

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023, 7:00PM

Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

Instructions on how to make a public comment during the meeting: At points in the meeting when the meeting chair requests public comment, members of the public shall indicate their desire to speak. All public comments shall be addressed to the Commission and limited to three minutes per speaker. The Commission may choose to respond to comments or request staff to respond at the conclusion of the respective public comment period.

#	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 October 3, 2023 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Upcoming Commissioner Term Expirations and Appointment Opportunities	Review
6	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
7	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	
8	Adjourn	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2023
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
October 3, 2023

Time and Place: 7:00PM at Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Rd, San Rafael

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Pascal Karsenti, Ron Marinoff, John Seratt (arrived 7:18pm)

Absent: Tom Elsbree, Greg Stilson (CSA 13 Alternate)

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Fire Chief Darin White

Board: Kathleen Kilkenny

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

-Commissioner Karsenti provided information regarding homeowners insurance hazard identification models used by the insurance industry.

(Commissioner Seratt arrived at 7:18pm)

-Commissioner Marinoff inquired about potential housing developments in the unimproved area near Rotary Village and Juvenile Hall and if any such development in this area would be annexed into Marinwood CSD.

-Commissioner Seratt inquired as to any update about cost recovery efforts for emergency response calls.

-District Manager Dreikosen shared information regarding tree maintenance work being performed by the County of Marin for the trees located in the roadway median of Miller Creek Rd between Las Gallinas Ave and Marinwood Ave.

4. Draft Minutes of August 1, 2023 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Marinoff/Seratt to approve Draft Minutes of August 1, 2023 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Farac, Karsenti, Marinoff, Seratt. Nays: None. Absent: Elsbree. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Commissioner Farac requested any updates as available regarding MWPA efforts in addressing homeowners' insurance cancellation concerns

-Commissioner Seratt requested updates regarding cost recovery efforts for emergency response calls.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



Staff Report

To: Fire Commission
From: Eric Dreikosen, District Manager
Date: December 5, 2023
Re: Expiring Commissioner Terms and Reappointment Process

Commissioners,

The following Commissioners will have their current terms expire at the end of the calendar year:

Ron Marinoff
Pascal Karsenti

Additionally, there is one (1) vacant alternate position with a term expiring at the end of calendar year 2023. As such, there is a total of three (2) regular commissioner seats that can be appointed for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2025 and the alternate position with a term expiring December 2025. In the event that all regular seats become filled, we would then look to fill the vacant alternate seat.

In accordance with the Commission Bylaws, District staff has posted a Notice of Appointment Opportunities to fill the positions on our various social media sites as well as our website. Incumbent Commissioners whose terms will be expiring are able and encouraged to apply for reappointment. If desired, please prepare a brief letter to the Board of Directors stating your desire to be reappointed to the Commission.

All letters of interest should be provided to the District Manager no later than December 22, 2023 to be included in the January 9, 2024 board meeting packet, at which time the Board will formally appoint Commissioners for the vacant term(s) effective January 2024.



To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From: Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: December 5, 2023

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority- (MWPA)

Mark Brown shared that there is now a working group consisting of Matthew Hymel, Dan Eilerman, Dan Schwarz, Jason Weber, Megan Acevedo and Mark Brown that will make recommendations to an ad hoc subcommittee of the Board who will make any other suggested language changes and then bring those proposed changes to the Board of Supervisors. After that, the changes will require visits to every member agency's council or board. Other changes include:

- Clean-up of language such as 17 agencies instead of 19.
- When and how an agency leaves (such as Mill Valley after the merger with Southern Marin Fire Department).
- How to onboard an agency (Tiburon and Belvedere).
- Amending the language that discusses the MWPA being disbanded if Measure C fails (since that has come and gone).
- Amending some of the startup language since we've already started up.
- Removing the Brown Act language for the ATC.
- Removing the 2% deduction from D-Space funding for the abatement fund.
- Clarifying the COC's role and responsibilities (minor wording tweaks that have caused confusion within the COC).

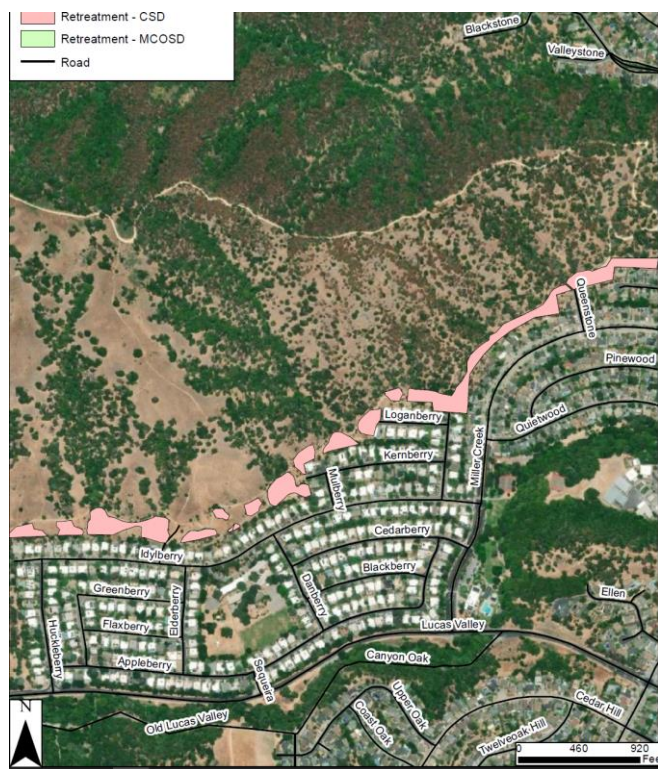
Vegetation Management Activities

Staff have been involved in an open space project that is near completion in Marinwood. Photos and maps of the project areas are also attached below for reference.

Project Summary:

During recent weeks, a contracted tree service crew has been working in Marinwood CSD open space to complete a large-scale shaded fuel break project. Crews are focusing on removing invasive species, dead debris, and potential ladder fuels within 100 feet of structures to improve the defensible space buffer between the open space and residences. Following initial treatment two years ago, 11 acres of land are being retreated to maintain the previous shaded fuel break. Additionally, 3.3 acres of Marinwood land received initial treatment to improve conditions in previously dense and overgrown areas near homes that had yet to receive work. This project provides improved defensible space for hundreds of homes in the event of a wildfire by reducing the amount of fuel near homes and improving spacing between vegetation.

It is estimated that the project will be complete within the next week. Retreatment areas are displayed in red on the maps while initial treatment areas are displayed in blue.



East



West





Before



After



Before



After

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: November 2023

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 146 emergency calls in November 2023. A little over half were for medical assistance. Engine 58 responded to two fires in San Rafael and one in Novato. On November 28th, a fire was reported in Mont Marin. Callers reported outdoor furniture on fire and E58 was first on scene. The fire was extinguished by the time E58 arrived but there was evidence of an outdoor furniture fire up against the house. E58 ensured that the fire was fully extinguished before leaving the scene.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	22	11	2	0	2	N/A	0	37
CSA 13	6	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	7
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	4	0	1	1	0	N/A	0	6
New JPA (East of 101)	34	8	4	0	1	N/A	0	47
SR Mutual Aid	9	8	2	1	2	1	0	23
MC JPA	0	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	1
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	7	8	0	1	0	9	0	25
Total number	82	37	9	3	5	10	0	146
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>56.2%</i>	<i>25.3%</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>2.1%</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>6.8%</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, 39 seconds