Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority
New Marin Joint Powers Authority

Countywide Coalition

• Local fire agencies
• Cities and towns
• County of Marin

Working together as a single Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for comprehensive wildfire prevention and emergency preparedness
Informational Update & Feedback

• **Public Information:** created website, video, background documents, FAQs

• **Recent IJ Marin Voice**
  • Exemptions for churches & other properties classified under use code 61
  • Member agencies need fire and taxing authority
  • Voting weight 50-50%

• **Feedback:** 40+ informational sessions
  • Changes reviewed by working group
  • Very positive response from public and councils/boards
Response to Feedback

Principles used to make changes:
- Is it good public policy?
- Is it responsive to stakeholders?
- Can it get support of 19 agencies & Public?
- Does it help achieve the mission of the JPA?

- Expand Governing Board and Operations Committee to all 19 members
  - Approval requirement of both majority & 50% of represented population

- Provide for programmatic review every 5 years and ability to adjust program proportions
Response to Feedback

• Add a strong Citizens’ Oversight Committee
• Include “Up to” in parcel tax language
• Added 10-year sunset clause to the ballot language
• 80% return to source over 5 years (operational area)
• Local code and control remains with local agency
JPA Mission to Fund and Oversee

• **60% of the funding:**
  - Wildfire detection and evacuation system improvements
  - Vegetation management and fire hazard reduction
  - Grants, Public education and neighborhood wildfire preparedness

• **20% of the funding:**
  - Defensible space and home hardening evaluations
  - Senior & AFN grants

• **20% of the funding:**
  - Local specific wildfire prevention
JPA Oversight Structure

Board of Directors (19)

Citizens’ Oversight Committee (9)

Operations/Budget Agency Staff or Members (19)

Technical Advisory Committee (19+)
MWPA Operational Zones

5 Zones
19 Members
# Program Funding

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Structure of Parcel Tax

• Up to 0.10 per building square foot
  • Improved residential and commercial

• Multi-unit residential (3 or more units)
  • $75/unit

• Unimproved parcels
  • 0 - 0.25 acres - $25/parcel
  • 0.25 - 0.50 acres - $100/parcel
  • 0.50 and greater - $150/parcel

• Senior low-income exemption

• Annual inflation adjustment
  • Bay Area CPI with 3% cap
Mandatory Fiscal Accountability

• **Citizens’ Oversight Committee**

• **Independent Oversight**
  - Annual reporting of financials
  - Annual audits

• **Prioritized annual workplan and budget**
Potential Parcel Tax Measure

Ballot Language:

**Marin Wildfire Prevention Measure.**

To support coordinated wildfire prevention including improving early wildfire detection, warning and alerts; reducing brush and vegetation; ensuring defensible space around homes, neighborhoods and critical infrastructure; and improving disaster evacuation routes/procedures; shall the Marin Wildfire Prevention Measure, levying up to 10¢ per building square foot tax (described in the ballot pamphlet) for 10 years, providing $21,000,000 annually, with annual inflation adjustments, independent citizen oversight/audits, and low-income senior exemptions, be adopted?
Timeline and Next Steps

• **October 2019**
  • Member agencies join JPA by 10/31
  • Member agencies pass resolution requesting Board of Supervisors place parcel tax initiative on March 2020 ballot

• **November 2019**
  • Board of Supervisors considers requests to place measure on ballot 11/19

• **March 3, 2020 Election**