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EMERGENCY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

MEETING

Tuesday July 9, 2019

07:30am

Headquarters - Station 9

AGENDA

Call to Order

Open Time for Public Expression (limited to 3 minutes per person)
The Board welcomes public comments on all agenda items.

Agenda Adjustments

Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2019

1. Fuel Reduction Projects
2. Staffing Update
3. Sausalito Evacuation Drill
4. Vegetation Removal
5. Postcard Project
6. Measure U Oversight Committee

Closed Session

Open Session: Report on any action taken in closed session.

Adjourn

Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Committee Meeting
May 7, 2019
Station 9 – 07:30 am
MINUTES

Call to Order: 07:38

In attendance: Directors Waldeck and Fleming, Fire Chief Tubbs, Deputy Fire Chief Peterson, Fire Chief Welch and Board Secretary Melka

Absent: Director Hilliard and Interim Fire Marshal Hilliard

Open Time for Public Expression: None – no public present

Agenda Adjustments: Fire Chief Tubbs asked the Directors to cross off 6a of the agenda.

Fire Chief Tubbs addressed the Directors to introduce the vision of this committee. He announced that this committee will focus on preparedness for flooding, earthquakes and with an emphasis on wildfires. He clarified that the Public Outreach and Communication Committee is now part of this Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Committee. This committee will also incorporate input from the Measure U Oversight Committee to discuss expenses. Fire Chief Tubbs elaborated on the importance of transparency with the public about the Measure U expenses.

1. Sausalito Evacuation Drill / Living with Fire Outreach

Southern Marin Fire District will be hosting an evacuation drill on July 27, 2019 and Mill Valley will be hosting one on May 18, 2019.

2. Grand Jury Report / Regional Fire Initiative

Fire Chief Tubbs is working on a response for the Marin County Civil Grand Jury. The Board will approve the final response before it's submitted to the Grand Jury. Fire Chief Tubbs addressed the Directors to inform them that a regional approach would be the best option to reduce the spread of a wildfire. The funds and personnel would be directed towards the higher risk (red) zones, not just in Southern Marin, but throughout the county. The personnel will be a combo of Marin County employees and roughly 30 inspectors; details are still being configured. March of 2020 will include a tax for this, either parcel or sales tax, still undecided. The Fire Chiefs are working on evacuation routes with a small team from Google.

3. LRAD

The Long Range Acoustical Device (LRAD) is an investment Fire Chief Tubbs believes that Southern Marin Fire District would benefit from making. The sirens are in need of an

update, and the LRAD provides unambiguous voice messages to clearly direct the community in case of an emergency. There would be three installed at the Southern Marin fire stations and four installed at public locations, which are currently undetermined. Total cost for purchasing and installing the seven LRAD systems would be \$573,100.13 with annual operating cost of \$6,500. To meet this demand Fire Chief Tubbs would like to look to the state or look at pursuing a grant for funding this project. He also suggested that the Directors to do their own research to weight the pros and cons of this investment.

4. Measure U Budget & Oversight Committee

This committee requires five public persons to apply for the positions, which will be approved by the Board of Directors. If the five persons pass the background check, then they will become members of the committee. The deadline is on June 30, 2019.

5. Wildfire Podcasts

Fire Chief Tubbs acknowledges the need to improve communication with the community. The podcast will focus on wildfire topics initially, then expand to other topics.

6. SP Initiative 4 – Comprehensive Communications and Marketing Plan

Fire Chief Tubbs believes there is an obligation to be transparent about how the tax dollars are being spent. He discussed how communicating with the community will yield solutions, yet the staff has been unable to allocate the time necessary for this to happen. Improving public outreach and providing information on where the Measure U money is going has become a high priority among the staff.

Direction given to staff and the Directors.

Adjourn: 08:22