

THE MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY
ADVISORY/TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
3:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2021
Via teleconference due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
MINUTES

1. Call to Order- Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members – In Attendance: Steve Marcotte (Bolinias and Inverness), Larry Pasero (Kentfield Fire), Lynn Osgood (Novato Fire), Quinn Gardner (San Rafael and Marinwood), Fred Hilliard (Southern Marin Fire and Mill Valley), Ruben Martin (Larkspur), Todd Lando (Corte Madera), Jordan Reeser (County of Marin), Sean Condry (San Anselmo), Jesse Peri (Stinson Beach)

Committee members- Absent: David Taylor (Muir Beach), John Hanley, (Sleepy Hollow Fire), Ray Moritz (Fairfax), Dan Mahoney (Ross),

Staff in Attendance: Executive Officer Mark Brown

3. Agenda Adjustments

There were no adjustments.

4. Open Time for public expression

There were no comments.

5. Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer Brown reported on the following: 1) Board of Directors Retreat; 2) Mission, Vision, and Value statement; 3) Executive Committee meeting; 4) Request for Proposal (RFP) for environmental consulting firm; 5) Local agencies ability to use same environmental consulting firm; 6) Creation of Strategic Communications Plan in partnership with FIRESafe Marin; 7) Use of Grizzly Corps for fire resiliency support; 8) Upcoming Finance Committee meeting; 9) Zonehaven; 10) Prioritization of projects; 11) Citizens' Oversight Committee meetings and Bylaws.

Executive Officer Brown answered questions from the committee.

There were no comments from the committee.

6. Bylaws Development

Chair Martin presented a report. He answered questions from the committee.

Chair Martin opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Martin closed the meeting to public comments.

Committee members Marcotte and Reeser arrived at the meeting.

M/s, Hilliard/Lando, to approve the MWPA Advisory/Technical Committee Bylaws.

Ayes: Pasero, Osgood, Hilliard, Lando, Reeser, Chair Martin

Absent: Taylor, Hanley, Moritz, Mahoney

Abstain: Gardner, Peri, Condry, Marcotte

7. Project Work Plan Forms

Chair Martin presented a staff report. He discussed funding for core, local, and defensible space projects. Committee member Osgood displayed the draft form.

Chair Martin and Committee member Osgood answered questions from the committee.

Committee member Osgood asked about forming a subcommittee for this task. Chair Martin asked for volunteers. Committee members Osgood, Gardner, Lando, and Peri volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Committee member Osgood was “appointed” to serve as Chair of the subcommittee. Executive Officer Brown offered his support.

Chair Martin opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Martin closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

8. Project Work Plans (Timelines)

- a. Local Mitigation
- b. Defensible Space
- c. Core Projects
- d. Project Funding Reallocation Flexibility
- e. Environmental Compliance

Chair Martin presented a staff report. He discussed the vision of the Operations (OPS) Committee and the need to work within the “ops area”. He referred to the timeline and stated the OPS Committee wants to see the first pass sometime in March or early April. The second round with final drafts would be submitted to the OPS Committee and then the Board in May.

Chair Martin and Executive Officer Brown answered questions from the committee

Chair Martin opened the meeting to public comments.

Ms. Christiana Consert, environmental consultant, stated the MWPA might be well served by looking at a programmatic agreement that would cover all the projects.

Ms. Bell Cole stated the Ecologically Sound Practices (ESP) Partnership's work with the MWPA on best practices is moving along. The steering committee should cover vegetation management, carbon management, and defensible space.

Chair Martin closed the meeting to public comments.

There were comments from the committee.

9. Information Items

Committee member Osgood discussed working on State lands, private exemptions, and encroachment permits.

Committee member Reeser stated CalFire held a meeting yesterday about pre-fire engineering and defensible space and noted they would be opening up the grant application process.

10. Committee members Request Future Agenda Items

Committee member Osgood suggested picking a couple of projects and going through the approval process step by step. This would also help with development of the forms.

11. Adjournment- Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis,
Recording Secretary