

## MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026, 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	<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>	Discuss
4	<b>Draft Minutes of February 3, 2026 Fire Commission Meeting</b>	Approve
5	<b>Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary</b>	Review
6	<b>Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items</b>	Discuss
7	<b>Adjourn</b>	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD JUNE 2, 2026  
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

**MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 3, 2025**

**Time and Place:** 7:00PM at Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Rd, San Rafael

**Present:**

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Pascal Karsenti, John Seratt, Pete Stout

Absent: Greg Stilson

Staff: Deputy Fire Chief Robert Sinnott, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Joe Aiello, District Manager Eric Dreikosen

Board: Lisa Ruggeri

**1. Agenda**

Item 5 was moved to immediately preceding Item 2. Chair Farac adopted the agenda as amended.

**5. Planning Discussion for Potential Community Meeting to Educate and Encourage Residents/Property Owners in the Creation of Firewise Communities & Inform on other Current Fire Prevention Efforts**

Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Aiello provided a broad overview of the Firewise program including procedures for establishment. Commission discussed core topics and structure of potential community-wide meeting and identified potential dates.

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

No comments from the public were received.

**3. Commissioner Items of Interest**

-District Manager Dreikosen thanked Commissioners Seratt and Stilson for their support and involvement with the annual Marinwood-Lucas Valley Santa Claus visit and neighborhood tour conducted in December

**4. Draft Minutes of December 2, 2025 Fire Commission Meeting**

M/s Seratt/Karsenti to approve Draft Minutes of December 2, 2025 Fire Commission Meeting as presented.

Ayes: Farac, Karsenti, Seratt, Stout. Nays: None. Absent: Stilson. Motion carried.

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

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

**7. Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items**

-None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Eric Dreikosen



## MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION – FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

*Abraham Roman, Fire Chief*

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

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### Operations Update

- On February 10, Engine 58 responded to Novato to assist with a second alarm structure fire. The single-family dwelling was well involved in fire upon arrival of the Novato units. A second alarm was called dispatching Engine 58 directly to the scene. The home appeared to be occupied by a hoarder, and all rooms were crammed full of combustibles. There were no injuries.



### Personnel Update

- Fire staff and retirees recently gathered to celebrate the retirement of Engineer Brian Smith after 23 years of dedicated service to the department and the community. Throughout his career, Brian demonstrated professionalism, commitment, and pride in serving others. We thank him for his many contributions and wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.



Photo courtesy of Capt. Papanikolaou

- During the first week of March, FF/PM Trystan Bearwald completed his first 48-hour rotation on Medic 57. He is assigned to C Shift

- FF/PM Alex Henderson started work on March 16. He is beginning with EMS training and orientation and will then participate in a fire academy before being assigned to A Shift.
- An Engineer's written examination was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> with one Marinwood fire employee participating in the joint process. The manipulative phase of the exam occurred on March 19 with interviews occurring on March 25.

**Training Update**

- During February and March, all three shifts participated in multi-company structural firefighting operations. Utilization of smooth bore nozzles and associated hose handling practices were the primary topics. Smooth bore nozzles deliver a true solid stream with minimal turbulence giving good reach and penetration toward the seat of the fire at lower operating pressure precisely because of the simple fixed orifice design. The smooth bore nozzle is in most cases replacing the fog nozzle.
- CPR certifications for all staff were renewed in February.
- Multi Company training was conducted on smooth bore nozzles and hose handling practices.

**Prevention / Public Education Update**

- On March 7, Engine 58 crews provided a first-aid presentation to the coaches of the Gallinas Valley Little League.
- On March 14, Engine 58 led the Little League Parade for Opening Day ceremonies.



- Firewise Community Formation Firewise USA. San Rafael Fire Department staff are working with Marinwood staff to coordinate a [Firewise USA](#) community meeting. The goal of the workshop will be to educate and inform Marinwood residents as to the multiple benefits of achieving Firewise certification and to build off the success of the Firewise communities already in place in many San Rafael neighborhoods. The community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at 6 pm.



- On March 27th, Engine 58 visited the Helix School, a special education facility for children and young adults. A fire safety presentation and tour were provided for students and faculty. All were thrilled to meet our firefighters and to see the engine and equipment up close! **By Captain John Papanikolaou**



Submitted by Robert Sinnott, Deputy Fire Chief