

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2017 – 8:30 A.M.

NOVATO POLICE DEPARTMENT – MEETING ROOM

Chief Angel Bernal called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. The following were in attendance: MCSO Sheriff Robert Doyle, Undersheriff Mike Ridgway, Mill Valley Police Chief Angel Bernal, Novato Police Chief Adam McGill, Central Marin Police Chief Mike Norton, CHP Captain Robert Mota, Task Force Assistant Commander Sergeant Brian Fay, Task Force Special Investigations Assistant Christine Wheeler, Marin County Administrator's Office Dan Eilerman, Novato City Council Member Pat Eklund, City of Larkspur Councilmember Catherine Way, public member Ed Schulze, and civilian Mark Dale.

Chief Bernal opened the meeting with introductions.

Bernal then presented approval of last meetings minutes. All present approved.

Sergeant Fay reviewed several recent cases. Of specific interest was the recent operation located in San Rafael in which large weights of cocaine and currency was seized. Sheriff Doyle commended CHP's participation and thanked Captain Mota. Fay provided stats and seizure information as well.

Sergeant Fay stated that the unit is scheduled to complete a destruction run and the second round of drug testing by the end of 2017.

Sergeant Fay addressed the recent change in legislation permitting federal adoption once again. Eklund asked if this process is faster. Fay responded that it does tend to be.

Eklund inquired about heroin deaths. Ridgway responded that it is not in the MCTF's scope to monitor the deaths. Eklund asked Mark Dale if he had any information and he responded that he did not have that information at this time. Eklund expressed concern that heroin was on the rise in the county. Several members agreed that heroin has always been present; the change is the danger of fentanyl.

Schulze raised question about recent seizures. Sergeant Fay responded that the goal is to disrupt and dismantle. Asset forfeiture is secondary to that.

Christine Wheeler informed the committee that the 2017 Annual Report is in progress. She suggested that if there was anything any member would like to be included to please email her. Eklund suggested adding overdose deaths. After some discussion it was agreed that a link to the Coroner's Annual Report would be included for reference to that information.

Chief Bernal informed the committee that with his departure it was time to vote for a new chair. Central Marin Chief Mike Norton was nominated. All present confirm the nomination.

Public comments were opened. Mark Dale discussed CDC's site visit in August and how important it is. He also informed the committee that on November 15th, 2017 Arc Safe Marin will be hosting an event to discuss Medical Assisted Therapy.

Next meeting set for January 8th, 2017 at 0830. Location Novato City Hall.

Meeting adjourned 08:59 a.m.