

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 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 April 4, 2023 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 REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 3, 2023
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
April 4, 2023

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

Present:

Commissioners: Vice-Chair Pascal Karsenti, Tom Elsbree, Ron Marinoff, John Seratt

Absent: Steve Farac, 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. Vice-Chair Karsenti 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 Seratt inquired about cost recovery efforts for emergency response calls

4. Draft Minutes of February 7, 2023 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Elsbree/Seratt to approve Draft Minutes of February 7, 2023 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Karsenti, Marinoff, Seratt. Nays: None. Absent: Farac. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: August 1, 2023

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority- (MWPA)

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

In March 2023, a Board of Directors' Strategic AdHoc Subcommittee gathered to discuss proposed strategic measures of success for Goal 1 -Vegetation Management, Goal 3 - Grants, and Goal 5 - Defensible Space. Staff presented the results of this discussion to a Working Group involved in the development of the Objectives and received their feedback. The measures of success will include metrics and targets that measure progress toward meeting objectives and goals. Once established, and data are gathered to measure success, a web-based dashboard will display MWPA's progress on the MWPA website.

PROJECT UPDATES

The first month is already complete and nearly 500 pick-ups of chipped materials occurred in the first three weeks, doubling the number of visits this year. Customer satisfaction is reportedly high. The Chipper Day program recently supported the creation of defensible space at the historic West Point Inn on Mt. Tam by removing the debris created during the firesmart landscaping efforts.

Vegetation Management Activities



Goat/ Sheep grazing has been occurring on over 170 acres of San Rafael and Marinwood Open Space for the past 2 months. Grazing has been completed off of Skyview, Idylberry (Marinwood), Robert Dollar, Grasshopper Hill (Marinwood), and Deer Valley. Work is currently being conducted on Scettrini Fire Road, McNear, Hartzell Park, and Gold Hill Grade.

A tree service contractor completed defensible space work within Marinwood open space at Grasshopper Hill and off of Ellen Drive in the end of June. This work removed invasive species, cleared dead debris, and raised tree canopies over several acres.

Countywide Training



Image at top borrowed from the July 1, 2023, article located in the Marin Independent Journal

and was shared by Marinwood Board of Director Chairperson Sivan Oyserman. This illustrates some of the invaluable training our Marinwood Fire Department members receive locally, while practicing wildfire suppression techniques at St. Vincent's on June 15 and 16, 2023 and then again on June 24th, 26th and 29th.

The prescribed burns, which consisted of about 30 acres, are part of a larger fuels management plan that complements work already completed by the Marin County Fire Department. The training involved about 120 personnel, including 80 seasonal firefighters. Trainees practiced progressive hose laying, hand line construction, tactical communications, and other essential tactical operations used during emergencies.

The burn site was deemed safe as it was surrounded by a combination of fire control lines and dirt roads which restricted the fire from spreading beyond the training area.

Public Event



On Sunday June 4, 2023, the Mont Marin/San Rafael Park Neighborhood Association, held an event from 3-5 PM at the Marinwood Park. Ice cream, popsicles, and kids' activities were available. That day was unusually warm, so the treats were a cool welcome to those in attendance. Information tables were stood up and there were representatives from Emergency Preparedness discussing the importance of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Engine 58 personnel were present (including Wills Kelly, Brian "Otis" Smith, and Captain John Papanikolaou). Supervisor Mary Sackett and Councilmember Rachel Kertz joined the festivities as well. Marin Water Representative Matt Sampson (former Marinwood Firefighter) was also on hand to greet and educate the attendees. Chief White attended and answered fire safety related questions from concerned community members.



On July 10th, Marin County Fire Department placed in service an exclusive-use helicopter (Blackhawk UH60) that will be based at Gness Field in Novato. The aircraft has an interior water tank with an 850-gallon capacity. It will be available for a fire attack for Marin and the greater region. The biggest difference between this and other firefighting aircraft is how quickly this helicopter can reach the scene. The aircraft is owned by PG&E but has been assigned exclusive use to Marin County fire agencies for firefighting operations.

Incidents



Images and Reports Courtesy of Deputy Chief Robert Sinnott (SRFD)

Nighttime Aircraft Crash at San Rafael Airport

On July 8th at approximately 10 pm, Engine 58 and San Rafael Fire Department members responded to a single-engine aircraft with two occupants on board that was attempting to land at this private airstrip. Unfortunately, the pilot misjudged the approach and collided with power lines that were located approximately 1/4 mile east of the runway. This caused the plane to crash into the marshland. Under complete darkness, fire crews on foot quickly located the wreckage and with power lines wrapped around

the plane worked to extricate the occupants. One patient was airlifted by the CHP helicopter to a trauma center. Tragically, the other person on board the aircraft died upon impact.



On July 13 at approximately 11 p.m., fire crews responded to a home on Trellis Drive where upon arriving, they found that the garage, attic, and portions of the roof were fully involved in a working fire. After confirming that all occupants were out and safe, crews quickly extinguished the fire. Unfortunately, the home sustained major damage. The cause of the fire, which appears to have started in the garage, is currently under investigation.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: July 2023

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 137 emergency calls in July 2023. A little over half of the calls for service were medical calls. Engine 58 responded to four fire related incidents, none of which were in Marinwood. One of the fire related incidents was on Cresta Way in a three story apartment complex. E58 arrived and made entry into an apartment to find a sprinkler head flowing but no signs of smoke or fire. E58 interviewed the resident and determined that a pot on stove had caught fire and activated the sprinklers. E58 along with Truck 54 worked to clear the water and ensure the

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	15	9	4	0	2	N/A	0	30
CSA 13	9	1	2	0	0	N/A	0	12
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	11	1	1	0	0	N/A	0	13
New JPA (East of 101)	35	7	2	1	1	N/A	0	46
SR Mutual Aid	8	7	1	2	0	0	0	18
MC JPA	2	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	3
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	3	10	0	1	0	1	0	15
Total number	83	36	10	4	3	1	0	137
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>60.6%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>7.3%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>0.7%</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, 38 seconds