

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2015 – 8:30 A.M.

NOVATO CITY OFFICES – WOMACK CONFERENCE ROOM

Chief Cusimano called the meeting to order at 8:37 am. The following were in attendance: MCSO Undersheriff Mike Ridgway, Central Marin Police Chief Todd Cusimano, Novato Police Department Chief Jim Berg, CHP Captain Jesse Holguin, Task Force Commander Lt. Don Wick, Task Force Special Investigations Assistant Christine Wheeler, Marin County Administrator's Office Dan Eilerman, Marin Board of Supervisor's Judy Arnold, Tiburon Town Manager Peggy Curran, Novato City Council Member Pat Eklund, civilian member Daniel Falzon, and civilian Mark Dale.

The meeting began with introductions.

Motion to approve the previous meetings minutes was requested by Chief Cusimano. All present approved.

Lt. Wick provided the committee with an overview of cases, seizures, and agency contacts.

Lt. Wick informed the committee that in September a property destruction took place at Covanta Energy Plant in Stanislaus. Further, all in custody evidence is current; anything that was eligible for destruction has been destroyed. Also, the change of command staff inventory/audit of all evidence has been completed and no discrepancies were found.

Lt. Wick reported that the unit is current with the drug testing requirement.

Chief Cusimano discussed the expressed intentions of both Sausalito PD and Ross PD pertaining to rejoining the JPA. It is his understanding that Ross PD is committed to coming back provided San Rafael PD remains. Wick stated that while no confirmation has been relayed about San Rafael PD's intentions the feedback has been very positive. Cusimano stated that Chief Pollen is now filling in as Chief for Sausalito PD. Pollen is supportive of the MCMCTF and discussions are in place.

Lt. Wick presented four 2016-2017 budget scenarios to the committee. The first is a model with one hundred percent asset forfeiture funding as done in years past. Scenario two provided fifty percent asset forfeiture contribution. Scenario three provided a twenty five percent asset forfeiture contribution. Scenario four provided no asset contribution. The scenarios provoked in depth conversation amongst committee members. Ridgway emphasized the in-kind contributions will need to be re-evaluated. Cusimano suggested each member compose pros/cons to each scenario. He also advises to refrain from overcomplicating the matter by coming up with a solid formula. It is then suggested by multiple members to establish a sub-committee to work on a formula and further details. It is requested that the sub-committee meet and have more solid scenarios to provide to the Oversight Committee by the beginning of December. Cusimano, Eilerman, Wick, and Ridgway agree to partake in the sub-committee.

Comments from the public were open.

Civilian Mark Dale spoke about an upcoming event regarding prescription drug dangers. He also shared that both marijuana youth events were very successful.

Next meeting set for December 7th, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 9:42 am.