

THE MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held a meeting:

3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 3, 2020

Via teleconference due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

1. Call to Order- Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Committee Members Absent: Kenny Stevens (Stinson Beach), Chris Gove (Muir Beach)

Staff Attendance: Executive Officer Mark Brown

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

There were no comments.

5. Executive Officer’s Report

Executive Officer Brown presented a staff report and discussed the following: 1) Executive Committee meeting; 2) Position description for Planning and Program Manager; 3) Board Retreat; 4) Upcoming Finance Committee meeting; 5) Citizen’s Oversight Committee meeting; 6) Award for Grand Jury Report: *Wildfire Preparedness: A New Approach*; 7) Environmental Review and CEQA Compliance Subcommittee and Request for Proposal (RFP).

Executive Officer Brown answered questions from the committee

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

Mr. Stephen Keese asked if the OPS Committee would be participating in the Board retreat. Executive Officer Brown stated “no”.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

6. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve September 24, 2020 MWPA Operations Committee meeting minutes

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

M/s, Tyler/Piombo, to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

Ayes: All, with one member abstaining.

7. Old Business

- a. Evacuation Plan Study

Chair Weber presented the staff report.

Executive Officer Brown stated the timeline for review by the committee has been extended. Chair Weber stated comments should be submitted by December 20th.

Chair Weber and Executive Officer Brown answered questions from the committee.

Ms. Charlotte Germaine, consultant, stated she helped develop and draft the Request for Qualifications (RFQ)/Request for Proposal (RFP). She answered questions from the committee.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

- b. Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Chief Weber presented the staff report. He thanked Ms. Kristy Neal, Marin County Fire, for drafting the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), and Ms. Tammy Lavezzo from Sonoma Technology Inc. (STI).

Ms. Neal gave a PowerPoint presentation. She answered questions from the committee.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

Mr. Stephen Keese thanked the committee for the update and the excellent pioneering work. He referred to the map displaying the wooden roofs and asked if they had any mechanism for using aerial photographs. He asked if other groups could assist in gathering this data. Ms. Neal stated there could be opportunities for volunteers to assist. Ms. Lavezzo stated the lidar data does not have enough spectral information to distinguish roof types.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

c. 2021 Program of work

Chair Weber presented a staff report. The subcommittee's vision is for fire adapted communities with a house-out approach

There were no questions from the committee.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

d. 2020 Workplan Update

Chair Weber presented a staff report and noted the work will continue through the winter.

There were no questions from the committee.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

e. FIRESafe Marin Workplan Update

Committee member Shortall presented a report and gave a PowerPoint presentation. He answered questions from the committee.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

8. New Business

a. Advisory Technical Committee Orientation

Committee member Tyler presented a report and a PowerPoint presentation. The orientation for the committee will be held on December 10th at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. This meeting is open to the public.

There were no questions from the committee.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

b. Chair/Vice Chair Positions

Chair Weber presented a staff report.

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Weber closed the meeting to public comments.

M/s, Cusimano/Piombo, to elect committee member Tyler as Chair and committee member Schwarz to continue as Vice Chair.

Ayes: All

9. Informational Items

There were no informational items.

10. Committee Members Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no requests.

11. Adjournment- Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis,
Recording Secretary