

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020, 7:00PM

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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 March 3, 2020 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 JULY 7, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER**

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
March 3, 2020

Time and Place: 7:00PM Marinwood Community Center

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, Ron Marinoff

Absent: Pascal Karsenti, Greg Stilson

Board Director: Sivan Oyserman

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, San Rafael Fire Chief Bob Sinnott

Farac called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Agenda

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

2. Designation of Commission Chair & Vice-Chair for 2020

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to appoint Farac as Commission Chair and Karsenti as Commission Vice-Chair for 2020. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti, Stilson. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

The Commission received public comment regarding:

- a. Donation to replace lighting in firehouse dining area

4. Commissioner Items of Interest

- Marinoff requested legal explanation as to why Commission can't receive response reports which include responding addresses.
- Farac asked about Coronavirus precautions of safety personnel.
- Farac mentioned he continues to do further research regarding sirens & alert systems including NOAA emergency radios.

5. Draft Minutes of January 7, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Elsbree/Marinoff to approve Draft Minutes of January 7, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti, Stilson. Motion carried.

6. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

7. Requests for Future Agenda Items

- Reminder of value of services received from San Rafael in Shared Services Agreement
- Legal opinion regarding providing emergency response addresses to Commission
- Update on Coronavirus status and concerns

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The date of the next Fire Commission meeting is April 7, 2020.

Submitted,
Eric Dreikosen



Memo

To: Marinwood Commissioners

From: Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: June 2, 2020

Re: Fire Department Update

Shared Personnel Agreement-As outlined in the Memo to the Marinwood Board of Directors dated May 12, 2020, multiple agencies within the County are taking pro-active steps to counter a potential loss of first responders who may be subject to quarantine or isolation if showing signs or symptoms of the Corona Virus-19. The proposed Shared Personnel Agreement currently includes the following participating agencies: the County of Marin, the City of San Rafael, the City of Mill Valley, the Novato Fire Protection District, the Southern Marin Fire Protection District, the Central Marin Fire Authority, the Kentfield Fire Protection District, the Ross Valley Fire Authority, the Tiburon Fire Protection District, and it was recommended that the Marinwood Community Services District joins this pro-active effort. The Marinwood CSD Board of Directors authorized the District Manager and Fire Chief to join once a final version of the agreement is completed.

PulsePoint-

Marin County Totals in the month of April

Total number of followers	3306
Total number of followers with CPR alerts enabled	1287
SCA incidents	90
SCA incidents in public location	16
CPR Alerts sent	14
Number of devices alerted to CPR needed events	40 *
Total number of incident notifications	101
Total number of incidents appearing in PulsePoint	2427
Structure Fire notifications enabled	617
Working Structure Fire notifications enabled	668
Vegetation Fire notifications enabled	588

Working Vegetation Fire notifications enabled	651
Traffic Collision notifications enabled	455
Traffic Collision Expanded notifications enabled	456
Technical Rescue notifications enabled	91
Hazmat Response notifications enabled	377
Water Rescue notifications enabled	112
NEWS notifications enabled	411
CERT notifications enabled	362
DISASTER notifications enabled	492

*After inquiring about the number of devices (out of 40) that were alerted to an cardiac event, I learned that none who were alerted responded to the 14 calls initiated. The reasons were not provided but could be a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic and concern for lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to prevent exposure.

Direct Connect Pilot Project- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there are no current updates available.

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-With the passage of Measure C, City, County, Town leadership, and Fire Chiefs have established Governing and Operations Committees. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Operations Committee is now in place and subcommittees of the following have been established:

- Year One Funding Options
- Measure C Tax Administration
- Executive Officer Recruitment
- MWPA 2020 Workplan
- MWPA Grant Program

A Draft RFP has been shared with all agencies for projects that can be pursued across the 5 zones.

There are 4 Core Programmatic Areas. They include:

- Emergency Evacuations and Notifications
- Unified Approach to Vegetation Management
- Increased Education On Wildfire Mitigation
- Access to Matching Grants

There are 2 additional areas:

- Vegetation Management Inspections and Evaluation of buildings and homes, and defensible space
- Individual Agency Specific Needs (i.e. reducing ignitions caused by homeless encampments)

Vegetation Management

A job announcement was sent out via Western Daily Dispatch, Cal Opps, and regional community colleges for Temporary Seasonal Defensible Space Inspectors. We are recruiting for 6 personnel and will provide in-house training to ensure the quality of inspections meet our expectations. The announcement closes Friday June 5, 2020. As of the first afternoon (May 27, 2020) there were 3

applicants. This number is expected to increase substantially over the next several days as the job announcement reaches numerous other sites and targeted areas. We anticipate the training to be complete and inspection efforts to begin during the first week in July. Last year we had 2 inspectors conducting vegetation management inspections. This year we will be staffed with up to 8 inspection staff. I am proposing a hybrid model of seasonal and permanent/highly trained staff to assist with future year inspections, effective the spring/Summer of 2021.

Additional agreement with AmerCorps and Cal Fire Delta crews to provide very competitively priced teams of personnel to remove hazardous fuels.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: April 2020

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 105 emergency calls in April 2020; of these, 11 calls were cancelled en route. A slight majority of the calls were medical incidents. The department responded to two fires: a vegetation fire in San Rafael and a structure fire in Novato. COVID-19 was suspected on one of the Department's calls, a lift assist.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER*	TOTAL
Marinwood	14	5	2	0	2	N/A	0	23
CSA 13	8	3	1	0	0	N/A	0	12
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	1	0	3	0	0	N/A	0	4
New JPA (East of 101)	28	13	4	1	1	N/A	0	47
SR Mutual Aid	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	9
MC JPA	4	3	1	0	0	N/A	0	8
Novato JPA	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato Matrix	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total number	58	30	11	2	4	0	0	105
<i>Percentage of total</i>	55.2%	28.6%	10.5%	1.9%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	

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, 58 seconds
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Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: May 2020

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 107 emergency calls in May 2020 (through May 27); of these, 13 calls were cancelled en route. A majority of the calls were medical incidents. The department responded to five fires: two structure fires in San Rafael, a structure fire in Novato, a vegetation fire in San Rafael, and a structure fire in Novato. COVID-19 was suspected on two of the Department's medical assist calls.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER*	TOTAL
Marinwood	14	13	1	0	1	N/A	0	29
CSA 13	5	3	1	0	0	N/A	0	9
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	4	1	0	0	1	N/A	0	6
New JPA (East of 101)	30	5	4	0	1	N/A	0	40
SR Mutual Aid	5	5	0	2	0	1	0	13
MC JPA	1	1	1	1	0	N/A	0	4
Novato JPA	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato Matrix	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	6
Total number	59	31	7	5	3	2	0	107
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>55.1%</i>	<i>29.0%</i>	<i>6.5%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	

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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, 55 seconds
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Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

PG&E has provided information to First Responders which outlines some recent improvements and modifications to potential PSPS events in the likely event that conditions warrant more proactive measures to prevent future major wildfire events. These include but are not limited to:

- New High Definition cameras in High Fire-Threat areas
- System hardening with more poles, covered lines and undergrounding of utilities
- Temporary Micro Grids (these will allow the safe energizing of certain customers during the PSPS) An expansion on this effort is the Community Microgrid Enablement Program (CMEP)
- Enhanced Vegetation Management (increased number of inspectors to inspect lines, almost doubled the number of aerial inspections via 65 helicopters, up from 35)

- Improved coordination with first responders and critical service providers
- Increased partnerships to deliver assistance to vulnerable communities (There will be additional support to vulnerable communities in preparation for extended power outages and disasters for medical, lodging, transportation, and backup power needs)
- Community Resource Center model alterations given the social distancing requirements

2019 Details for Marin County: Two events: 1) Oct. 9-12 impacted 9,800 customers, 1 Community Resource Center (CRC) was opened and it had @220 visitors and 2) Oct. 26-Nov.1 impacted 120,700 customers, 3 CRCs opened and with @3,515 visitors.

Consider these sites for additional information: pge.com/backuppowers; prepareforpowerdown.com; pge.com/weather; and pge.com/mywildfirealerts; safetyactioncenter.pge.com; and during a PSPS event...pge.com/PSPSupdates.

PG&E is also hosting a Webex meeting for first responder and emergency management on Wednesday June 3, 2020 and a [Community/Customer Wildfire Safety Webinar](#) (Planned for Marin communities on June 10).

Budget

Given the pandemic, the Shelter in Place orders, and other impacts to our economy and way of life, the City of San Rafael is exploring innovative measures to reduce costs, make informed and necessary reductions in staff or services, and enhance existing opportunities for revenue generation, including increasing the paramedic tax from \$95.00 to \$99.00 a year. As such, the Fire Department staff are exploring ways of meeting targeted percentages that can contribute to reducing the mounting deficit and have recently began discussions with Local 1775 Executive Board leadership to explore possible methods for achieving savings.

Guidelines/COVID-19:

On Monday, May 18, 2020 many retail operations resumed with allowed access to curbside services. This decision takes into consideration the following:

- Governor's allowances/orders
- Continued review of indicators
- The curve appears to have flattened
- Hospitals are now prepared for a surge (if one were to occur)
- Testing sites are in operation 5 days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and these will expand to 7 days a week.
- Increased availability of testing

New re-opening guidelines are expected for June and this could increase the number of businesses who can return to some form of active status including barbershops, beauty salons, summer camps, certain daycare facilities and possibly places of worship.

As of May 28, 2020, California had 1,790,559 tests reported; 101,697 cases with positive results; and 3,973 deaths to-date. Out of 12,192 cases in the Bay Area, Marin County figures are as follows: 430 confirmed cases, 14 deaths, 2 persons currently hospitalized and 50 others who had been hospitalized

previously. The number of positive tests have been trending upward over the past few weeks due to increased testing. Currently, just over 12,000 Marin County residents have completed the testing.

Fire Incidents



Deer Valley Vegetation Fire

On the afternoon of Friday, May 8, 2020, firefighters worked quickly to extinguish a [vegetation fire near Highway 101](#) on the Silvera Ranch property near the St. Vincent's exit. The fire was caused by vehicle that had crashed onto the property after the driver lost control while traveling on Highway 101. The fire was limited to a 1/2 acre in size.



West End Neighborhood House Fire

On Wednesday, May 21, 2020, firefighters were dispatched to the 2200 block of Fifth Avenue. Upon arrival, they found the front portion of a single family dwelling [heavily involved in fire](#). The lone occupant heard an explosion in the carport and found the front area of the home in flames. She had to escape out a back door and cross into a neighbor's yard. Fortunately, firefighters were able to limit the fire spread to the front of the dwelling. The cause is under investigation.



I-580 Vegetation Fire

On Saturday, May 9, 2020, firefighters extinguished a vegetation fire along eastbound Highway 580 that burned approximately 1/2 acre of dry grass and brush. The fire was possibly caused by a malfunctioning vehicle.