

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022, 7:00PM

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Meeting ID: 856 7237 9320

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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 April 5, 2022 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 FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 7, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
April 5, 2022

Time and Place: 7:00PM Via Teleconference

Present:

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

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

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, San Rafael Fire Chief Darin White

Farac called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

- Commissioner Elsbree requested an update on the concerns presented regarding the eucalyptus trees in Miller Creek Road median between Las Gallinas Ave and Marinwood Dr.

4. Draft Minutes of March 1, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Elsbree/Marinoff to approve Draft Minutes of March 1, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Marinoff, Seratt. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items

- Elsbree requested follow-up on the evacuation corridor concerns involving the eucalyptus trees on Miller Creek Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



Memo

To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: May 3, 2022

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority- (MWPA) The Ops Committee met on April 14 and discussed the multiple proposed CORE project proposals and their estimated expenditures for FY 22-23. Some of the proposed projects sought increased funding for Environmental Compliance, Public Education and Outreach, Home Hardening and Grants, Direct Assistance Program, the Chipper Program, and the Evacuation Risk Assessment and other items. In some of these areas, grant funding is being pursued and this would return CORE monies for other projects.

Staff discussed the strong likelihood that environmental costs would increase with the various sensitive plants and species that could impact environmental compliance efforts due to project size and scope. Given the responses to the project proposals and their associated costs, a few of the agencies wanted to further discuss the budget impacts and where adjustments could be made. This feedback focused the AdHOC Finance Committee's review of proposed projects on Tuesday, April 19. Director Brown and Anne Crealock provided additional project information and detail which was helpful in informing the requested adjustments to some of the above-mentioned CORE allocations.

The Advisory Technical Committee (ATC) met on Thursday April 28th and gave additional recommendations on how to best modify the proposals so that they could achieve CORE savings for each agency while providing support to the MWPA Countywide projects.

The OPS Committee meeting was held today (May 3, 2022) and further project discussion and refining took place for the purpose of finalizing FY 2022-23 Workplan content. The OPS Committee will bring the final draft Work Plan to the MWPA Board for its consideration on May 19, 2022.

Vegetation Management

Goat grazing is slated to begin today on Grasshopper Hill and then Idylberry rd. The masticator work being performed on Queenstone Fire Road and pictured on page 2 is making good progress. The work will resume in a couple of weeks.



Before



After

COVID/Vaccinations

A couple of months ago, New York State Health Officials discovered a few of the COVID cases were stemming from a new and more infectious variant of the Omicron BA.2. This variant is called BA.2.12.1 and was responsible for about 3% of the cases occurring in February 2022. On April 26, 2022, the variant is now responsible for more than 58% of new cases in the same areas of New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut and it is now above 90% in Central New York. It is reported that the variant is spreading quickly throughout other parts of the U.S. but not as fast as it has in New York.

Experts are watching this closely to see whether the new variant is causing an increase in the number of persons being hospitalized as this could also lead to an increase in deaths. For example, in Spring of 2020 there were 19,000 hospitalizations in New York State, which seemed to be an epicenter of severe infection and deaths. In one month the COVID related hospitalizations have nearly doubled from 817 on March 29 to 1,588 on April 26, 2022. Hospitalizations are estimated to occur within about 14 days of infection.

Generosity



On Friday April 15, 2022 The San Rafael Fire Foundation donated generous breakfast food baskets to the crews of the San Rafael and Marinwood Fire Departments. The baskets (which were stocked with many delicious items from Andy's Market on Pt. San Pedro rd.) were donated in appreciation of the members' hard work during the pandemic. While there were many ideas considered the donation of the food baskets seemed to be one that could have immediate benefit and on each shift. The food baskets included a letter of appreciation along with meatless sausage, maple bacon, delicious orange juice, a bag of coffee, a dessert bread, pancake mix, maple syrup, eggs, and more. Pictured above from left to right are Captain John Papanikolaou, San Rafael Council Member Rachel Kertz, Captain Ryan Bracket, and Engineer Cesar Correa.

Public Education



(Photo shared courtesy of Ms. Lara Franklin, 4/18/22)

On April 18, 2022, Ca. Brandon Selvitella, Engineer Brian Smith and Firefighter Paramedic Sean Day joined Ms. Lara Franklin's Kindergarten class at Mary E. Silveira elementary school for Young Author's Fair week. The Marinwood Firefighters shared a couple of interesting stories and taught the class about the day in the life of a firefighter as the students look on attentively.

Acting Captain Qualified – Engineer Jeff Smith



On Saturday April 23, 2022, Engineer Jeff Smith completed the requirements for Acting Fire Captain as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding. This includes the experience pre-qualifications, associated courses and training, and evaluated shift rotations by all three Captains. As stated so confidently by Captain John Papanikolaou:

“I've had the pleasure of working closely with Jeff on my shift for the last three years and I'm confident in his ability to fulfill this role. Jeff has proven himself as a reliable team member and consistently demonstrates excellent technical ability, problem solving skills, and attention to detail. Jeff's competency and calm demeanor have earned him the respect of his peers and he will have no trouble adapting to the role of supervisor as required.”

We congratulate Jeff on this continuous and concerted effort to meet the requirements and we look forward to supporting his future efforts to assume a leadership role within our department.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: April 2022

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 95 emergency calls in April 2022. A little under two-thirds of the calls were medical incidents; one of which involved a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case. The department responded to five fires. One involved E58 which observed a smoke column from NB 101 that looked to be in the Northgate Mall area at the Merrydale overcrossing while returning from another incident. E58 took the off ramp to investigate and found a small 10'x20' vegetation fire in the eucalyptus grove behind the Chase Bank at 300 Las Gallinas Ave. E58 quickly extinguished and overhauled the fire. There were no obvious signs of its ignition.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	13	5	0	0	2	N/A	0	20
CSA 13	3	1	1	0	1	N/A	0	6
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	9	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	9
New JPA (East of 101)	23	5	5	1	0	N/A	0	34
SR Mutual Aid	6	5	0	2	1	1	0	15
MC JPA	0	2	0	0	0	N/A	0	2
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	1	4	0	2	0	2	0	9
Total number	55	22	6	5	4	3	0	95
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>57.9%</i>	<i>23.2%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>4.2%</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, 20 seconds