

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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.

Instructions on how to make a public comment during the meeting: At points in the meeting when the meeting chair requests public comment, members of the public participating in the live meeting either via internet or telephone shall indicate their desire to speak. If participating via internet, please click the "raise hand" feature located within the Zoom application screen. If connected via telephone, please dial "*9" (star, nine).

#	Item	Commission Action
1	Agenda	Adopt
2	Introduction of Incoming Fire Commissioner John Seratt	
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 November 2, 2021 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 JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
November 2, 2021

Time and Place: 7:00PM Via Teleconference

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, Pascal Karsenti

Absent: Ron Marinoff, 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 7:01 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

-Commissioner Karsenti commented on the significant progress made by local property owners in continuing to remove flammable vegetation from their private residences.

-Chair Farac inquired as to information regarding status of local open space fire roads and timing needed for fire apparatus to reach potentially impacted designations. Chief White shared the findings of a recent trip made by Marinwood firefighters and the timing needed to reach various points along Queenstone Fire Road.

-Director Kilkenny informed the Commission of the Board's recent decision to continue conducting remote meetings. All Commissioners were in agreement with this decision.

4. Draft Minutes of October 5, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Elsbree/Karsenti to approve Draft Minutes of October 5, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Karsenti. Nays: None. Absent: Marinoff. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Commissioner Elsbree requested on update on status and maintenance responsibility of eucalyptus trees on Miller Creek Road between Las Gallinas Ave and Marinwood Dr.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: December 7, 2021

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-Vegetation Management

The Environmental Compliance personnel continue to work with agencies on their submissions and ensuring they meet California Environmental Quality Act criteria. Director Brown will meet with the Advisory Technical Committee and Operations Committees the week of December 13. He has also requested that any agency that has links (available for the public to view local projects) send them to him so the MWPA can add it to their website as a redundancy.

The prescribed fire discussion panel was well attended, and the webinar will be posted on the MWPA website. Conversations explored the use of indigenous burning practices and the differences, value, and workload that prescribed burning entails.

We are almost complete with fuel reduction along Idylberry fire road in the same footprint as the goat grazing. This was an MWPA Local funded project. See photo below.



Guidelines/COVID-19:

Recently one of our members at Station 58 had a breakthrough infection. The employee was previously vaccinated but tested positive for COVID after experiencing some of the signs and symptoms of COVID infection. Contact tracing and testing was performed on the other members of the crew and all tested negative on their rapid and PCR tests. The employee is doing fine, and will return to work upon completion of the 10 day quarantine as outlined in County Human and Health Services guidance.

According to the Marin County Health and Human Services release, as of November 23, 2021, Marin County has 235,348 persons vaccinated out of a total population of 253, 439. More than 212,000 people are fully vaccinated. Recent reports also state that Marin County leads the state in providing vaccinations to children ages 5-11 years old. However, so far, approximately 64,000 people have gotten the booster. This number is likely to increase as people reach 6 months or more since the time of their 2nd dose.

A new variant has emerged in countries such as South Africa, Brazil, South Korea, and others. Omicron as it is named, may or may not be as infectious as the previous variants, however, it is too early to make definitive statements about its potential impact on vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. Scientist will be reviewing information and making some determinations as they learn more, take samples from wastewater, and monitor patients who are testing positive. Depending on the outcome of those findings, Dr. Matt Willis may revisit the indoor masking mandate for the County of Marin.

Concurrently, health care workers are facing deadlines for meeting mandated vaccination requirements or terminations. Kaiser Permanente employs more than 82,000 people in Northern California and has suspended around 2,000 employees for failing to meet previously communicated deadlines for vaccination. However, they have extended their Dec. 1st deadline giving yet one more opportunity for employees to meet the mandate. Some employees sought accommodations/exemptions and if their request was denied on or before November 7, they will face termination as early as December 8, 2021, if they don't comply. Employees whose requests were denied after November 7, will be terminated on or around January 10, 2022, if they don't comply.

Public Education



Emergency Planning Coordinator, Raed Al-Zaher (left) and Vegetation Management Specialist, Simon Wright (Standing on the right in white shirt and cap) attended the Contempo Marin HOA meeting in early November to discuss various topics such as defensible space, the vegetation management inspection program, evacuations, and the importance of signing up for alert systems such as AlertMarin. The meeting was well attended with approximately three dozen or so interested community members participating.

Event: St. Vincent School Fire/Evacuation open forum

Date: 10/25/21; Time: 1530 - 1630

Location: St. Vincent School Gymnasium @ 1 St Vincent Dr, San Rafael, CA 94903

Speakers: San Rafael Fire/Marinwood Fire

Audience: School Director, Faculty, and Staff

St. Vincent School requested a meeting which may have been prompted by the Lassen Fire earlier this year. The main topic involved evacuation planning and fire prevention planning for schools K-12. BC Jason Hatfield, Mary Skramstad, and Raed Al-Zaher all attended from San Rafael Fire Department. The size of the audience was appropriate for the space used. Speakers presented best practices in evacuation planning, mitigation tactics, and provided recommendations for moving forward. Then transitioned to Q&A discussions to address staff concerns directly. The discussion appeared to be well received by all present and additional resources and contact information was left with the group for any further questions that might come to mind. Emergency Planning Coordinator Raed Al-Zaher plans to reach out to the school officials in March of 2022 to see what changes they've made, what goals they have set for the near future, as well as what assistance SRFD staff may be able to provide with those efforts.

Generosity/Americorps

Dr. Steven Mizroch and the San Rafael Fire Foundation (along with Ca. Robert deLambert) have again generously donated a Thanksgiving Feast to the Americorps crew (available from Andy's Market). The Fire Foundation recognizes that this gives the five (5) of the eight (8) Americorps Crews a "taste of home" since the crews are far removed and unable to join their families during the Thanksgiving holiday. The group pictured below will be replaced by a new larger group of 10 volunteers in early December. Crews are schedule to complete their work on December 22, 2021.



Training



Training New San Rafael F. D. Recruits in Wildland Urban Interface Response

On Wednesday November 17, 2021, Captain Ryan Brackett, Ca. John Papanikolaou, Engineer Jeff Smith and Firefighter Wills Kelly provide SRFD recruit class 24 with wildland shelter deployment training and other tool use on a beautiful, cool day. The seven (7) recruits are scheduled to graduate on December 11, 2021.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: November 2021

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 108 emergency calls in November 2021; of these, 14 calls were cancelled en route. More than two-thirds of the calls were medical incidents; none involved a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case. The department did not respond to any fires.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	15	6	2	0	0	N/A	0	23
CSA 13	8	1	1	0	1	N/A	0	11
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	3	1	0	0	1	N/A	0	5
New JPA (East of 101)	35	5	1	0	0	N/A	0	41
SR Mutual Aid	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	15
MC JPA	5	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	6
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	7
Total number	75	25	4	0	3	1	0	108
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>69.4%</i>	<i>23.1%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>2.8%</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): n/a

Average response time for Engine 58:	5 minutes, 44 seconds
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