

## MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021, 7:00PM

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**Meeting ID:** 856 7237 9320

**ATTENTION:** This will be a virtual meeting of the Marinwood CSD Fire Commission. There will not be a public location for participating in this meeting. Any interested member of the public can participate telephonically or via internet by utilizing the web link or dial-in information printed on this agenda.

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#	Item	Commission Action
1	<b>Agenda</b>	Adopt
2	<b>Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</b> <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>	
3	<b>Commissioner Items of Interest</b>	
4	<b>Draft Minutes of October 5, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting</b>	Approve
5	<b>Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary</b>	Review
6	<b>Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items</b>	
7	<b>Adjourn</b>	

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NEXT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

**MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**October 5, 2021**

**Time and Place:** 7:00PM Via Teleconference

**Present:**

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, Pascal Karsenti, Ron Marinoff

Absent: Greg Stilson (CSA 13 Alternate)

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

Board: Kathleen Kilkenny

Farac called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**1. Agenda**

No edits were requested by Commissioners. Chair Farac adopted the agenda as presented.

**2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

There were no comments from the public.

**3. Commissioner Items of Interest**

-Director Kilkenny requested information as to why the NOAA radios did not provide an alert during the recent Lassen Fire incident. District Manager Dreikosen informed that he had communicated with FireSafe Marin who informed that the NOAA radio alerts are only utilized for large scale incidents as their broadcast range is quite vast and can't be targeted to smaller specific communities, which could cause confusion amongst recipients who are not directly impacted.

-Chair Farac commended all the agencies involved with the evacuation efforts during the Lassen Fire as well as the local residents who made sure their neighbors were aware of the need to evacuate.

-Commissioner Marinoff inquired as to why the range of neighborhoods evacuated was larger than seemingly needed.

**4. Draft Minutes of August 3, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting**

M/s Elsbree/Karsenti to approve Draft Minutes of August 3, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

**5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary**

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

**6. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

-Chair Farac requested information regarding the local open space fire roads and their ability to accommodate various fire apparatus during incidents and the timing needed to reach potentially impacted destinations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



**To:** Marinwood Fire Commissioners

**From** Darin White, Fire Chief

**Date:** November 2, 2021

**Re:** Fire Department Update

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### **Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-Vegetation Management**

Director Mark Brown reported that the MWPA staff recognizes the impacts on each agency and will be increasing the MWPA staffing to help with the many administrative tasks that agencies are confronted with.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, there will be a prescribed fire panel discussion which will be attended by speakers from throughout the state of California. The topics will center around the benefits and challenges of prescribed fire use. The MWPA website went live on October 19<sup>th</sup> and staff are pleased with how it is operating. After receiving a demonstration, it is clearly easier to navigate, locate information on MWPA goals and projects. For agencies that want to know about projects in their communities, you can click on the name of your city, district, etc. and learn the status of projects and related California Environmental Quality Act information.

The MWPA annual report was released on October 21<sup>st</sup> and is now located on the website. The 2021 workplan has received a substantial amount of praise from some officials.

### **Guidelines/COVID-19:**

#### **Children Now Eligible**

A panel of 17 out of 18 Medical Experts that advise the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about the use of vaccinations for kids ages 5-11 concluded that the benefits of providing kids with 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the dose given to adults outweigh the risks of any potential side effects. While the panel only recommends the use or not, the FDA is known for following the recommendations. This could lead to massive numbers of vaccinations being provided to tens of millions of children beginning this week. To that end, Pfizer is looking to get emergency authorization for kids aged 5-11 years old. Pfizer is the only vaccine currently allowed for children ages 12-18 years old. California has an estimated 3.5 million children who will become eligible immediately and kid sized doses for up to 1.2 million kids will be received by the State (of California) within a few days. Health care providers and schools are gearing up for the possibility of administering these doses and adult sized doses for any parents seeking to be vaccinated as well.

Some school districts are requiring children to be vaccinated as early as November while others are pushing for next August of 2023 to attend in-classroom instruction.

According to some reports, children ages 5-11 account for nearly 9% of reported COVID-19 cases in the country and about 39% of all pediatric COVID-19 cases worldwide. Approximately 146 deaths have occurred for children aged 5-11 and more than 4,300 children have been hospitalized for COVID-19.

### **Booster Shot/Mix and Match Approval**

A group of Western Public Health experts from California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington voted on Friday October 22, 2021, to uphold the federal regulations which authorize booster shots for Moderna vaccine recipients six months after their second dose and Johnson and Johnson vaccine recipients two months after their first dose. Booster shots are recommended for all adults 18 and older who received a Johnson and Johnson vaccine. For Moderna and Pfizer vaccinated individuals the recommendation is currently for people 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities, and people ages 18 to 64 with underlying medical conditions or high-risk jobs. The Western public health experts also approved the federal “mix-and-match” strategy, which allows anyone who qualifies for a booster shot to receive any of the vaccines. For example, someone who received the Johnson and Johnson, or Pfizer vaccine could get a Moderna or Pfizer booster shot.

### **Emergency Incidents**

On Sunday October 24, 2021, the largest storm in recent memory rocked Marin County and caused flooding, numerous evacuations, fallen trees, stranded motorists, electrical power outages, traffic congestion and calls for assistance. Engine 58 responded to 16 calls during the “bomb cyclone” weather event. The calls ranged from multiple EMS calls for injury/accidents (and some without injury), motor vehicle accidents, and to multiple water problems and hazardous conditions.

### **Apparatus**

Engine 58 experienced some overheating prior to the storm event and the timing could not have been more inopportune as the Fire Mechanic had just been admitted to the hospital for a few days. In the meantime, a Type III apparatus was used in its place and served admirably during the “bomb cyclone” weather event on Sunday October 24, 2021. Diego Truck Repair is our standby fleet maintenance and repair shop in the event our mechanic is unavailable due to vacation, illness, etc. Additional efforts are underway to ensure we have internal redundancy for repairing our apparatus.

**Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: October 2021**

The Marinwood Fire Department has responded to 105 emergency calls in October 2021 through October 26; of these, 13 calls were cancelled en route. Slightly fewer than half of the calls were medical incidents; one involved a suspected COVID-19 case. The department responded to three fires: a structure fire in San Rafael, a structure fire in Novato, and a vegetation fire in open space west of Marinwood. There were 16 emergency calls on the high-rainfall day of October 24, significantly higher than the average of 4 calls per day.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
<b>Area</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>PSA</b>	<b>FA/NN</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>HAZMAT</b>	<b>COVER</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Marinwood	13	10	1	0	2	N/A	0	26
CSA 13	1	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	2
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	4	2	0	0	0	N/A	0	6
New JPA (East of 101)	22	6	3	0	4	N/A	0	35
SR Mutual Aid	8	11	1	1	1	2	0	24
MC JPA	1	2	1	0	0	N/A	0	4
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	1	0	N/A	0	1
Novato	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	7
<b>Total number</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>46.7%</i>	<i>34.3%</i>	<i>6.7%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>6.7%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	

<b>Call types:</b>	
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): n/a

Average response time for Engine 58:	5 minutes, 49 seconds
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