

THE MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021  
Via teleconference due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. President Goines called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call.

Directors – In Attendance: Bruce Goines (Novato Fire), Dennis Rodoni (County of Marin), Sashi McEntee (Mill Valley), Julie McMillan (Ross), Rachel Kertz (San Rafael)  
Staff in Attendance: Executive Officer Mark Brown, Legal Counsel Megan Acevedo

3. Agenda Adjustments.

There were no adjustments.

4. Open Time for Public Expression.

There were no comments.

5. Update on Environmental Compliance Process and Discuss Next Steps

Executive Officer Brown presented a staff report that included the following: 1) Upholding the ecologically sound practices (ESP) promise as contained in the JPA; 2) Implementing effective and efficient projects; 3) Understanding exemptions; 4) Programmatic Environmental Impact Reports (EIR); 5) Moving forward with Request for Proposal (RFP) to environmental firms; 6) “Scrubbing out” scope of work from old RFP; 7) Comments from Directors Coler and Kimball; 8) Use of environmental consulting firm by local member agencies; 9) Timeline for approval.

Executive Officer Brown answered questions from the Executive Committee members related to the definition of a project, model ordinances, Notices of Exemption, process for informal public review, and references to regulatory agencies (Coastal Commission, BCDC, etc.).

President Goines opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

President Goines closed the meeting to public comments.

Executive Committee members had comments.

6. Communications Strategy Development

Executive Officer Brown presented a staff report that included the following: 1) Staff contact with other agencies, including FIRESafe Marin, for assistance; 2) Timelines for press releases and use of social media; 3) Revamping Website.

Executive Officer Brown answered questions from the Executive Committee members related to coordination with FIRESafe Marin, a branding strategy (separate vs. combined), and whether or not to have two communication plans.

President Goines opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

President Goines closed the meeting to public comments.

The Executive Committee members had comments.

President Goines stated he would work with Executive Officer Brown to appoint an ad hoc committee to work with staff and FIRESafe Marin to develop a communications strategy.

#### 7. Grizzly Corps Partnership/Application

Executive Officer Brown presented a staff report. He noted Grizzly Corps is a subsection of AmeriCorp.

The Executive Committee members had questions related to costs and staff time needed for management.

President Goines opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

President Goines closed the meeting to public comments.

M/s, McMillan/Kertz, to authorize the staff to apply for Grizzle Corps assistance.

AYES: All

#### 8. Grand Jury Report

Executive Officer Brown presented a staff report.

There were no questions or comments from the Executive Committee.

President Goines opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

President Goines closed the meeting to public comments.

The Executive Committee members had comments.

There was a consensus to instruct Executive Officer Brown to work with the Board President and Vice President on a response to the Grand Jury Report.

9. MWPA Regular Board Meeting Agenda Planning for February 18, 2021.

Executive Officer Brown presented a staff report.

The Executive Committee members had questions.

President Goines opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no public comments

President Goines closed the meeting to public comments.

The Executive Committee members had comments.

10. Informational Items

There were no informational items.

11. Committee Member Request Future Agenda Items

President Goines noted the request for Brown Act training.

12. Adjournment- President Goines adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis,  
Recording Secretary