

THE MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY
ADVISORY/TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
3:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2020
Via teleconference due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
MINUTES

1. Call to Order- Executive Officer Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members – In Attendance: Steve Marcotte (Bolinis and Inverness), Larry Pasero (Kentfield Fire), Lynn Osgood (Novato Fire), Quinn Gardner (San Rafael and Marinwood), Fred Hilliard (Southern Marin Fire and Mill Valley), Dan Mahoney (Ross), Ruben Martin (Larkspur), Todd Lando (Corte Madera), Jordan Reeser (County of Marin), Ray Moritz (Fairfax),

Committee members- Absent: David Taylor (Muir Beach), John Hanley, (Sleepy Hollow Fire), Jesse Peri (Stinson Beach), Sean Condry (San Anselmo)

Staff in Attendance: Executive Officer Mark Brown

Executive Officer Brown explained the various ways a member of the public can participate in the meeting.

3. Agenda Adjustments

There were no adjustments.

4. Open Time for public expression

Ms. Barbara Salzman, representing the Marin Audubon Society and the Fire Environment Resilience Network (FERN), stated she would like to add the following information to last month's worksheet: 1) Acres of the project; 2) Slope; 3) Type of vegetation management (i.e. goats vs. heavy equipment); 4) Terrestrial habitat type; 5) Wetland or riparian habitat; 6) Special status species and endangered species; 7) Invasive, non-native plants in the project area.

Ms. Carolyn Longstreth, representing the California Native Plants Society and FERN, encouraged the committee to broaden the membership as envisioned by the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The committee should include one member representing a land management agency (County Open Space or MMWD) since they are experienced with vegetation management. She referred to the work plan template and stated it would be helpful to know the closest and furthest distance of the project area to a structure.

Committee member Hilliard joined the meeting.

5. Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer Brown reported the following: 1) Welcome to new committee member Reeser representing the County of Marin; 2) Recent Board of Directors meeting including Disbursement Policy; approval and recruitment of Planning and Program Manager position.

Executive Officer Brown answered questions from the committee.

Executive Officer Brown opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Executive Officer Brown closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Executive Officer Brown presented a staff report. He answered questions from the committee.

There were nominations for: Committee members Martin and Condry for Chair, Committee member Osgood for Vice-Chair.

Executive Officer Brown opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Executive Officer Brown closed the meeting to public comments.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Committee member Martin as Chair.

Ayes: All

A motion was made and seconded to select either Committee member Condry or Osgood for Vice-Chair.

Condry: 2 votes

Osgood: 7 votes

Abstained: 1 vote

Executive Officer Brown noted Committee member Martin was elected as Chair and Committee member Osgood was elected as Vice-Chair.

7. Bylaws Development

Executive Officer Brown presented a staff report. He noted this should be done quickly since it is the framework for how the committee will operate. An ad hoc sub-committee should be formed.

Executive Officer Brown asked for volunteers to serve on the Bylaws Sub-Committee.

Committee members Moritz, Lando, Reeser, and Chair Martin volunteered.

Executive Officer Brown opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Executive Officer Brown closed the meeting to public comments.

M/s, Hilliard/Pasero, to appoint Committee members Moritz, Lando, Reeser, and Chair Moritz to serve on the Bylaws Sub-Committee

Ayes: All

8. Information Items

There were no comments from the committee.

9. Committee members Request Future Agenda Items

Executive Officer Brown stated an upcoming agenda should include review of the Bylaws and a Regular Meeting schedule.

10. Adjournment- Executive Officer Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis,
Recording Secretary