



## Southern Marin Fire Protection District

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### **EMERGENCY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

**07:30am**

**Headquarters - Station 9**

**Directors:** Hilliard and Fleming

Subbing in for Waldeck: Director Perazzo

## **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:**

- August 13, 2019
- September 10, 2019

1. Measure U update
2. Wildfire JPA update

### **ADJOURN**



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**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

**7:30 am**

**Directors:** Cathryn Hilliard

**Alternate:** Peter Fleming

## Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 07:32 am

**In attendance:** Directors Waldeck and Hilliard, Fire Chief Tubbs, Deputy Fire Chief Peterson, Fire Marshal Hilliard, Captain Jason Golden, Battalion Chief Neill and Board Secretary Melka.

**Absent:** Director Fleming

**Open Time for Public Expression:** None – no public present

**Agenda Adjustments:** None.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- **July 9, 2019**  
M/s Hilliard/ Waldeck  
Ayes-2/ Noes-0  
Absent: Fleming

### 1. Regional Parcel Tax Initiative

Marin County's Battalion Chief, Christie Neill, who's in charge of the vegetation management division. She gave a presentation on how the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) should work together as one Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to mitigate wildfires. This entails a strong mutual aid response in the county and with the demand for prevention efforts, there's also a demand for more funding in order to accomplish such tasks. This JPA initiative would need to be approved by the Board before it can be placed on the March 2020 ballot. The deadline for this vote is in November of this year.

A majority (60%) of the program will be in the JPA core which is broken down to have parts designated to wildfire detection and evacuation program improvements, vegetation management/fire hazard reduction, grants management and public education through Firesafe Marin. Another section, 20% of this program, will be designated to defensible space evaluations (home hardening). The last 20% will be focused on local wildfire prevention mitigation starting in the highest risk areas.

Funding for this project is still up for debate. This would be an ongoing fund versus a one-time funding from a grant. From a voter opinion survey resulted in favor of 11 cents per square foot compared to a flat rate of \$178 per parcel or 1/4 cent sales tax. The total cost would be roughly \$20 million that would be dedicated to wildfire prevention and mitigation efforts. These funds would stay locally and not be subject for the State to withhold. If the entire county opts into this initiative, then we are more likely to qualify for state and federal grants that would otherwise go to other counties.

To ensure the projects are being conducted properly there would be a Board of Directors consisting of 11 members from the 5 areas that make up Marin County, 2 representatives from each district and 1 from the smaller districts. There are 19 local fire agencies with no single coordination program to mitigate fire potential. This initiative would create that single agency to organize all of Marin County in a JPA to work on prevention efforts.

## **2. Community Risk Reduction & Data Presentation**

Dean Raffaini is organizing the engine companies to inspect defensible space around residential homes. These inspections are informative, and cost nothing for the original inspection. By the third inspection, if there is still no compliance, then there will be a fee. The inspectors have also gone electronic, giving them the ability to upload photos right there.

The evacuation drill attendance was low, roughly 10% of residents showed up. Next time the evacuation should be more localized and incorporate block drills for certain neighborhoods.

*\*Due to a time conflict, this agenda item will be continued next month.*

**3. Mr. Bodkin Letters and Concerns**

*\*This item was tabled until next meeting due to a time conflict.*

**Direction given to staff and the Directors.**

**Adjourn: 08:40 am**

M/s Hilliard/Waldeck

Ayes-2/ Noes-0

Absent: Fleming



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# EMERGENCY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

7:30 am

**Directors:** Cathryn Hilliard and Perazzo (sub)

**Alternate:** Peter Fleming

## Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 07:37

**In attendance:** Directors Waldeck and Perazzo, Fire Chief Tubbs, Fire Marshal Hilliard, Captain Jason Golden and Board Secretary Melka.

**Absent:** Director Fleming and Hilliard

**Open Time for Public Expression:** None – no public present

**Agenda Adjustments:** None.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- August 13, 2019 minutes for approval have been tabled until next month since a quorum was not met at this meeting.

### 1. Community Risk Reduction & Data Presentation

Captain Jason Golden gave a Community Risk Reduction Presentation based on information he learned from a class he attended at the Fire Academy & National Fire Academy (a managing officer program) designed to talk about the threat from wildfires. One of the key points that Captain Golden emphasized was the inaccurate data entries which make it difficult to identify risk reduction opportunities. He proposed solutions, such as a training program with a continued training education to yield consistent data entries across staff. There was discussion on behavioral health with Directors Perazzo and Waldeck regarding cancer reduction efforts. Captain Golden suggested signing up for the breath test where dogs can smell the samples and detect early signs of cancer.

## **2. Mr. Bodkin Letters of Concern**

Fire Marshal Hilliard addressed the room to share an update regarding emails with two upset residents. One of which has sued the city before and succeeded and would like to sue Southern Marin Fire Protection District as a result of commercial property inspection letters. Fire Marshall Hilliard has reassured the Directors that he has abided by the law, so the District doesn't need to feel threatened.

## **3. Regional Parcel Tax Initiative**

Fire Chief Tubbs will be attending another meeting at the Civic Center for a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) meeting. As anticipated by staff, Sausalito just passed the Measure U tax, so they need to work on educating constituents and the city council as to why the JPA initiative is important to pass. Some of the discussion pointed out that the voters decide how the money is distributed and spent, and that board will represent their voice. If there is going to be a tax relief for certain populations, that will need to be addressed.

**Adjourn:** 08:43

M/s Perazzo/Waldeck

Ayes-2/ Noes-0

Absent: Fleming and Hilliard