

THE MARIN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held a meeting:

3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 28, 2021

Via teleconference due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Chair Tyler explained how the public could participate in this Zoom meeting (raise your hand, etc.)

1. Call to Order- Chair Tyler called the meeting to order at 3:00 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), Darin White (San Rafael), Rich Shortall (Sleepy Hollow Fire District), Bill Tyler (Novato Fire), Garrett Toy (Fairfax), Chris Tubbs (Southern Marin Fire), Jason Weber (Marin County Fire)
Committee Members Absent: Kenny Stevens (Stinson Beach), Chris Gove (Muir Beach), Dan Schwarz (Larkspur)
Staff Attendance: Executive Officer Mark Brown

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 reported on the following: 1) Board Retreat; 2) Strategic Planning; 3) Approval of implementation of Zonehaven (Evacuation Management platform); 4) Disbursement of checks (pass through) for local mitigation and defensible space projects; 5) Recruitment for Planning and Program Manager; 6) Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for environmental services; 7) Local agencies option to use environmental firm; 8) Upcoming Finance Committee meeting; 9) Upcoming Advisory/Technical Committee meeting.

Executive Officer Brown answered questions from the committee

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

6. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve December 3, 2020 MWPA Operations Committee meeting minutes

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

M/s, Dreikosen/Fox, to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

Ayes: All

Absent: Stevens, Gove, Schwarz

Abstain: Pomi

7. Evacuation Plan Study

Chair Tyler introduced Ms. Charlotte Jordaine, Project Manager. Ms. Jordaine presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Jordaine answered questions from the committee.

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

Mr. Larry Minikes asked if the modeling would allow them to be time specific and differentiate between commute hours, school hours, and evening hours. Risk modeling and fire modeling are new tools and not an exact science. He asked if Zonehaven has been put to use as a tool during actual evacuations with quantifiable results. Ms. Jordaine responded.

Ms. Lucy Dilworth asked if an arrangement could be made with providers to gather data about cell tower locations. This would help with different fire scenarios, alerts, and warnings. Mr. Jordaine responded.

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

8. Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Advisory/Technical Committee member Todd Lando presented an overview and status report. He answered questions from the committee.

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

9. 2020 Work Plan Update

Committee member Weber presented a staff report. He answered questions from the committee.

Chair Tyler noted this information would be posted to the MWPA Website soon.

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

10. FIRESafe Marin 2020 Workplan Update

Committee member Shortall presented a report. He answered questions from the committee.

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

11. 2020 Budget Update

Committee member Tubbs presented a report.

Executive Officer Brown discussed budget adjustments, financial policy development, and next year's projections.

There were no questions from the committee.

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments from the committee.

12. 2021 OPS Program of Work

a. Creation of new ad hoc Workplan Subcommittee

Chair Tyler presented a report. He discussed the creation of an ad hoc Work Plan Subcommittee comprised of five members representing each of the zones.

Committee members Weber, Tubbs, White, Cusimano, and Chief Tyler volunteered and were appointed to serve on this subcommittee.

b. Creation of new ad hoc Budget Subcommittee

Chair Tyler presented a report. He discussed the creation of an ad hoc Budget Subcommittee comprised of five members.

Committee members Chinn, Tubbs, Pomi, Dreikosen, and Piombo volunteered and were appointed to serve on this subcommittee.

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

13. Informational Items

There were no informational items.

14. Committee Members Request for Future Agenda Items

Committee member White stated the committee might benefit from receiving a presentation about the equipment he discussed earlier.

Chair Tyler opened the meeting to public comments.

Mr. Larry Minikes stated a demonstration of the equipment discussed by Committee member White would be helpful to the public.

Ms. Bell Cole stated the recent ESP Carbon Management meeting included a presentation on "biochar".

Chair Tyler closed the meeting to public comments.

15. Adjournment- Chair Tyler adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis,
Recording Secretary