

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 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 June 7, 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 AUGUST 2, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
June 7, 2022

Time and Place: 7:00PM Via Teleconference

Present:

Commissioners: Char Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, Pascal Karsenti, Ron Marinoff

Absent: John Seratt, 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

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

- Chair Farac requested an update on the concerns presented regarding the eucalyptus trees in Miller Creek Road median between Las Gallinas Ave and Marinwood Dr.
- Commissioner Karsenti thanked Chief White regarding the notice and information for defensible space vegetation management grants available to local residents.

4. Draft Minutes of April 5, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve Draft Minutes of April 5, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Karsenti, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Seratt. Motion carried.

5. Fire Department Capital Needs Planning Review

Commission reviewed capital needs planning document.

6. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

7. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



Memo

To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From: Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: July 5, 2022

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority- (MWPA)

The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board of Directors recently approved of the Executive staff securing both meeting and office space. The decision to approach the Board of Directors became necessary when the executive team concluded it would be far easier to schedule the more than 51 Brown Act meetings a year with a specific meeting site for each meeting. Given that there are 17 Board members and the public it would be easy to anticipate scheduling conflicts or confusion. Currently the various meeting locations that are away from the MWPA offices also creates increased travel and time commitments for MWPA staff. And finally, it is anticipated that the MWPA would benefit from a large meeting space for all of the member agencies and Board and Committee meetings. The rental price is said to be below market rate as well.

Vegetation Management

The goat grazing has been completed and the total numbers are in: In total, goats completed work on 19.7 acres of open space in Marinwood. This work was completed at two sites, one at Grasshopper Hill (4.1 acres) and off Idylberry Rd. (15.6 acres).

Direct Assistance continues: Free direct assistance to improve the defensible space of 5 additional Marinwood CSD residences was provided the week of June 27 through July 1. This work consisted of Juniper and Italian Cypress removal. The FIRE Foundry crew is again conducting this work.

- Additional free direct assistance to residential properties will be provided during the week of July 25-28.
 - We are still accepting applicants for this round of direct assistance (flyer and waiver application attached) and encourage as many folks to apply as possible, especially those in need of Juniper and/or Italian Cypress removal.

Chipper Days: the upcoming chipper day dates and areas for Marinwood are listed below: (if anyone is interested in knowing which zone they are in, they can type in their address and find out at: <https://reserve.chipperday.com/marin>)

- Week of 7/18 and 10/17: SR Flats zone (Ellen Dr, Lisa Ct, Erin Dr, Elvia Ct, Etta Ct, Roundtree Blvd/Way, Grande Paseo and others in this area)
 - Week of 7/25 and 10/24: Marinwood zone
 - Week of 8/29: Big Rock and Blackstone zones
 - We are still awaiting information on the number of chipper days stats for Marinwood participants so far this year. The Blackstone and Big Rock areas of Marinwood had chipping services provided during the week of 5/30.

Currently, we have a total of 20 Marinwood/Lucas Valley SRFD Grant Applications. 11 of those applications have been approved for a total of \$9499.00.

- 5 Vegetation Grants were given for a total of \$3,725.00
 - This is based on Resident stated/documented expenditures of \$13,345 toward Vegetation Management.
- 6 Home Hardening Grants given: \$5774
 - This is based on Resident stated/documented expenditures of \$85,171.92 toward Home Hardening.
- The remaining have pending statuses
 - 7 are pending supporting documentation from residents
 - 1 being escalated to leadership for additional opinion/review.
 - 1 is pending possible denial as it may not meet the grant requirements

This does not include any grants that have been directly received and funded by the MWPA.

Additional work is being completed in the CSA 13 area proximal to Lassen Dr. and Mount Shasta road.

The Waldorf school concern was recently inspected by a vegetation management specialist with more information to follow.

Guidelines/COVID-19:

There are an estimated 330,000 Army National Guard Soldiers across the United States and about 13% of the force (approximately 40,000) have not received the mandated COVID-19 vaccine. It is believed that no fewer than 14,000 of them have outright refused to be vaccinated and could be forced out of the service. Thursday June 30, 2022 was the deadline to get the vaccine. According to data obtained by The Associated Press, between 20% to 30% of Guard members in six states are not vaccinated, and more than 10% in 43 other states still need shots. Approximately 7,000 have sought exemptions, which are almost all for religious reasons.

The United States Army has claimed a vaccination rate of nearly 99%, with fewer than 1% not being vaccinated at this time. Across the country, in all but one state (New Jersey) Army National Guard soldiers are vaccinated at a higher rate than the general population in their state.

The FDA has issued an Emergency Authorization for COVID-19 vaccines to be given to children between the ages of 6 months to 5 years. The authorization comes at a critical time, as Omicron's subvariants continue to fuel a rise in cases.

Some parents have expressed concerns about the possibility of kids being affected with myocarditis through the vaccines themselves. However, COVID vaccines help prevent myocarditis for which the odds are believed to increase for a child who gets sick with COVID.

In early clinical trials of the Pfizer vaccine, two doses of the vaccine were only 30%–40% protective, so Pfizer tested the protection gained from a third shot. The data show 75-82% effectiveness from three Pfizer shots against omicron, which is quite strong. However, Moderna's two-dose primary series is 51% effective for kids 6 months to 2 years old, and only about 37% effective for kids aged 2-5. They are currently testing the efficacy of adding a third shot, and more data should be available on that soon. Kids in these age ranges (6 months to 5 years) receive approximately 10% of an adult dosage.

Fire Incidents

Small Grass Fire on Mount Shasta Rd and Lucas Valley Road





On Saturday June 25, 2022, Engine 58 responded to a reported vegetation fire on Lucas Valley Road just West of Mt. Shasta Drive. Upon arrival crews estimated a 100'x100' roadside grass fire with a slow rate of spread. There was a threat to 2 outbuildings. The crew made a hose lay on the left flank and were

assisted by San Rafael Fire Department’s Engine 57 crew. Personnel from the Marin County Fire Investigation Team (MCFIT) are investigating whether the fire started by a stump grinder (pictured below). The person using the stump grinder was not on scene when crews arrived. The back of the stump grinder was melted and looked to have caused the fire. E56 and E652 helped with extinguishment and mop up. The fire was estimated at approximately 1/8th of an acre. Crews returned to the scene a couple of times to put out some hotspots. (Photos courtesy of Tad Jacobs, owner of Treemasters),

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: June 2022

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 118 emergency calls in June 2022. A little over half of the calls were medical incidents; two of which involved confirmed COVID-19 cases. The department responded to five fires, one involving a 100' x 100' grass fire on Lucas Valley Rd across Mt. Shasta. E658 was first on the scene and was supported by E57. There was a threat to two out buildings but the fire was quickly contained. A bystander indicated that his workers had caused the fire with mechanical equipment and they tried to put it out with a fire extinguisher but that did not work.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	15	3	1	0	0	N/A	0	19
CSA 13	6	3	0	1	1	N/A	0	11
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	4	2	2	0	1	N/A	0	9
New JPA (East of 101)	22	6	5	0	0	N/A	0	33
SR Mutual Aid	12	16	0	1	0	0	0	29
MC JPA	3	0	2	0	0	N/A	0	5
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	3	1	0	3	0	5	0	12
Total number	65	31	10	5	2	5	0	118
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>55.1%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>8.5%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>1.7%</i>	<i>4.2%</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, 26 seconds

Free Defensible Space Direct Assistance

Need help preparing your property for the 2022 fire season?

Why?

- Highly combustible plants like Juniper and Italian Cypress can't be maintained in a way that makes them fire resistant.
- Oils within the plants and the buildup of dead material behind their deceptively green foliage is dangerous year-round.
- All Juniper and Italian Cypress within 30 feet of a structure and 10 feet of roadways must be removed per San Rafael City ordinance (S.R.M.C 4.12), as they are highly combustible due to volatile oils. Visit firesafemarin.org for plant replacement ideas.



How?

For one week per month starting in late April, the City will be working with the FIRE Foundry crew to remove fire hazardous plants like Juniper and Italian Cypress at no cost to San Rafael property owners.

Please fill out the waiver form to participate. Send completed waiver form to simon.wright@cityofsanrafael.org or 1375 Fifth Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901.

Chipping of the removed material will take place within 1-3 days of the work being done. This free service does not include stump or root removal.

Questions?

City of San Rafael Fire Department
Fire Prevention Division – Vegetation Management

415-485-3054
srfd.dspace@cityofsanrafael.org
www.srfd.org
www.firesafemarin.org
www.marinwildfire.org





San Rafael Wildfire Mitigation RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY for Recipients of Wildfire Mitigation

INTAKE #:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

This Release and Waiver of Liability, executed on (DATE) _____, by (RECIPIENT'S NAME) _____, in favor of the City of San Rafael, members of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, their partnering organizations such as AmeriCorps, members and affiliates (herein referred to as "the Mitigation Assistance Team") is legally binding.

I, the Recipient, desire the mitigation assistance team to engage in Wildfire Mitigation and vegetation management activity on my property. I understand that such activities could entail (but are not limited to) collecting and piling brush and debris, removal of vegetation near structures and roadways, removal of flood-damaged personal property and simple home repair on my property. I freely and voluntarily execute this Release under the following terms:

1. PERMISSION TO ENTER. I hereby attest that I am the owner or authorized agent of the owner of the property

(PROPERTY ADDRESS) _____

I consent to providing the Mitigation Assistance Team access to this property, at reasonable times and under reasonable conditions, for the purpose of carrying out wildfire mitigation and assessment activities.

2. RELEASE AND WAIVER. I hereby release and forever discharge the Mitigation Assistance Team and its partnering organizations from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever kind either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from related activities with said organizations. I understand that this Release discharges said organizations from any liability or claim that I may have against the Mitigation Assistance Team to bodily injury, personal injury or property damage that may result from the Mitigation Assistance Team volunteers working on my property. I also understand that the Mitigation Assistance Team does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial or other assistance, including but not limited to property insurance in the event of damage or loss.

3. ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I understand that the Mitigation Assistance Team's work may include work on and near my property that may be hazardous, including but not limited to work with power tools and heavy limbs. I hereby expressly assume the risk of property damage and/or loss due to volunteer activities.

4. INSURANCE. I understand that the Mitigation Assistance Team does not carry or provide insurance coverage for any homeowner's personal property.

RECIPIENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

5. PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE. I hereby grant unto the Mitigation Assistance Team rights to any and all photographic or video images taken on/of my property, during wildfire mitigation-related activities, the Mitigation Assistance Team for internal use or for reasons of publicity.

RECIPIENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

I, (RECIPIENT'S NAME): _____ authorize the Mitigation Assistance Team to release information that is considered relevant and necessary for the purpose of determining assistance to other partnering agencies involved in assistance with wildfire mitigation.

I further understand that the release of this information does not guarantee that assistance will be provided, but that without this release, partnering agencies cannot provide information to the Mitigation Assistance Team to assist with wildfire mitigation needs.

RECIPIENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

RECIPIENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Office Use Only

Collected by: _____ on ____/____/____ at _____ am/pm



**THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL DIRECT ASSISTANCE
INTAKE FORM**

1375 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901 WUI
Hotline 415-721-2875 or 415-485-3304
srfd.dspace@cityofsanrafael.org

DATE

INTAKE NO.

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ADDRESS	ALT PHONE
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CITY, ZIP	EMAIL
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DOES HOMEOWNER NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR WORK TO BE COMPLETED? YES NO

IS THIS THE OCCUPANT'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE? YES NO THIS PROPERTY IS: OWNER OCCUPIED RENTER OCCUPIED SHORT TERM RENTAL

POISON OAK, SUMAC, OR IVY PRESENT? YES NO UNKNOWN UNRESTRAINED ANIMALS ON PROPERTY? YES NO

OTHER INFO

VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT WORK NEAR POWER LINES

VEGETATIVE DEBRIS REMOVAL PLAN

WHERE CAN THE MATERIAL BE LEFT, SAFELY PILED ON THE PROPERTY WHILE AWAITING DISPOSAL? FRONT YARD DRIVEWAY OTHER

I VERIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT

SIGNATURE

Office notes: