

## MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 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 April 6, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting</b>	Approve
5	<b>Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary</b>	Review
6	<b>Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items</b>	
7	<b>Adjourn</b>	

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NEXT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

**MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 6, 2021**

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

**Present:**

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, Pascal Karsenti

Absent: Ron Marinoff, 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 7:14 PM.

**1. Agenda**

M/s Elsbree/Karsenti to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: Farac, Elsbree, Karsenti. Nays: None. Absent: Marinoff. Motion carried.

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

The Commission received comment from one member of the public regarding, the recent joint-commission meeting and presentation of fire prevention projects; Transparency concerns with the Commission.

**3. Commissioner Items of Interest**

There were no Commissioner Items of Interest

**4. Draft Minutes of February 2, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting**

M/s Elsbree/Karsenti to approve Draft Minutes of February 2, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Farac, Elsbree, Karsenti. Nays: None. Absent: Marinoff. Motion carried.

**5. Draft Minutes of March 16, 2021 Joint Fire/P&R Commission Special Meeting**

M/s Karsenti/Elsbree to approve Draft Minutes of March 16, 2021 Joint Fire/P&R Commission Special Meeting as presented. Ayes: Farac, Elsbree, Karsenti. Nays: None. Absent: Marinoff. Motion carried.

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

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

**7. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

-Karsenti requested impacts of impending drought on fire season

-Farac requested updates on MWPA projects

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



## **Memo**

**To:** Marinwood Fire Commissioners

**From** Darin White, Fire Chief

**Date:** May 4, 2021

**Re:** Fire Department Update

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### **Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-**

This summer staff has been increased in both the Defensible Space Inspector and Vegetation Management Specialist positions with the goal of furthering their assessments and outreach efforts throughout Marinwood. Additionally, prescribed herbivory (goat grazing) on at least 20 acres of Marinwood's Open Space, Fire Road vegetation/fuel removal, the return of AmeriCorp Teams, and the potential establishment of a direct assistance grant program are all proposed projects for completion this year.

Anne Creelock has been hired as the Planning and Program Manager of the MWPA and will begin sometime in May. In addition, Sabrina Teller will serve as legal counsel for the MWPA and is providing assistance with aligning the language for proposed submissions for those agencies interested in, or requiring assistance. 2 environmental firms are scheduled to provide presentations to the Executive Committee. FireSafe Marin will provide its first workshop the week of May 4, 2021 and the first of 2 contracts for the expanded chipper days has been signed. Chipper days will be offered beginning May 17, 2021.

### **Drought**

Although Cal Fire has not communicated its firefighting strategies for this year's fires, it is readily apparent that the very dry winter has led to reduced moisture content in large fuels as well as light and flashy fuels. The dry vegetation could become problematic earlier this year and we have already begun to witness the effects of this with recent wild fire incidents in the state.

Water conservation efforts should already be underway for most fire service agencies. The use of recirculating pumps and other water recapturing units for training, will enable new firefighters to learn using the extinguishing methods and products that have served as a foundation for firefighting efforts going back millennia. However, new products such as fire retardants, dry chemicals and powders may all see increased utility from local and state agencies as we all find ways to conserve the precious natural resource.

## **Vegetation Management**

Last year we had 6 inspectors conducting vegetation management inspections. This year we will be staffed with 17 inspection staff. This combination model of seasonal and permanent/highly trained staff began inspections on April 26, 2021. The first folks started in San Rafael in Bret Harte and Lincoln Hill. Inspections will begin in Marinwood in the next couple of weeks.

## **COVID/Vaccinations**

On Tuesday April 27, 2021 Marin County's public health officer said that it is safe for people who have been fully immunized for COVID-19 to be outside without a mask, provided they avoid crowds.

Dr. Matt Willis followed the lead of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health, which had made similar announcements earlier the same day. It appears Governor Gavin Newsom also issued revisions to state regulations regarding mask wearing that align with the CDC.

It is anticipated that Marin County will move to the Yellow Tier as early as this week (Wednesday May 5, 2021). Moving to the Yellow Tier will result in additional capacity for most facilities, restaurants, malls, businesses, churches, etc.

As Marin County begins to phase out the large-scale vaccine sites by the end of May it will rely on mobile pop-up vaccination sites. Over the past two months, Marin has expanded its mobile operations to offer more targeted pop-up vaccine clinics in communities where few or no vaccination options exist. Appointment requirements have been waived, but those with appointments are being accepted, and plans are underway to deploy mobile teams to large apartment complexes, local events, or shopping centers where people naturally gather.

Marin's two mass vaccination sites in San Rafael will close at the end of May. The last date to obtain a first dose vaccine from the Marin Health and Wellness Campus on Kerner Boulevard or Marin Civic Center (Marin County Fairgrounds) vaccine sites is Saturday, May 1. Both sites will remain open through May 29 to fulfill second dose needs.

The Larkspur Ferry Terminal will continue to operate but individuals will need to have set an appointment beforehand. No drop-ins will be accepted.

COVID-19 Vaccine supply has now outpaced demand in Marin County. So much so that people who are 16 years of age and older do not have to be a Marin County employee or resident to receive a vaccination, and no photo ID is required. As of April 27, 2021 287,898 doses of vaccine have been administered in Marin County.

## Emergency Incidents



### **Marinwood Fire Mutual Aid**

On April 20, 2021, a structure fire engulfed two apartments and damaged several others on the 800 block of Diablo Avenue in Novato. Marinwood Engine 58 responded with mutual aid and upon arrival were assigned as the Rapid Intervention Group focusing on rescue. As the fire progressed, the crew was reassigned to the roof of the two-story building to perform ventilation operations and check for fire extension in the attic. Approximately one dozen residents were displaced and needed to find shelter elsewhere. The American Red Cross assisted the displaced occupants with housing, meal, and clothing vouchers. [Photo credit: *Marin IJ*]





### **Repairs Set for Curve on Lucas Valley Road**

The dangerous hairpin curve that has been the site of numerous vehicle and bicycle crashes on Lucas Valley road just east of Big Rock is set to receive a [\\$2.25 million upgrade](#). A 135-foot retaining wall on the downhill side of the road will enable County crews to widen the curve to reduce the likelihood of a mishap. in 2019, a tanker truck spilled thousands of gallons of gasoline into the creek below when it was unable to negotiate the curve and rolled over. [Photo by Alan Dep, *Marin IJ*]

### Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: April 2021

The Marinwood Fire Department has responded to 86 emergency calls in April 2021 as of the morning of April 29; of these, 8 calls were cancelled en route. Nearly two-thirds of the calls were medical incidents; no calls involved a confirmed COVID-19 case. The department responded to one structure fire in Novato and one cooking fire in North San Rafael.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	17	5	1	0	0	N/A	0	23
CSA 13	3	3	2	0	0	N/A	0	8
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	3	2	0	0	0	N/A	0	5
New JPA (East of 101)	23	5	2	1	0	N/A	0	31
SR Mutual Aid	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
MC JPA	6	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	6
MC Mutual Aid	2	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	2
Novato	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	5
<b>Total number</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>66.3%</i>	<i>23.3%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	<i>1.2%</i>	<i>1.2%</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): NA

Average response time for Engine 58:	5 minutes, 50 seconds
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