

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021, 7:00PM

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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	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 1, 2021 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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
June 1, 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 7:02 PM.

1. Agenda

No edits were requested by Commissioners. Chair Farac adopted the agenda as presented.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments from the public.

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

There were no Commissioner Items of Interest

4. Draft Minutes of May 4, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Elsbree/Karsenti to approve Draft Minutes of May 4, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Farac, Elsbree, Karsenti. Nays: None. Absent: Marinoff. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Farac requested information on how to share local fire prevention efforts with insurance carriers

-Elsbree requested update regarding potential impacts of the Talus Reserve residential development project

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



To: Marinwood Fire Commissioner
From: Darin White, Fire Chief
Date: August 3, 2021
Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-

Effective June 28, 2021, the Zonehaven platform has placed the zones into its evacuation management platform and these are available to the public. Community members are encouraged to go to community.zonehaven.com for community application access/use. These zones are set up across the entire Marin County and are able to also see Sonoma County Zones that are directly adjacent to Marin County. Some zones have used previous names and some have been subdivided further. There are useful links found within the zone.

The use of Zonehaven has decreased the reflex time required to order evacuations. The information found on the application can also be shared via social media and news media sources. Additional information can be found that will let residents know when it is permissible to return to their homes after an evacuation has occurred. It is important for people to know their zone and more information encouraging community members situational awareness will continue to be emphasized in the weeks and months ahead. Be on the lookout for a video being developed by FireSafe Marin. An official launch of the Application and its capability is scheduled for next Spring, In the meantime a larger campaign will get underway during the fall and winter months ahead.

Vegetation Management

536 inspections have been completed in Marinwood and 2 in Lucas Valley. Two goat grazing projects have been completed near Idylberry Rd. and Grasshopper Hill.

Guidelines/COVID-19:

As had been of concern for some time now, variants of the COVID-19 virus known as the Delta variants are surfacing. The Marin Health and Human Services has provided a public health advisory that considers the following known about the Delta variant(s):

- Highly transmissible in indoor settings and requires multi-component prevention strategies to reduce spread.
- Household transmission and small gatherings are major drivers of COVID-19 transmission in Marin County.
- Order-Unvaccinated Workers in High-Risk Settings / Recommendation for all Employers

- Vaccine verification of staff; enhanced respiratory protection; and diagnostic screening testing for unvaccinated and incompletely vaccinated workers.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated guidance—recommends that fully vaccinated person wear a mask in public indoor settings (7/27/2021). This has been communicated to staff effective July 29, 2021.
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) aligned its Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings with the CDC and recommend universal masking in public indoor settings statewide(7/28/2021)
- CDC and CDPH also endorsed that fully vaccinated people at higher risk for COVID-19 infection, as well as unvaccinated and not fully vaccinated persons consider wearing a mask in non-public indoor settings.

More stringent requirements from the CDC, CDPH, MHHS, and Federal Government are anticipated in the next few days. It is believed that the majority of the 58 counties that no longer utilize the colored tier system, would be back at the most restrictive tier (purple) if they were still in use today. This speaks to an alarming infection rate amongst both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons.

As of Wednesday, July 28, 2021 California had **3,830,008 confirmed cases (+0.2% from previous day)** and **63,891 deaths (+0.1% from previous day)**, according to state data.

California has administered **43,772,466 vaccine doses**, and **62.4%** of eligible Californians are fully vaccinated.

Talus Reserve

Talus Reserve is a single-family residential project that will include 28 homes. Access will be from Erin Drive.

Regarding the timeframe of this project, it appears the developer has hit a setback with the County Planning Department: <https://www.marinij.com/2021/07/18/marin-residential-subdivision-will-have-to-reapply-to-approve-home-sizes/> It is not certain if they will also face delays attempting to secure water meters for each of the homes.

No operational impacts are foreseen from this project either during construction nor after completion.

Insurance and Wildfire

A San Rafael Fire Commissioner who has insurance industry subject matter expertise has a client in Marinwood. As for Insurance Services Office (ISO) rates, brush scores, etc., he stated that there is no need to provide or gain access to this information as property underwriters have it at all.

He offered that ISO rates and Brush Score show Marinwood being a moderately challenging location for wildfire.

Therefore, everything neighborhood advocacy and Firewise Marin is doing will prove helpful to an insurance carrier. Specific to Marinwood would be:

- Efforts to eliminates non-native flammable vegetation
- Alerts for wind patterns relative to fuels during typical wildfire season
- Accessibility of roads to firefighting/emergency response equipment - pictures
- A secondary model used by local fire prevention groups based on individual location characteristics to rank buildings & operation (gas stations, large facilities) from highest to lowest risk.

- Existence/Identification of vacant or unoccupied properties. Those that are vacant and unoccupied are more susceptible to various perils including, but not limited to, vandalism or malicious mischief, theft, arson.

Traffic Advisory

Marin County DPW advises the following regarding the curve realignment project on Lucas Valley Road east of Big Rock:

- Temporary traffic signals are currently operational for one way traffic control.
- The roadway through the construction zone has been designed to accommodate fire apparatus.
- The temporary lane and signal will be in place through November 2021.
- Please test drive the road to ensure fire apparatus can get through. (It will not accommodate T54)
- Contact DPW Engineer Rachel Calvert if you have any questions or concerns: 415-246-5017.

I've also been informed that the project at some point will require blasting. Marin County Fire Department will be reviewing and approving the blasting plan. When I receive more information on this, I'll pass it along. Please refer to the following links for additional information:

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/projects/engineering/lucas-valley-road-curve-realignment>

<https://www.marinij.com/2021/04/19/risky-curve-on-lucas-valley-road-slated-for-upgrades/>



Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: July 2021

The Marinwood Fire Department has responded to 112 emergency calls in July 2021 through July 28; of these, 11 calls were cancelled en route. More than half of the calls were medical incidents; three calls involved a confirmed COVID-19 case. The department responded to one structure fire and four vegetation fires, all in San Rafael.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	17	10	1	0	0	N/A	0	28
CSA 13	2	1	3	0	0	N/A	0	6
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	2	0	2	0	0	N/A	0	4
New JPA (East of 101)	29	16	0	1	0	N/A	0	46
SR Mutual Aid	5	1	0	4	0	0	1	11
MC JPA	6	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	7
MC Mutual Aid	0	2	0	0	0	N/A	0	2
Novato	1	5	0	0	0	2	0	8
Total number	62	36	6	5	0	2	1	112
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>55.4%</i>	<i>32.1%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>0.9%</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): citizen complaint

Average response time for Engine 58:	5 minutes, 14 seconds
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