

## MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021, 7:00PM

**Internet Address:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85672379320>

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**Meeting ID:** 856 7237 9320

**ATTENTION:** This will be a virtual meeting of the Marinwood CSD Fire Commission pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by the Governor of the State of California. 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 February 2, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting</b>	Approve
5	<b>Draft Minutes of March 16, 2021 Joint Fire/P&amp;R Commission Special Meeting</b>	Approve
6	<b>Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary</b>	Review
7	<b>Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items</b>	
8	<b>Adjourn</b>	

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NEXT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

**MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 2, 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 7:12 PM.

**1. Agenda**

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no comments from the public.

**3. Commissioner Items of Interest**

There were no Commissioner Items of Interest

**4. Draft Minutes of January 5, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting**

M/s Marinoff/Karsenti to approve Draft Minutes of January 5, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. All in favor.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

**6. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

District Manager Dreikosen stated that staff are working to complete initial identification of upcoming projects for MWPA funding and will be shared at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

The date of the next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021.

Eric Dreikosen

**MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF JOINT FIRE COMMISSION AND PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 16, 2021**

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

*Note: This meeting and presentation may be viewed on the Marinwood YouTube channel here:*  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dvM2PvtsEzE25eRAf4Jmg>

**Present:**

Fire Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac (joined at 7:25pm), Tom Elsbree, Pascal Karsenti, Ron Marinoff

Fire Commissioners Absent: Greg Stilson (CSA 13 Alternate)

P&R Commissioners: Chair John Tune, Jon Campo, Ian Fein

P&R Commissioners Absent: Anne Sjhsam

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, San Rafael Fire Chief Darin White, Recreation Director Luke Fretwell, San Rafael Emergency Manager Quinn Gardner and San Rafael Fire Department Vegetation Management Specialist Kate Anderson

Board: Kathleen Kilkenny, Lisa Ruggeri

**A. Call to Order – Roll Call of Commissioners**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

**B. Marinwood CSD Open Space Fire Prevention Vegetation Management Projects**

SRFD personnel Quinn Gardner and Kate Anderson led a visual presentation providing an overview of the District's intended fire prevention vegetation management projects and residential defensible space initiatives to occur at various points throughout the upcoming year utilizing dedicated funding allocated from the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA).

P&R Commissioner Fein inquired about prior projects performed in the area of Queenstone Fire Road. Fein also asked if slope direction impacts fire risk. Fein was informed northwest facing slopes receive less direct sunlight than southwest facing slopes which become dryer and more susceptible to fire danger, however, wind speed and direction also has a large impact during a fire event.

Director Kilkenny inquired about other open space areas connected to the Elvia Ct project area. It was explained that these properties are privately owned and that the District's focus at this time was a "house-out" approach from existing residences abutting District owned open space.

Fire Commissioner Karsenti inquired about open space properties located in the North and Northeast sections of Marinwood. It was explained that these properties are privately owned. It was also stated there may be potential to address privately owned open space properties as "core" projects are developed and implemented by the MWPA.

P&R Commissioner Fein inquired about existing fire road inventory and potential projects. He was informed the system of fire roads located within and near District properties could potentially be addressed as a "core" project by the MWPA.

P&R Commissioner Campo expressed concern regarding potential biological impacts and considerations including sensitive species and invasive species management in project areas. It was explained that staff consists not only of fire prevention specialists but also of environmental subject matter experts including Registered Professional Foresters and those with other formal environmental science education. Project planning processes include California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance as well as potential biological site assessments performed by independent environmental consultants. Identified best practices would be implemented, including within debris removal planning, and many projects would involve the removal of existing invasive species as an aspect of fuel reduction goals. Campo expressed concern regarding a potential lack of data regarding sensitive species within the referenced applicable databases and inquired further as to specific practices and techniques regarding invasive species management. It was briefly explained that all tools and clothing were thoroughly cleaned between projects as an existing practice. Chief White encouraged Campo to communicate directly with staff as a follow-up in which his questions could be addressed in more detail. Chief White also encouraged Campo to inform staff of any additional information and resources he may be aware of in regards to potential local environmental and biological concerns.

P&R Commissioner Fein inquired about residential "Chipper Days." It was explained these events are a county-wide initiative coordinated through the MWPA in partnership with FireSafe Marin and is a free service to residents who remove high-risk flammable vegetation from their properties. This service would provide opportunity to have the vegetation chipped and hauled on select dates. The District will make announcements to the community as Chipper Day event dates are established for our area and hope to coordinate this service with the planned residential home hardening assessments that will also be performed at no cost.

**C. Public Comment**

A member of the public expressed concern regarding potential biological and environmental impacts and requested clarification of the “100-foot defensible space zone” in regards to residential properties. It was explained the 100-foot zone was from structures and the portion of these zones that extend into public open space from each applicable residence would be the focus of District projects. Further clarification was requested regarding the height of potential understory clearing to be performed as well as any work to be performed in tree canopy sections. It was explained understory clearing, where applicable, would not exceed six feet in height and that no work was planned for the tree canopy sections. Further clarification was requested regarding size of teams performing the work, equipment to be used and debris removal. It was explained that size of teams would vary depending on the specific project and that anticipated equipment would primarily consist of hand tools such as loppers and chainsaws. Hauling out debris would be the preferred method of removal where feasible but that other slash treatments could include “lop and scatter” or “chip and scatter” where the ability to haul out is not feasible. These techniques would be performed in a manner so as not to present an unacceptable fire, safety or environmental hazard.

No other members of the public submitted comment.

**D. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Eric Dreikosen



**To:** Marinwood Fire Commissioners

**From** Darin White, Fire Chief

**Date:** April 6, 2021

**Re:** Fire Department Update

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

Director Mark Brown stated that the Goals, Objectives, and Values were discussed at the Executive Team's March meeting. The Finance Committee has started the FY 21-22 budget framework. Chipper program, Public Education, Signage and more will be funded through the \$10M in CORE allocation funding pot. The Planning and Program manager selection process continues. Interviews were conducted on March 8<sup>th</sup> and the candidate is scheduled to be hired sometime in April.

FireSafeMarin intends to offer 2 opportunities for each of the residents to receive Chipper program service. The Chipper service will follow D-Space evaluations. This year they are seeking greater participation and anticipate a substantial increase in the amount of materials and fuels that will be chipped. Marin will be divided into 4 equal sized areas as opposed to the use of zones (North, South, East and West). The schedule will closely resemble the following:

Phase 1 May 17- July 30

Phase 2 August 16-October 29

Phase 3 May-July 2022

Everyone will be provided with service in Phase 1 and second service will be provided in Phase 2. Phase 2 will start 14 weeks after Phase 1. The Chipper service will be offered on an average of 4 days per week. This year's budget is estimated at \$1.2 M and the goal will be to begin in May. FireSafeMarin will host 5 Community Wildfire Protection Workshops (1 for each zone). Go to [www.firesafemarin.org](http://www.firesafemarin.org) for additional information.

I requested a presentation on Air Curtain Burners from Cal Fire. This is a tool that can reduce fuels down to small amounts of ash. This is a smoke free process, and the materials are able to be burned as fast as the loader places them inside the Firebox. However, a permit is required from the Air Quality Management District. More will be forthcoming on this effort. The presentation was very informative and most in attendance agreed that this system could have utility for individual agencies and the County as a whole. More to follow on this subject.



### Upcoming Chipper Days

Thank you to this Glenwood resident who recently removed some roadside juniper. San Rafael Fire continues to hold free monthly chipper days. To schedule an appointment, please contact Vegetation Management Specialist Simon Wright at [simon.wright@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:simon.wright@cityofsanrafael.org) or 628-269-8514.

### Guidelines/COVID-19:

Point of Dispensing (POD) operations are continuing in the county and due to low/limited vaccine availability from the state, they are still not operating at full capability. However, retired Chief Chris Gray reported that on Tuesday March 30, 2021 the POD at the Marin Civic Center had a goal of administering at least 1,800 vaccinations. That POD has been operational since Thursday January 14, 2021 and effective April 15, 2021, millions of Californians aged 16 and older will be able to receive vaccinations.

Unfortunately, supply issues continue to plague California and other states and Countries. Compounding the problem is a recent report that 15 million doses of the Johnson and Johnson's Jansen vaccine were destroyed because of a quality control problem at a Baltimore Maryland plant. This will complicate the goal of providing vaccines to a large population of unvaccinated persons just as the potential for a 4<sup>th</sup> surge is being anticipated. Also of concern is the planned closure of 2 super sites in Oakland and Los Angeles on April 11, ahead of the wide expansion of persons considered eligible on April 15, 2021.

As of April 1, 2021, the groups currently eligible for vaccine include persons who are now 50 years of age and older

### Vaccinations:

As of April 1, 2021, approximately 3,570,660 confirmed cases of COVID have occurred in California. There have been 58,090 deaths. Approximately 18,401,747 doses of either Pfizer, Moderna or the Johnson and Johnson vaccine have been administered in the state.

- Shipments of vaccine to Marin continue to be very modest, though they had reportedly increased somewhat during the week of March 22.
- As of March 22, 2021, over 100,000 Marin residents have received at least one dose of vaccine (100,809).
- Of those over 16 yrs old, 47.5% have received at least one dose and 24.7% have completed their vaccination series (one dose for J&J; two doses for Pfizer & Moderna).

As of March 16, all Marin schools have reopened for some degree of in-person learning due to the previous signs that the pandemic was easing and the successful vaccinations of educators and school staff across the

county. The Marin County Office of Education estimated 9,000 educators and school staff members in Marin have had the opportunity to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as of March 13.

As local schools have returned to in-person learning either full time or in a hybrid model, they are now planning for expanding in-person learning time, for summer programs, and for the anticipated full opening of schools for the 2021-2022 school year with guidance provided by Marin County Public Health.

Most educators and school staff in Marin County have either received second vaccination doses or were scheduled to receive them March 27 and April 3 so that on-campus personnel can be fully vaccinated after the return from spring break on April 12. However, given the number of people who have opted to travel during Spring break it might be a good idea to continue to provide remote learning until April 26.

### **Emergency Incidents:**



**Lucas Valley Rollover Incident**

On March 10, 2020, a motorist lost control on rain slick pavement along Lucas Valley Road near Big Rock. A brief hailstorm had just passed over the region, which may have contributed to the driver losing control of the vehicle. Marinwood Fire Engine 58 responded to the scene, assessed the driver and found he had no injuries.



### Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: March 2021

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 117 emergency calls in March 2021; of these, 12 calls were cancelled en route. Nearly two-thirds of the calls were medical incidents. The department did not respond to any fires or any calls involving a confirmed COVID-19 case.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	21	12	2	0	0	N/A	0	35
CSA 13	4	4	0	0	2	N/A	0	10
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	8	2	0	0	0	N/A	0	10
New JPA (East of 101)	28	10	0	0	0	N/A	0	38
SR Mutual Aid	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	9
MC JPA	6	0	2	0	0	N/A	0	8
MC Mutual Aid	1	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	1
Novato	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	6
<b>Total number</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>117</b>
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>64.1%</i>	<i>28.2%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.7%</i>	<i>1.7%</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, 20 seconds