35.2%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	

Call types:

MA	Medical assist
PSA	Service call
FA/NN	Fire alarm
FIRE	Fire
HAZMAT	Hazardous material incident (e.g., spill)
COVER	Coverage for other stations
OTHER	Other incident(s): NA

Average response time for Engine 58:	5 minutes, 42 seconds
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Marinwood CSD

CHIPPER Event on October 8th

Guidelines:

- **Pre-registration is required:** Residents can register at:
<https://www.chipperday.com/marin>
- **Signup is on a first come first served basis.** When we have reached our capacity, any additional registrants will be placed on a wait list. Residents on the waitlist will not receive a pickup unless they receive a confirmation email due to a cancellation.
- Residents need to bring their one pile to their curb for the chipper pick up by 8 am the day we have scheduled for your site. Pickup could be delayed for 1-2 days due to the volume the chippers are processing.
- **Your pile is limited to 10 feet x 4 feet x 4 feet in size.** If a pile is larger than 10x4x4, the excess will be left for the resident to remove.
- **Do not** tie or bag your vegetation.

What CAN go in the chipper?

- Tree limbs up to 8" in diameter.
- Shrubs, brush, limbs, woody bushes, pampas grass, scotch broom, cypress, juniper, bamboo.
- Lay all vegetation the same way with the base of the branch or plant at the same end.

What WILL be taken but can't be put in the chipper?

- Cut roots from bamboo, cut roots with rock/gravel/dirt from plant- place next to pile.
- Palm fronds - place next to pile.

What will NOT be taken for the safety of our crews?

- Trash, poison oak, blackberry brambles, firewood, construction materials, lumber, regular yard waste, leaves, lawn clippings.

Contact information: firewise@firesafemarin.org

This is a benefit of Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority and FireSafe Marin to prepare for the wildfire season, this free chipper event is not intended to remove all vegetation that residents wish or need to remove. Any portion of a pile greater than 10x4x4 feet will be left behind and will become the resident's responsibility to remove.