



MWPA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday September 24, 2020

3:00 pm

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1. Call to order.

2. Roll Call

George Kraukauer
Jim Schutz
Dan Schwarz
Jason Weber
Jim Fox
Mark Pomi

Chris Gove
Bill Tyler
Rich Shortall
Chris Tubbs
Eric Dreikosen
Alan Piombo

Kenny Stevens
Todd Cusimano
Garrett Toy
Joe Chinn
Dave Donery

3. Agenda Adjustments.

4. **Open time for public expression.** *The public is welcome to address the Operations Committee at this time on matters not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any matter not on the agenda. Comments may be no longer than three minutes*

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5. Interim Executive Officers Report – Verbal Report.

Information Only, topics to be addressed include: Marin Wildfire Status Update, COC Update, Environmental Review Update, Executive Officer appointment and transition plan, draft fall workplan

6. Consent Calendar.

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- a. Approve June 4, 2020 MWPA Operations Committee meeting minutes.
Recommendation: That the Committee approves the Consent Calendar.

7. Old Business.

a. 2020 Workplan Update.

Recommendation: The Committee receives an update on the 2020 workplan.

b. FIRESafe Marin Workplan Update.

Recommendation: The Committee receives an update on the 2020 workplan.

c. MWPA Administrative and Financial Support update.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Chief Tubbs regarding administrative and fiscal support services agreement.

8. New Business.

- a. **Evacuation Plan Study**- Selection of sub-committee to finalize RFP for Countywide Evacuation Plan. *Recommendation: Receive verbal report regarding current status of the evacuation study and select a sub-committee to work on the RFP.*
- b. **Preparation for 2021 Program of work**- Selection of sub-committee to develop processes associated with development of the 2021 workplan and engagement of the Technical Advisory Committee in the process. *Recommendation: selection of sub-committee to develop processes around the development of the 2021 workplan.*
- c. **Grant Program Options** – At the request of the Board, Operations committee prepare a report for the MWPA Board of Directors related to current and future grant programs.
Recommendation: Review grant program information, develop staff report for the MWPA Board.

9. Information Items.

10. Committee Members Request Future Agenda Items

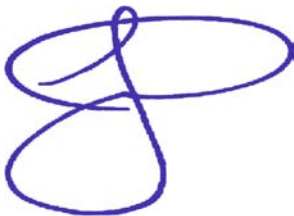
11. Adjourn.

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Jason Weber, Committee Chair

THE MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held a meeting:

3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2020

Via teleconference due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

1. Call to Order- Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed the Fire Chiefs and City/Town Managers.

2. Roll Call

Committee Member Attendance: Joe Chinn (Ross), Todd Cusimano (Corte Madera), Eric Dreikosen (Marinwood), Dave Donnery (San Anselmo), Jim Fox (Inverness Fire), Chris Gove (Muir Beach Fire), George Kraukauer (Bollinas Fire), Al Piombo (Mill Valley Fire), Mark Pomi (Kentfield Fire), Steve Rabb (Marin County Attorney), Jim Schutz (San Rafael), Dan Schwarz (Larkspur), Rich Shortall (Sleepy Hollow Fire District), Kenny Stevens (Stinson Beach Fire), Bill Tyler (Novato Fire), Garrett Toy (Fairfax), Chris Tubbs (Southern Marin Fire), Jason Weber (Marin County Fire)

Chair Weber stated the public will have an opportunity to address the committee by using the “raise your hand” function.

3. Agenda Adjustments

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. Open Time for Public Expression

Ms. Teri Thomas stated a new group has been formed called the Fire and Environment Resilience Network (FERN) which consists of a collaboration of three environmental groups- the California Native Plants Society, the Marin Audubon Society, and the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin. The mission is to incorporate natural resource protection and enhancements into the fire prevention program measures. She had three comments to make on the Project Worksheet: 1) Projects should be fleshed out in the Action Project Section including the size of the project, treatments, equipment to be used, etc.; 2) The Compliance Section should include what categorical exemptions are being assigned and if the area will be surveyed for sensitive species; 3) Success criteria should be integrated for both fire protection and natural resources.

5. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of the May 14, 2020 minutes from the MWPA Operations Committee

M/s, Donnery/Dreikosen, to approve the May 14, 2020 MWPA Operations Committee meeting minutes as submitted

Ayes: All (through a roll call vote)

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

6. Old Business

a. Operations Committee By-laws

Committee member Dreikosen stated Committee member Tubbs working with him on the By-laws. They were modeled on documents from several different agencies and include the key sections: 1) Purpose; 2) Organization; 3) Responsibility of the representatives; 4) Meetings; 5) Officers; 6) Subcommittees. They are looking for general feedback and in particular the frequency and location of regular meetings.

Committee member Tubbs stated they were unsure if this committee has the authority to approve or adopt these By-laws or if they need to be approved by the governing board. County Counsel was of the opinion that the Operations (OPS) Committee could have that authority but thought it should go before the governing board.

Committee member Dreikosen stated the Board could give authority to the Operations Committee which would speed up future amendments, etc.

Chair Weber stated they need to discuss the terms of the Chair and Vice Chair- it was originally set to run on a calendar year. However, the Board President and Vice President terms will run on a fiscal year.

Committee member Tubbs stated they decided that the Operations Committee terms would run on a calendar year and the Board would run on a fiscal year to have that overlap. He would support a change in Article 6, under "Officers", that the terms are on a calendar year and not a fiscal year.

A committee member asked if they were making a recommendation that the Board adopt the By-laws for the Operations Committee or if they were asking the Board to create the By-laws for them.

Committee member Tubbs stated County Counsel advised the Operations Committee to take the draft By-laws and forward them to the Board once they are approved by the Operations Committee. Future amendments would be done at the Operations Committee level.

Committee member Tyler asked for a clarification on the difference between a "standing" vs. "ad hoc" subcommittee and the Brown Act requirements. He thought the requirements for an ad hoc subcommittee were less restrictive. They have to make sure they do not exceed a quorum of the OPS Committee. The draft By-laws call for quarterly meetings but he thought they would need to meet more often.

Committee member Tubbs stated they did not identify how the standing or ad hoc committees would run but would look to the OPS Committee or the Board to do that.

Chair Weber stated they currently have ad hoc committees to tackle some of the early work. A more formal standing subcommittee would require an agenda, minutes, etc.

Committee member Dreikosan stated a standing subcommittee is a regular group that has continuing discussions, prepares an agenda and minutes, and holds meetings that are open to the public. Ad hoc subcommittees are required to be composed of less than a quorum and consist of committee members only (no members of the public). They are not subject to the Brown Act.

Chair Weber asked for comments on the draft By-laws that will go to the Board for a recommendation.

Committee member Dreikosan asked if there were any concerns about the quarterly meetings occurring in July, October, January, and April. There were no concerns expressed. Committee member Dreikosan asked if there were concerns about meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. There were no concerns expressed. Committee member Dreikosan discussed the possible locations including Novato, San Rafael, Central Marin, and Southern Marin. Chair Weber stated he was not sure the By-law had to include a specific location for the meetings- they could ask County Counsel.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

Mr. Stephen Keese stated they are going to be dealing with a “moving target” in terms of priorities, negotiations, etc. The wording should leave them some flexibility. Article 2, Statement of Purpose, should allow for the OPS Committee to make adjustments since things will be coming at them from all directions including the FireWise groups, etc.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

Chair Weber stated the draft would be sent to the Board for subsequent adoption.

b. Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority year one funding and budget developments

Committee member Tubbs presented the report. He stated the draft Administrative Services Agreement and Financial Support Services Agreement were in the packet. They are recommending that the OPS Committee make comments so the agreements could be forwarded to the Board for approval. They are also recommending that committee members notify the subcommittee as to their agency’s interest in providing the services associated with the agreements.

Chair Weber asked interested individuals to speak up about the Treasurer position as soon as possible. Southern Marin (Committee member Tubbs) has expressed interest.

Chair Weber referred to the Administrative Services Agreement and stated the committee should work with the Executive Officer, once that person is on board, on the best location, staffing model, etc. They need to capitalize on the fiscal side and use existing resources.

Committee member Tubbs stated one of the goals of the subcommittee was to help the agency start up as quickly as possible and address those things that will be coming up quickly relative to invoicing, payments, etc. There are some unanswered questions in terms of payroll with respect to seasonal inspectors, etc. The Executive Officer will be working on these issues with the Board.

Committee member Cusimano stated this is a critical step for the organization. He supports the appointment of Committee member Tubbs as the Treasurer. Chair Weber and another Committee member also supported Committee member Tubbs.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

Chair Weber stated he could prepare a draft agreement for the next meeting naming Southern Marin Fire Agency as the Treasurer and Fiduciary Agent/Administrative Support agent in the interim.

Chair Weber stated a Draft Budget needs to be submitted to the Board at its June 18th meeting. They could hold a Budget Workshop in the Fall to review the progress being made.

c. Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Measure C Tax Administration

Chair Weber presented a report. MBS has been retained for tax administration services. A postcard notice was sent to seniors about the senior exemption. He clarified that "single-family residences" includes condominiums and townhomes. Requests for the exemption have to be post marked by June 30th. The AB2476 postcards notifying property owners with addresses outside of Marin County are also being sent. MBS will have the tax roll to the County Tax Collector no later than August 7th.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

Mr. Stephen Keese asked how the consultant identified individuals 65 years of age or older. Chair Weber stated they mined the public data- there were 28,000 parcels that received the post card.

Ms. Pat Randolph stated she was confused since the post cards were not addressed similar to tax bills. Property can be held in a trust. Some of the post cards were addressed only to the male resident of the household.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

d. Update on Executive Officer recruitment

Committee member Pomi presented a report. Nelson Staffing has been handling the recruitment process which opened up May 15th and will run through June 10th. They have received over 50 applications and letters of interest and have started the vetting process. They will submit the top eight to ten candidates to the subcommittee along with a list of all applicants. The Board of Directors discussed the interview process at its last meeting and has yet to make a final decision. One of the items discussed by the Board was the length of the term of the contract. This could be a part of the negotiations but the Board was recommending a one to two year term. He asked if the OPS Committee would like the subcommittee to start to develop some of the base foundation of the contract.

Chair Weber stated the subcommittee could work with interested Board members to work on these issues. The position will be categorized as an “at will”, full-time employee for several years but could transition to a part-time position.

Committee member Schwarz supported a severance provision due to the “at will” nature of the position. He noted there was a lot of discussion at the Board meeting about the term of the contract. The contract should be consistent with what is done in the member agencies. Chair Weber agreed.

Committee member Pomi stated the subcommittee will present a draft at the next OPS Committee meeting.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

e. Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority 2020 Work Plan

Committee member Tyler presented a report and gave a PowerPoint presentation. He thanked Ms. Quinn Gardner of San Rafael for maintaining the spreadsheet. He stated the Work Plan spreadsheet tracks all the projects and programs in a number of different ways—area or zone, core projects, and local amounts. He received eighty one different worksheets totaling over \$8.6 million. This amount does not include any of the administrative overhead or the Evacuation Study Plan that was earlier discussed. They will need to come up with another form that would allow more detail and would take the place of the “at a glance” worksheet. Funding categories include: 1) Core programmatic areas (evacuation, notification, vegetation management, grants for public education); 2) Defensible space and home hardening; 3) Local concern. Some of the duplicate worksheet include a program for Chipper Days, which could be funded through FireSafe Marin, and educational materials. He would like to add the Evacuation Plan Study back in with a dollar amount. The environmental/ecological compliance

issues will be the trickiest. All the vegetation management plans need to be California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliant. He briefly discussed the environmental review process and the various CEQA categorical exemptions. There is strong support from the environmental groups who want to make sure projects are done in an ecologically sensitive way. He recommended that whatever group is making final recommendations has representation from each of the four zones.

Chair Weber noted there was a difference between environmental compliance and best practices.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

Committee member Shortall clarified that the FireSafe Marin proposal does not include managing the grant program for low-income and seniors. This is something that the MWPA should manage. He would be happy to serve on the subcommittee. The amount under Public Education should be reduced by \$12,500 and the Red Flag Warning Project should be moved over to Alert and Warning. He discussed avoiding duplication of efforts and stated they have done a lot of planning around Chipper Days.

Chair Weber stated the budget will need to drive the Work Plan in Year One.

Committee member Dreikosen referred to CEQA exemptions and noted this could be tricky given there were different jurisdictions that could take the lead on projects. This is especially true in the open space areas where they will need to work in collaboration.

Committee member White referred to the increase in pricing with respect to the Chipper Day Program and stated he was concerned about the limited resources/personnel for this type of work. The JPA might want to think about purchasing the equipment and doing the work themselves instead of contracting it out. It could be more cost-effective.

Committee member Shortall agreed that they need to discuss the most economical way to provide the Chipper Day Program. They are very popular and valuable to the community.

Committee member Chinn had questions about the Countywide Evacuation Plan and Routes Project. The plan should be sent to all the OPS Committee members since there are refinements that need to be made before it goes to the Board.

Committee member Toy asked about the start date and how to coordinate local Chipper Days. Committee member Shortall stated they are doing pre-planning and they will be up and ready to go soon. The hope is that the Board would approve the plan at its next meeting. The chipping contractors are ready to start at the end of June. They plan to start the program in the Ross Valley and then expand it to the rest of the County.

Committee member White asked if they have a plan for multiple zones or all the zones. Committee member Shortall stated they have a plan for all zones with the first pass being in the FireWise sites. These seventy sites are fairly well distributed throughout the County. The second pass would include two days for each of the seventeen jurisdictions. The only complication is timing. They would start in June and “chip” until the middle of September.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

Chair Weber stated the Finance Subcommittee will continue to work with the Work Plan Subcommittee. He noted 40% of the funds are committed by JPA language- 20% local and 20% defensible space.

Committee member Tyler stated the Work Plan is a “work in progress” and will change depending on the findings of the Finance Subcommittee.

f. Citizens Oversight Committee

Chair Weber presented the report and thanked the Citizens’ for Wildfire Preparedness group for their assistance. The subcommittee has been working on the application process and he noted the draft application will be posted on the MWPA Website. The Board would be making the ultimate selection.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments or questions from the OPS Committee.

7. New Business

There were no items.

8. Committee Reports

There were no reports.

9. Financial Report

There were no reports.

10. Informational Items

- a. Board approved alternates to the Board of Directors, Operations Committee and Technical Advisory Committee

Chair Weber presented a report and asked committee members to send the names of the alternates so he could add them to the email list.

- b. Identify staff person(s) to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee to forward to the Board for appointment

Chair Weber presented a report and asked member agencies to send him those recommended names.

11. OPS Members Request Future Agenda Items

Chair Weber stated the issue of securing counsel was previously discussed and he sent out several bids. He asked for recommendations.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

Mr. Stephen Keese asked committee members to include the name of his or her jurisdiction on the screen when signing in.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

12. Adjournment- Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis,
Recording Secretary



MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

For the Meeting of September 24, 2020

To: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Operations Committee
From: Jason Weber
Subject: Update on 2020 Workplan

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive verbal report on 2020 workplan, agencies provide update on status and changes.

BACKGROUND:

The 2020 workplan was approved by the MWPA Board on June 18, 2020. The Operations Committee worked with the 17 member agencies to develop the 2020 workplan. The vast majority of the workplan consists of projects and programs within the two 20% funding allocations of Local Wildfire Prevention / Mitigation and Defensible Space. To ensure that defensible space evaluations could be conducted this year all agencies have opted to manage this program internally with funding from MWPA. The Local Prevention/Mitigation funds are discretionary to the member agency but must align with the voter initiative. The workplan also consists of Countywide benefit programs such as public education, chipper days, evacuation planning and alert and warning enhancements.

The attached spreadsheet is to provide the Operations Committee, the MWPA Board and the public an update on status of projects. It is important to note, this was approved for fiscal year 2020-21 starting July 1, 2020. Within six weeks of the FY start the largest fire siege in California history has consumed substantial time of fire personnel. Additionally, City/Town Managers have been heavily consumed with COVID-19 challenges. It should also be noted funding from the MWPA for local projects will not be available until after December. Some projects are in planning phases and will be ready to launch when funding is made available. Projects in planning phases include scoping of project(s), environmental compliance and bidding.

As a public service agency, dedicated to the safety of our community, agency staff and volunteers, the MWPA has outlined the following as recommended guiding principles and overall operational intent while developing the 2020 workplan:

- Public Safety and Risk Reduction
- Transparent and effective use of public funds
- Coordination and collaboration among agencies and residents
- Incentivize voluntary compliance through education and support before fines and penalties
- Ecologically sound practices

- Social and environmental equity



FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the 2020 MWPA workplan is \$10,835,280. Broken down by funding area Defensible Space \$3,865,140 Local Wildfire Prevention/Mitigation \$3,865,140 and Core \$2,255,000.

Project ID	Item	Description	NTE Cost	Project Status	
NOV	NOV-2020-D01	Certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (CWMS)	Up to six, certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (CWMS) contracted, trained, and equipped to perform Structural Ignitability and Defensible Space Evaluations; Parcel by parcel to provide quality evaluations of fire hazards on all parcels areas in Novato (North Zone). WMS hired under full time, limited term contracts to work year round to assess and record existing conditions, writes prescriptions for each parcel, and provides written evaluations, and face to face education based remedies to property owners.	\$ 900,000.00	One WMS and one WMS Supervisor currently hired. Four WMS in backgrounds, expected start date of 10/1/20. Hardware and vehicles for additional staff being procured. Since 10/11/2019, 1,717 roadside assessments and 98 full assessments have been conducted with private residents and HOA's Hardware and vehicles for additional staff being procured.
		Vehicles	1 per WMS		
		Hardware	iPad, iPhone, Radio, work station, printer		
SRN	SRN-2020-D01	Expanded Defensible Space Program	6 seasonal/part time inspectors supported by two full time, fixed term positions to expand program in San Rafael and Marinwood for 2020 Season. Includes hardware, software, and vehicles.	\$ 420,000	Six Seasonal Staff hired and inspections in progress (over 2,000 completed as of 9/18/20)
SRN	SRN-2020-D02	Chipper	Leased chipper to support fuel reduction work	\$ 30,000	Project in planning phase
MRN	MRN-2020-D01	Seasonal Inspectors	MCFD/RVFD hires a seasonal lead inspector and 20+ seasonal inspectors to implement a centralized program for the MWPA. Central Marin Fire, Kentfield Fire, Ross Valley Fire, Marin County Fire, Bolinas FPD, Stinson, Muir Beach (limited)	\$ 600,000	Over 12,000 inspections/evaluations completed additional in progress -- program cost apportionment between departments
CMD	CMD-2020-D01	Action/Project Defensible Space & Home Hardening Evaluations/Inspections	Partnering with MCFD/RVFD to hire a seasonal lead inspector and 20+ seasonal inspectors to implement a centralized program for the MWPA. The inspectors will be evaluating 1800 homes within Corte Madera and Larkspur.	\$ 365,000	~1800 evaluations completed June-July in CMD zone with MWPA inspectors, Hazard Mitigation Specialist hired 7/1/2020, project continues to be in progress as of 9/10/2020
MVFD	MVFD-2020-E0001	MVFD Certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (CWMS) & Code Enforcement Officer	New staff of 1 full-time and 1 part - time Certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (CWMS) and Code Enforcement Officer contracted, trained, and equipped to perform Structural Ignitability and Defensible Space Evaluations;	\$ 210,000	Position development and job description has been completed we are now moving into the hiring phase of the process
SMFD	SMFD-2020-E0001	SMFD Certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (CWMS)	Up to 4 Certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (CWMS) contracted, trained, and equipped to perform Structural Ignitability and Defensible Space Evaluations;	\$ 400,000	Position development and job description has been completed we are now moving into the hiring phase of the process
NOV	NOV-2020-L01	FIRECLEAR Public Evacuation Map Printing and Mailing	Printing, materials, and other production costs for mailing and distribution of public evacuation mapping in Novato.	\$ 60,000	Fire evacuation maps are complete. Examples of the map and instructions on where to find specific neighborhood evacuation routes were sent out to 27,000 residents. 2000 more are being reprinted in Spanish and given to targeted neighborhoods as well as being placed on NFD website.
NOV	NOV-2020-L02	NOAA Hazard Radios	The Marin County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to include their NOAA weather radio system as part of the County's alert and warning system. NFD proposes to distribute 10,000 radios strategically throughout the North Zone. The radios are capable of delivering Alert Marin messages related to large events to areas with no cell coverage and during Power Safety shutoffs.	\$ 31,000	Intent to make bulk purchase. In progress and test planned for late October.
NOV	NOV-2020-L03	Wildfire Structure Ignitability Mitigation Initiative	50/50 match, not to exceed \$2.5K per grant. Use limited to ignition resistant construction features including but not limited to roof, siding, vents, eaves, windows, decks, gutters, doors.	\$ 400,000	Grant program in place and available to residents. 50/50 match, not to exceed \$2,500 per grant.
NOV	NOV-2020-L04	Vegetation Management Grants	Fire Prone Plant Removal in defensible space areas on private property, VMP creations, Replacement & Replanting	\$ 100,000	Grant program in place. Actively being used. Completed 55 grants since June.
NOV	NOV-2020-L05	Shaded Fuel Break at Marin Highland	Marin Highland Park: Shaded fuel break and home ignition zone assessments benefitting 275 homes	\$ 63,000	WRA environmental consultants under contract. Starting environmental compliance (CEQA) assessment shortly.
NOV	NOV-2020-L06	Shaded Fuel Break near Seventh and Carmel	Seventh and Carmel Area shaded fuel Break and Home ignition zone benefitting 60 homes and 20 apartment complexes	\$ 27,000	Awaiting CEQA assessment
NOV	NOV-2020-L07	Fuel Break at Kathleen Dr.	Kathleen Drive/Michelle Circle : Fuel Break & Home Ignition Zone Assessments for 56 homes and Pleasant Valley Community	\$ 6,800	Awaiting CEQA assessment
NOV	NOV-2020-L08	Shaded Fuel Break and Ignacio Valley	Ignacio Valley: Shaded fuel break and home ignition zone assessments for 325 ridgetop homes	\$ 43,000	Awaiting CEQA assessment
NOV	NOV-2020-L09	Chipper Days	Assist residents and businesses in maintain defensible area around structures year round. Coordinated with and expands on FSM program.	\$ 100,000	Year to date, 14 neighborhoods have been provided with curbside chipper days.
MRW	MRW-2020-L01	Goat Grazing in Marinwood	Goats grazing for fuel reduction in around Ellen Drive and Idylberry	\$ 15,000	2020 seasonal work completed
MRW	MRW-2020-L02	Marinwood Vegetation Management Program	Establish defensible space and fuel breaks around Marinwood properties, in addition to improved evacuation routes.	\$ 49,000	Project is underway and work has begun
SNR	SNR-2020-L01	Open Space Rangers	Additional staff to monitor and prevent ignitions in open space	\$ 300,000	Positions filled and work in progress.
SNR	SNR-2020-L02	Community Disaster Preparedness Specialist	Full time, fixed term specialist to work with communities on evacuation planning, neighborhood response groups, and preparedness education.	\$ 100,000	Position has been filled (9/16/20) with a Wildfire Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness Specialist
SNR	SNR-2020-L03	FIREClear Evacuation Maps	Print, mail, and publicize FireClear Evacuation maps	\$ 65,000	Project is underway and work has begun
SNR	SNR-2020-L04	Vegetation Management Projects	Vegetation removal on City owned land to create defensible space and shaded fuel breaks. Includes direct support for qualifying property owners. Cost includes planning, labor, tools and disposal.	\$ 155,000	Project is underway and work has begun

SNR	SNR-2020-L05	Evacuation Route Improvement	Work with City Master Contracts to hire Vendors to remove fuel along priority evacuation routes and install parking boxes as needed	\$ 175,000	Project in planning phase
SNR	SNR-2020-L06	Goat Grazing in San Rafael	Graze strategic areas and create buffer zones in City Open Space and remove flash fuels.	\$ 100,000	2020 seasonal work completed
SNR	SNR-2020-L07	Example Garden a B street	Finish clearing and plant fire smart landscape and educational signage a 618 B Street	\$ 25,000	Project in planning phase
SNR	SNR-2020-L08	Public Education and Outreach	To include "work in progress signs" mailers, flyers, website materials, etc.	\$ 50,000	Project in planning phase
CMD	CMD-2020-L01	Evacuation Route and Shaded Fuel Break – Palm Hill	Remove dense and ground vegetation to enhance evacuation routes and defensible space surrounding 262 homes. Benefits the Palm Hill community, City of Larkspur, and the Town of Corte Madera	\$120,000	Project in planning phase
CMD	CMD-2020-L02	Evacuation Route and Shaded Fuel Break – Blue Rock	Remove dense and ground vegetation to enhance evacuation routes and defensible space surrounding 368 homes. Benefits the Blue Rock community, City of Larkspur, and Marin County Open Space	\$140,000	Project in planning phase
CMD	CMD-2020-L03	Evacuation Route and Shaded Fuel Break– Corte Madera Ave Area	Remove dense and ground vegetation to enhance primary evacuation routes and defensible space surrounding 195 properties and all of Christmas Tree Hill	\$100,000	Project in planning phase
KNT	KNT-2020-L01	Crown and Woodland Fire Road Improvement	Remove ground vegetation and ladder fuels on, adjacent and above fire access road to enhance fire service access, connectivity to fire road system, evacuation routes and provides improved defensible space.	\$10,000	Project in planning phase
KNT	KNT-2020-L02	Evergreen Fire Road Improvement	Remove ground vegetation and ladder fuels on, adjacent and above fire access road to enhance fire service access, connectivity to fire road system, evacuation routes and provides improved defensible space.	\$10,000	Project in planning phase
KNT	KNT-2020-L03	Rancheria Fire Road Improvement	Remove ground vegetation and ladder fuels on, adjacent and above fire access road to enhance fire service access, connectivity to fire road system, evacuation routes and provides improved defensible space.	\$10,000	Project in planning phase
KNT	KNT-2020-L04	Ridgecrest/Skylark Fire Road	Remove ground vegetation and ladder fuels on, adjacent and above fire access road to enhance fire service access, connectivity to fire road system, evacuation routes and provides improved defensible space.	\$15,000	Project in Planning phase
KNT	KNT-2020-L05	Woodland Fire Road Improvement	Remove ground vegetation and ladder fuels on, adjacent and above fire access road to enhance fire service access, connectivity to fire road system, evacuation routes and provides improved defensible space.	\$2,000	Project in planning phase
KNT	KNT-2020-L06	Greenbrae Evacuation Route Improvements	What this meansRemove ground vegetation and ladder fuels on, adjacent and above emergency evacuation routes to enhance fire service access, connectivity to fire road system, evacuation routes and provide improved defensible space.	\$52,000	Project in planning phase
SHFPD	SHFPD-2020-L01	Hazardous Vegetation Removal Grant Program for Sleepy Hollow	Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District residents will be offered up to \$3000 through a grant program to remove hazardous vegetation from their property.	\$38,000	adjusted and confirmed - grant program underway
Fairfax	Fairfax- 2020-L01	Fairfax Vegetation Management Program – RVFD Central Zone	Combination of roadside veg removal, small parcel flammable plant removal for defensible space and to improve access and egress for public and first responders, address veg maintenance on vacant or shared local open space parcels. Includes the ability to assist residents or seniors with veg removal.	\$80,000	Acquiring bids - adjusted and confirmed
Ross	Ross-2020-L01	Town of Ross Vegetation Management Program	Combination of roadside veg removal, small parcel flammable plant removal for defensible space and to improve access and egress for public and first responders, address veg maintenance on vacant or shared local open space parcels. Includes the ability to assist residents or seniors with veg removal.	\$47,000	Contractor selected work will begin shortly approx. 15 days of work for phase 1.
San Anselmo	San Anselmo - 2020-L01	San Anselmo Vegetation Management Program	Combination of roadside veg removal, small parcel flammable plant removal for defensible space and to improve access and egress for public and first responders, address veg maintenance on vacant or shared local open space parcels. Includes the ability to assist residents or seniors with veg removal.	\$150,000	Projects in planning phase
SMFD	SMFD-2020-L01	Expansion of Existing Notification System	Installation of 3 additional long-range acoustical device notification devices that will expand on the existing system in Mill Valley that serves the Southern Marin region. Locations are South Sausalito (City Park-Cloudview), Strawberry #2) SMFD Station 9), and Tam Valley #3 (SMFD Station 4)	\$410,000	engineering design and associated costs and it is estimated that \$410K will be needed to fund these three (3) fully deployed sites as proposed
MVFD	MVFD-2020-L01	Enhancement and expansion of existing fuel reduction programs	Community Chipper Programs, Paved Road Fuel Reductions, Hazardous Tree Removal and Steps, Lanes, & Paths Enhancements around the City of Mill Valley. Estimates of up to 250 tons of hazardous vegetation will be removed.	\$233,000	Projects are underway and work has begun
SNB	SNB-2020-L01	Chipper Days-Stinson Beach	3 chipper days for residents within SBFPD to promote defensible space	\$6,300	Project completed
MRN	MRN-2020-L01	Cedars Central Campus defensible space and egress improvements	Remove hazardous vegetation for defensible space, access and egress for care facility.	\$30,000	Bids obtained - just need to award -all immediate dspace exempt from compliance.
MRN	MRN-2020-L02	Seahaven Fuel Break	Seahaven Community: fuelbreak and defensible space behind homes	\$30,000	Compliance completed by State Parks, field trip to coordinate prescription with State Parks and other planned after fire season.
MRN	MRN-2020-L03	MCFD Chipping Program	Chipping capability for residents, vacant lots, seniors, roadside community work etc.	\$170,000	Planning phase
MRN	MRN-2020-L04	Senior Assistance Defensible Space Program	Provide funds for seniors & AFN who are physically and financially unable to perform their defensible space immediately around their	\$30,000	residents with seniors have been identified contractors are being solicited
MRN	MRN-2020-L05	Big Rock Ridge/H Ranch Fuelbreak	Maintenance and expansion of older ridgetop fuelbreak – strategically placed treatment of chaparral on H Ranch to creates a catchers mit for containing large fires spreading from urban areas of Novato into Lucas Valley areas. Primary treatment will be prescribed fire.	\$30,000	Compliance completed and on file with the County. Burn Plans, Smoke Mgt plans being started once personnel return from fire assignments.
MRN	MRN-2020-L06	Golden Gate Village Defensible Space – Marin City	Maintenance of vegetation behind residents – includes removal of live and dead down material at residential property lines extending onto wildlands bordering community.	\$30,000	Need to obtain bids once fire personnel are available.
BOL	BOL-2020-L02	Bolinas Community Chipper Days	Provide “curbside” drop off opportunity of hazardous fuels to be chipped and left or hauled away in order to Provide defensible space clearing for each property in the Bolinas Fire Protection District	\$10,000	Complete
BOL	BOL-2020-L01	Bolinas Evacuation Route Improvements	Maintain and increase clearance of hazardous fuels along unincorporated roadways in BFPD to allow egress for residents and access for emergency vehicles in case of a wildfire.	\$10,000	In progress 75% complete
MBCSD	MBCSD-2020-L01	Muir Beach Chipping	Chipper days for residents to improve defensible space	\$5,900	In progress
INV	INV-2020-L01	Inverness Fire District	Evacuation Route improvement and hazardous fuel reduction	\$19,900	Planning phase

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SNB-2020-L01	Stinson Beach Vegetation Management	Resident chipper days and vegetation removal in strategic areas	\$25,000	initiated second round of chipper days
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SAN RAFAEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To: Bruce Goines, President, MWPA

From: Darin White, Fire Chief, SRFD

Date : September 17, 2020

Re : MWPA Acquisitions

The City of Rafael, still within the anticipated local fund allocation, would like to notify the MWPA Board of the intent of additional projects aligned with the mission of the MWPA. San Rafael will be installing Hi-Lo audible alert in Police vehicles, purchasing a plotter, and purchasing weed pullers. The total anticipated costs of these additional MWPA expenditures will not exceed \$25,000 and fall within the local San Rafael allotment of MWPA tax revenue.

Senate Bill 909 was passed on September 2, effective immediately. It authorizes the use of a Hi-lo audible warning siren to be used solely for the purpose of notifying the public of an immediate need to evacuate. These sirens will be installed in 9 older, marked police patrol cars and one marked four-wheel drive vehicle. These vehicles' original systems do not accommodate reprogramming and therefore must be retrofitted to use the new Hi-lo systems, a project that would prove cost prohibitive without MWPA funding. The total cost to retrofit the Police vehicles is approximately \$10,000.

The plotter will benefit evacuation planning and the defensible space program by providing the San Rafael and Marinwood Fire Departments the capability to print large maps. These maps will support planning and outreach efforts. Without the plotter, internal printing capabilities would continue to be limited, hampering wildfire mitigation efforts. The initial plotter purchase is estimated to be approximately \$10,000.

Lastly, to support fuel reduction efforts through volunteer programs, partnerships with AmeriCorps and to establish a tool lending library, the City will purchase weed pullers. These pullers support the effective removal of invasive species such as Scotch and French Broom. The purchase, labeling, and shipping of 30 pullers will not exceed \$5,000.

All are new projects, aligned with the core mission of the MWPA and rely on the availability of MWPA funding.

Respectfully,

Darin White

Fire Chief

"Our Mission...is to help"



MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

For the Meeting of September 24, 2020

To: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Operations Committee
From: Rich Shortall
Subject: Update from FIRESafe Marin on projects/programs

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report from FIRESafe Marin on MWPA supported projects and programs

BACKGROUND:

FIRESafe Marin has been contracted to provide a variety of services and programs for MWPA. Attached is an update on those programs/projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for FIRESafe Marin have been allocated in the FY20-21 budget.

MWPA Project Update September 2020

Monthly Webinars FSM-2020-C01 Our second webinar featured Central Marin Fire Battalion Chief Todd Lando and Professor Shannamar Dewey. Due to the many wildfires we have been experiencing, we made a last minute decision to change the topic to How to Survive a Wildfire focusing largely on alerting systems and evacuation. We had 500 attendees for the live zoom session (the maximum our license allows) and an additional 300 on the live Facebook feed. We received 141 questions from audience and either responded during the live event or the Q&A feature of our webpage. The presentation was live streamed on CMCTV and rebroadcast by both CMCTV and Novato Community TV. The video has been viewed over 2000 times on the FIRESafe MARIN YouTube Channel. The event was extensively advertised by our many partner agencies and was sent throughout the state by the California Fire Safe Council.

Our next webinar on September 25 will feature FSM Firewise Liaison John Hanson and Ecologically Sound Practices organizer Belle Cole discussing community organizing for fire safety and the importance of using best practices for fire projects to protect and enhance our environment. You can expect to see better webinar quality as we improve our production and technical capabilities.

5 Community Wildfire Protection Workshops 5 (1 in each zone) FSM-2020-C02 Annual workshop for Landscape Professionals FSM-2020-C03 Annual Workshop for Home Hardening Contractors FSM-2020-C04 These workshops are now targeted for next spring. It is still unclear if these workshops will be held in person. If not, we will create a series of instructional videos focusing on practical applications of methods for both fire smart landscaping and home hardening.

Prevention and Preparedness in schools "Get Ready Fifth Grade"FSM-2020-C05 We are working with staff from the Marin County Board of Education to include fire safety materials in the "Get Ready 5th Grade" program. We have created a draft of an interactive course that can be delivered on line by teachers. We have further meetings scheduled with curriculum development personnel.

Prepare Educational materials such as brochures and handouts FSM-2020-C06 We continue to distribute our educational materials. We are reviewing our catalogue for needed updates and revisions. We plan to launch a pilot project with Central Marin Fire that will make available to fire inspectors warning signs and stickers for homeowners related to under deck storage and maintenance.

Develop Spanish language training and educational materials FSM-2020-C07 We have posted links to Spanish language wildfire preparedness videos and downloadable educational content on our website. We will be creating a new Spanish language training video and accompanying written materials to support the Red Flag warning project.

Support Wildfire Mitigation Specialists FSM-2020-C08 Many of the Defensible Space Inspectors are handing out our “Homeowners Guide to Wildfire Preparedness.” We plan to develop a set of FAQ's and additional materials based on the feedback they are receiving from the public. An example is the pilot project under deck storage warning sticker program previously described. Defensible space inspectors have been recommending that homeowners cover wood piles with fire resistant tarps. As a result, FIRESafe MARIN has received many inquiries from homeowners about the type of tarp that should be purchased. There is not currently a reliable fire resistant rating system in place so FSM will be doing flame testing on several types of tarps to guide us on making recommendations.

Monthly Firewise online Community Meetings FSM-2020-C09 Last month's meeting featured a presentation on proposed insurance bills AB2167 and SB292. The Firewise leaders' group was unanimous in deciding to oppose the bills. After the meeting we communicated that decision to Chief Bill Tyler and FSM President Jim Chayka. Chief Tyler brought the issue to the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association which also voted to oppose. The issue is now moot because the bills were gutted and amended to become studies only. We continue to routinely participate in local Firewise meetings.

Staff to support Firewise sites with technical and direct support FSM-2020-C10 Our Firewise metrics project which measures the organizational effectiveness of each site is nearing completion. We have learned that the chief issue for many is a lack of contact information for residents. We have ordered 5000 new door hangers which will be distributed to Firewise leaders. One side of the door hangers solicits contact information while the other side has fire pre-planning and evacuation information. These can be placed at homes even during the COVID epidemic

Maintain current and comprehensive website library of resources FSM-2020-C11 We continue to upgrade our website to make it more user friendly. The

website is very popular, and we receive questions about sharing our content from fire councils throughout the State.

Educational video- creation and distribution FSM-2020-C12 Our latest video production was filmed in Inverness during the height of the Woodward Fire. Central Marin Fire Battalion Chief Todd Lando, FIRESafe MARIN staff and a work crew from Youth-2-Work assisted several homeowners to make several last minute fire safety improvements prior to receiving an evacuation warning. This included removing vegetation, clearing flammable materials in Zone 0, covering vents, etc. The video is still being edited.

Respond to resident inquiries and requests in timely manner FSM-2020-C13 We continue to provide same day response to virtually every request for information. Volume has increased substantially due to the fires and inquiries following defensible space inspections.

Prepare and distribute monthly newsletter FSM-2020-C14 We added 500 new subscribers last month bringing the total to 4500. Newsletters are typically sent out on the second Tuesday of each month. Our average open rate click throughs are extremely high. We continue to expand or partner list with furthers our reach through referrals.

Prepare articles for print media: Marin IJ, Pacific Sun FSM-2020-C15 We submitted a press release to the Point Reyes Light newspaper related to emergency chipper work that we did in West Marin. We worked with Marin Art & Gardens to have a piece placed in their newsletter and we are reaching out to other organizations with large newsletter distribution to place articles or referrals.

Fire Smart demonstration gardens throughout the County FSM-2020-C1 We expect to get started on the planning for this project with UC Marin Master Gardeners later in the fall.

NOAA Weather Radios FSM-2020-C17 We will begin meeting with stakeholders on this project later this month.

Countywide chipper program FSM-2020- C18 This is our most popular program and a high visibility project for the MWPA. All residents enroll through a webpage that identifies the MWPA as the source of funding and the chipper trucks have signs stating the same. As of September 3, 2020, we

have made 1022 curbside pickups, removed 5151 cubic yards of un chipped material and taken 1175 yards of chipped material to Marin Resource Recovery and West Marin Compost.

During the wildfires, we diverted our chipping crews to Inverness for several days to provide extra assistance to homeowners who were removing a great deal of material to create defensible space in advance of the wildfires. Residents were very grateful. As a result of the wildfires, demand for the program has increased substantially. We would like to extend the program through November, but we would require additional funding from the MWPA.

Alert and Warning via Red Flag Warning signs FSM-2020-C19 We have had several meetings with stakeholders including fire agencies from each of the 5 major zones, Firewise leaders, Marin County Open Space, Marin Municipal Water District and China Camp. The group has now agreed to a common language and design sign design/layout. Several sign display options have been approved including A frames, mounted flip signs, etc. Protocols have been developed that empower Marin's fire chiefs to determine when signs should be displayed. Standards of accountability have been adopted so that we can track whether signs have actually been deployed and when they are picked up. We hope to shortly place our first order for signs as part of a pilot project to test the effectiveness of the program. We will next work on developing an educational campaign to support the language including Spanish language materials.

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MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

For the Meeting of September 24, 2020

To: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Operations Committee
From: Jason Weber
Subject: Evacuation Planning Study

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and update from Battalion Chief Todd Lando regarding the evacuation planning study. Select an ad-hoc committee to work on the RFP.

BACKGROUND:

Multiple Fire Agencies and FIREsafe Marin worked with the Marin County Department of Public works on a CAL-Trans grant to provide a study/product that would help identify the greatest challenges faced with evacuations. The study was to include recommendations for mitigation such as parking, traffic flow, vegetation management and alert and warning enhancements. The grant was not awarded to Marin.

This evacuation study will be used to guide and prioritize projects and programs of the MWPA and is a critical foundational element. The original grant application will serve as a foundation for the development of an RFP and ultimately a contractor or contractors (public and/or private) will be selected to develop this plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct cost to the MWPA for preparing the RFP. Awarding of the project will go before the MWPA Board.



MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

For the Meeting of September 24, 2020

To: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Operations Committee
From: Jason Weber
Subject: 2021 Workplan Development Process

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and Select an ad hoc committee to develop the process in which the 2021 workplan will be established.

BACKGROUND:

The 2020 workplan predominantly consisted of Local Wildfire Mitigation funding and projects. This allowed the MWPA to rapidly start critical projects and programs while utilizing “Core” funds to ensure adequate cash flow existed for future years. The 2021 workplan will consist of projects identified by member agencies in the Local Wildfire Mitigation, Defensible Space as well as projects from the Core. The development of the 2021 workplan must ensure projects and programs are prioritized, balanced between the 5 geographical areas and ensure coordination amongst member agencies. The Technical Advisory Committee will be highly engaged with agency stakeholders including the Ecologically Sound Practices group, land management agencies and others. Developing a process, timelines and responsibilities will be critical to placing the 2021 workplan before the MWPA Board for adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct cost to the MWPA for preparing the process to develop the 2021 workplan.



MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

For the Meeting of September 24, 2020

To: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Operations Committee

From: Jason Weber

Subject: MWPA Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on the work that was done by the grant ad hoc committee, discuss and refine as needed to return to the MWPA Board for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

At the request of the MWPA Board on 9/17/20 the Operations Committee was asked to prepare a report for the Boards consideration related to options for MWPA grants. Earlier this year the Operations Committee selected an ad hoc committee to explore grant options for MWPA. After consideration of grant options, ability to manage grants without any MWPA staff and limited funding in year one, the issue was tabled for consideration later in the fiscal year. Additionally, agencies have/had the discretion to utilize Local Wildfire Mitigation funding (their 20%) to create their own grant programs. Some member agencies have included local matching grants as part of their Local Wildfire Mitigation program (see 2020 workplan status). Attached is the proposed grant program that was developed by the ad hoc committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct cost related to this update on an MWPA grant program.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND HOME HARDENING GRANT PROGRAM

The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority is committed to reducing the threat of wildfire in our community. The Defensible Space And Home Hardening Grant Program was created to help low-income seniors and people with disabilities and access functional needs (AFN) conform to defensible space best practices. Defensible Space is the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified and/or maintained in a way that significantly reduces fire fuel loads and the wildfire threat and provides an opportunity for firefighters to more effectively defend the house. If you are physically and financially unable to maintain the state-mandated 100' of defensible space around your home, our Program may help.

The following eligible activities are examples of ways to create defensible space:

- ⤴ Get a free evaluation from your local fire agency, with a prescription for actions to reduce hazards
- ⤴ Create a conforming vegetation management plan from a landscape professional
- ⤴ Remove and replace combustible mulches
- ⤴ Removal of dead and down brush and woody debris;
- ⤴ Removal of fire prone plants
- ⤴ Mowing annual dry grasses to a height of not more than 3”;
- ⤴ “Limb up” trees that are within 100 feet of a structure;
- ⤴ Replanting to create a fire resistant landscape

Home hardening projects such as these examples are also eligible for reimbursement:

- ⤴ Replacement of windows with dual-pane, tempered glass
- ⤴ Installation of non-combustible ember-resistant vent screens and/or chimney spark arrestors;
- ⤴ Installation of fire resistant gutter screens.

Eligibility:

- ⤴ Must be over 65 or is a person with a disability making it impossible for you to do the clean-up work yourself.
- ⤴ Must be the owner and occupy the house
- ⤴ Must be deemed financially unable to hire a contractor

Income Requirements

Up to \$1000 is available for:

- ⤴ One-person household: Income is less than \$36,550 (annually)
- ⤴ Two-person household: Income is less than \$41,800 (annually)

Up \$1000 is available with a required match of 50%:

- ⤴ One-person household: Income is less than \$60,900 (annually)
- ⤴ Two-person household: Income is less than \$69,500(annually)

Please follow the link to the online form to sign up for the program. If you do not have internet access, please call the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority at _____ for assistance.

Notes:

- ⤴ Grant money is allocated from the annual budget dependent upon the annual approved fiscal budget and is subject to change without notice.
- ⤴ In Fiscal Year 20-21 \$400,000 is available for the grant program
- ⤴ Grants are awarded through a competitive process. Neediest households will have first priority.
- ⤴ Grant funds will be distributed equitably across the five MWPA zones
- ⤴ Homeowners are responsible for hiring a contractor.