

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, 7:00PM

Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

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 shall indicate their desire to speak. All public comments shall be addressed to the Commission and limited to three minutes per speaker. The Commission may choose to respond to comments or request staff to respond at the conclusion of the respective public comment period.

#	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 February 7, 2023 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
6	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	
7	Adjourn	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD JUNE 6, 2023
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
February 7, 2023

Time and Place: 7:00PM Via Teleconference

Present:

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

Absent: John Seratt, 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

No items were presented

4. Draft Minutes of December 6, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Elsbree/Marinoff to approve Draft Minutes of December 6, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Karsenti, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Seratt. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Designation of Commission Chair & Vice-Chair for 2023

M/s Elsbree/Marinoff to designate Steve Farac as Commission Chair and Pascal Karsenti as Commission Vice-Chair for 2023. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Karsenti, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Seratt. Motion carried.

7. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Commissioner Karsenti requested updates on MWPA and/or Fire Chief communications with insurance companies regarding defensible space efforts of homeowners, when available and appropriate

-Commissioner Marinoff requested updates on new housing development, Talus Reserve, and potential impacts to budget, when available and appropriate

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From: Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: April 4, 2023

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-Vegetation Management

According to the Executive Officer's report from the MWPA's Mark Brown, the Evacuation/Ingress/Egress Risk Assessment is progressing. Objectives include but are not limited to: the identification of evacuation route vulnerability and learning which factors contribute to risk. The Sonoma Technology staff have completed the literature and data review, evacuation modelling (including fire, communication, and traffic models) and the creation of evacuation difficulty scoring matrix that takes into consideration fire behavior, fuels, traffic dynamics and infrastructure and communications.

The 2023-2024 Workplan has been underway for several weeks and both the Advisory Technical Committee and Operations Committee have contributed to the planning, budgeting, and multiple conversations surrounding projects and their scope and reach.

- **City of San Rafael Wildfire Mitigation Grant Program** available to all Marinwood residents for eligible vegetation management and home hardening efforts (funds available for a limited time): <https://www.cityofsanrafael.org/wildfire-mitigation-grant-program/>
- Upcoming **chipper program** for all neighborhoods. Residents can type in their address and see the weeks that chipping services are available to them (pre-registration online required, chipping services available for one week every month except for August): <https://reserve.chipperday.com/marin>
- **Direct assistance** for vegetation management/defensible space work is available free of charge on a limited basis to those who need it (we cannot guarantee assistance to everyone who applies). Please reach out to simon.wright@cityofsanrafael.org or (415) 458-5020 if interested.
- **Defensible space and home hardening inspections** are available. Please reach out to srfd.dspace@cityofsanrafael.org or (415) 485-3054 if interested in scheduling an inspection.

Pacific Gas and Electric

On Saturday March 25, 2023, PG&E and CalTrans identified a significant landslide that impacted gas lines running along HWY Corridor 101 in Novato. The incident was named The Redwood Slide incident and after much expedited planning, execution, digging, rerouting of gas and water lines, staging of multiple tanker trucks filled with natural gas and other resources, the bypass was installed successfully. Flow rates and testing have been deemed successful. Crews worked diligently to minimize disruption to commerce and traffic and were able to mitigate the situation over the course of the weekend.



Fire Mechanic Retires



On Thursday March 30, 2023, Longtime Fire Mechanic Steve Ferrairo hung up his wrenches after a 25 plus year career serving the City of San Rafael and numerous adjacent Fire Departments/Communities. Local 1775 (San Rafael Fire Association) planned a luncheon and surprise gift as a token of appreciation.

In the above left photo, Local 1775 and SRFA President Anthony Alviso provides Steve with a helmet and shield made especially for the Fire Mechanic position. On the right, Chief White provides Steve with a framed certificate of appreciation and a memento that Steve was instrumental in creating. The event was well attended by staff from Marinwood, Marin County Fire, Kentfield Fire, retirees, active members, the Chaplain Reverend Jan Heglund, Steve's wife, and many more.

We wish Steve a long, healthy, and rewarding retirement and hope that we can find a new mechanic with similar mechanical aptitude to keep all of our apparatus in tip top shape as Steve did as the sole mechanic. The

department will be advertising this vacancy in the near future, and we ask that you spread the word so that we can find the best available and interested candidate possible.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: March 2023

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 158 emergency calls in March 2023. A little under two thirds of the calls were medical incidents. The storm that occurred on March 14, resulted in two downed power lines in Marinwood. One on the 700 block of Idylberry, and the other on the 200 block of Deepstone. In both cases, E58 responded and secured the scene until PG&E could arrive. E58 did not respond to any fires during the month.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	29	4	1	0	2	N/A	0	36
CSA 13	6	5	1	0	0	N/A	0	12
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	8	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	9
New JPA (East of 101)	40	16	5	0	0	N/A	0	61
SR Mutual Aid	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	14
MC JPA	1	2	0	0	0	N/A	0	3
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	7	10	0	0	1	5	0	23
Total number	99	44	7	0	3	5	0	158
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>62.7%</i>	<i>27.8%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>3.2%</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, 35 seconds