

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, 7:00PM

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#	Item	Commission Action
1	Agenda	Adopt
2	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>	
3	Commissioner Items of Interest	
4	Draft Minutes of December 6, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
6	Designation of Commission Chair & Vice-Chair for 2023	Approve
7	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	
8	Adjourn	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 4, 2023
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
December 6, 2022

Time and Place: 7:00PM Via Teleconference

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, Ron Marinoff, John Seratt

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

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Fire Chief Darin White

Board: Kathleen Kilkenny

1. Agenda

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

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No comments from the public were received.

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

-District Manager Dreikosen informed the Commission that in-person meetings will resume as of March 2023.

-Dreikosen informed the Commission that Santa Claus will tour the Marinwood-Lucas Valley area with the Fire Department on Sunday, December 18, 2022, weather dependent.

4. Draft Minutes of October 4, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve Draft Minutes of October 4, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Marinoff, Seratt. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti. Motion carried.

5. Firefighter-Paramedic Vacancies and Recruitment

Fire Chief White and District Manager Dreikosen informed Commission of current recruitment needs and efforts for vacant firefighter-paramedic positions.

6. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

7. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Commissioner Farac requested an update on the Zone Haven platform.

The Commission observed a moment of silence in honor of former Marinwood Fire Captain Jerry Thrasher who recently passed away.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: February 7, 2023

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA)-Vegetation Management

The 2022-2023 MWPA Workplan is coming along nicely with a lot of the work taking place now. The County-wide soil erosion monitoring continues and as of the end of the recent storms (Dec. 26-2022 through Jan. 17, 2023) relatively little soil erosion has been confirmed. Stinson Beach Fire Chief Jesse Peri has assumed the duties of Operations Committee Chairperson until the end of 2023 calendar year. Chief White has moved from the OPS Committee Chairperson to now serving as the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association President for the next 2 years.

According to Mark Brown, the Executive Director of the MWPA, California experienced the wettest three (3) weeks of rain since 1861, despite this, none of the MWPA projects experienced any significant erosion as a result of the storms. Additionally, the MWPA is partnering with Willow Labs, to perform parcel level risk analysis. The existing Defensible Space Evaluation data will be used to rank on-parcel hazards and display the risk reduction that are a direct result of the residents' actions. This further enables focused future risk reduction efforts while avoiding redundancy and wasted resources.

Guidelines/COVID-19:

This time last year we were facing the Omicron variant of COVID-19 which continued to wreak havoc on our communities and way of life. Just recently, according to an article in the Associated Press, the President of the United States issued a statement that the Federal Government will no longer consider COVID-19 a pandemic, and instead will reduce it to an Endemic, in which the virus has become more stable and manageable. This action will take effect on May 11, 2023. It is expected that the decision to end the national emergency and public health emergency declarations will aid in the formal restructure of the response to treat the virus through agencies' normal authorities.

President Biden's announcement comes in a statement opposing resolutions being brought to the floor this week by House Republicans to bring the emergency to an immediate end. The emergencies have been repeatedly extended by President Biden since he took office in January 2021, and are set to expire in the coming months. The White House said Biden plans to extend them both briefly to end on May 11, 2023.

"An abrupt end to the emergency declarations would create wide-ranging chaos and uncertainty throughout the health care system — for states, for hospitals and doctors' offices, and, most importantly, for tens of millions of Americans," the Office of Management and Budget wrote in a Statement of Administration Policy.

The costs of COVID-19 vaccines are also expected to skyrocket once the government stops buying them, with Pfizer saying it will charge about \$130 per dose. Only 15% of Americans have received the recommended, updated booster that has been offered since last fall.

Once the emergency expires, people with private insurance will have some out-of-pocket costs for vaccines, tests, and treatment, while the uninsured will have to pay for those expenses in their entirety.

A senior administration official who wished to remain anonymous, said the three months until the expiration would mark a transition period where the administration will “begin the process of a smooth operational wind-down of the flexibilities enabled by the COVID-19 emergency declarations.”

Case counts have trended downward after a slight bump over the winter holidays, and are significantly below levels seen over the last two winters — though the number of tests performed for the virus and reported to public health officials has sharply decreased. Moments before the White House’s announcement, Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., accused the president of unnecessarily extending the public health emergency to take action on issues like forgiving some federal student loan debts.

More than 1.1 million people in the U.S. have died from COVID-19 since 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including about 3,700 last week.

As of Monday January 30, 2023, the latest numbers for COVID-19 activity from the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services were:

Confirmed cases: 44,394 (+5)

Cases last 10 days: 88 (+3)

Deaths: 273 (+0)

Hospitalizations: 16 (2 intensive care patients). The first Marin County positive test was reported March 8, 2020

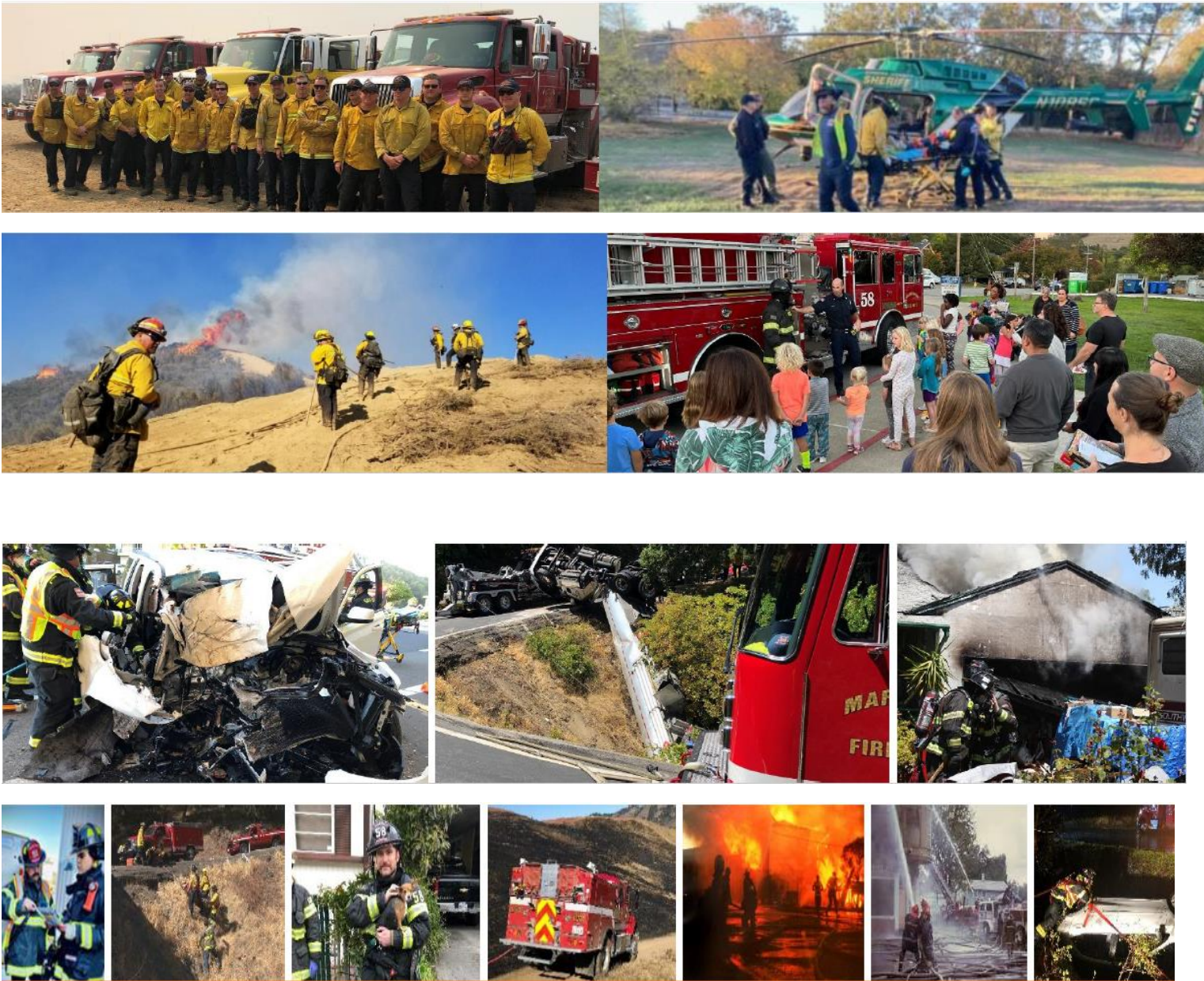
Lucas Valley Rd. Flooding



During the recent storms that occurred from December 26, 2022- January 17, 2023, flooding, downed power lines, fallen trees, and soil erosion impacted many Marin communities. The photos above show the flooded roads under highway 101 on Lucas Valley Road.

Recruitment

The Marinwood Fire Department is currently recruiting for Firefighter Paramedics to fill its current vacancy. Thus far we have received applications from a couple of qualified applicants. Interviews will be scheduled in the next few weeks for those candidates who qualify. Special thanks to District Manager Eric Dreikosen who has worked hard on behalf of the Department to structure the recruitment and field applications from interested candidates. The photos below were updated before the current recruitment effort and is what candidates are drawn to immediately.



Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: January 2023

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 144 emergency calls in January 2023. A little under two thirds of the calls were medical incidents. The department responded to one fire in Novato and eight hazardous incidents. The harzdous incidents in Marinwood included trees blocking Miller Creek and Lucas Valley Road and a power line down on Cobblestone Drive.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	29	7	2	0	4	N/A	0	42
CSA 13	5	4	0	0	0	N/A	0	9
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	8	2	0	0	2	N/A	0	12
New JPA (East of 101)	31	7	3	0	1	N/A	0	42
SR Mutual Aid	10	7	1	0	1	0	0	19
MC JPA	4	3	1	0	0	N/A	0	8
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	4	5	0	1	0	2	0	12
Total number	91	35	7	1	8	2	0	144
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>63.2%</i>	<i>24.3%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>1.4%</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, 46 seconds

Memo



To: Fire Commission
From: Eric Dreikosen, District Manager
Date: February 7, 2023
Re: Commission Chair & Vice-Chair Designations

Commissioners,

As detailed in the Commission Bylaws, each January the Commission is to designate a Chairperson and Vice-Chair for the upcoming calendar year. As the Commission no longer conducts a January meeting, this item was moved to the February meeting. I have included the relevant section of bylaws:

D. CHAIRPERSON

One regular Commission member shall be elected in January by the other Commissioners to the role of Chairperson of the Commission for a period of one year. The chairperson must have been appointed to the Commission for a period of no less than one year preceding election to the role of chairperson. The chairperson can serve in this role consecutively if reelected by the members of the Commission. The Chairperson must be a resident of Marinwood.

1. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- a. Preside over meetings of the Commission, utilizing and maintaining Rosenberg's Rules of Order.
- b. In cooperation with District staff, prepare and/or review agendas for Commission meetings.
- c. Attend Board meetings at least for the portion covering Commission matters and other portions the Chair may be asked to attend. Alternatively, designate another member of the Commission to attend should the Chair be unavailable.
- d. Report to the Board the actions and recommendations of the Commission to the extent needed to supplement the Commission's report.
- e. Welcome newly appointed Commissioners. Provide a copy of Commission Bylaws to each new Commissioner.
- f. Assign special duties and responsibilities to other members of the Commission.
- g. Form special committees as needed and appoint members to serve on the committee.
- h. Call special meetings if necessary to discuss extraordinary issues.
- i. Act as official spokesperson for the Commission.

E. VICE CHAIRPERSON

One Commission member shall be elected in January by the other Commissioners to become the Vice Chairperson of the Commission for a period of one year. The position does not imply succession into the position of Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson can serve consecutively in this position if reelected by the members of the Commission.

1. DUTIES OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

- a) Perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson
- b) Serve in such capacities as may be assigned by the Chairperson