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Southern Marin Fire Protection District Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 07:30 am – Headquarters

Director Peter Fleming – Chair
Director Tom Perazzo
Alternate: Director Cristine DeBerry

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Director Fleming called the meeting to order at 07:35 A.M.

In Attendance:

BOARD: *Participating via telephone:* Director Fleming. *Present in person:* Director Perazzo.
There is a quorum.

STAFF: *In Person:* Communications Coordinator Elysha Omoomy, and Clerk of the Board Mariya Weinberg.
Via Zoom Meeting: Chief Welch.

Absent: none

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION:

No public present in person or any other means.

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Committee Meeting Minutes, September 8th, 2020

Motion to approve Minutes without changes:

M/S: Perazzo/Fleming

Ayes: Fleming, Perazzo

5. Reports and Information

5.a Communications Staff Report

Communications Coordinator Elysha Omoomy presented this report. Since her onboarding at the end of August, Ms. Omoomy has worked with SMFD Staff and Board members to determine the social media

and other communication methods used by SMFD, as well as collect valuable content to share with the community. Large improvement in effectiveness can be seen via our social media traffic metrics, particularly on Nextdoor.com, Facebook, Twitter and smfd.org. Ms. Omoomy also re-launched the official SMFD internal and external monthly newsletters. Ms. Omoomy is also reviewing and updating the draft of the Communications Plan.

Director Fleming inquired if the Board or Staff could offer Ms. Omoomy any support in her efforts at this time. Ms. Omoomy replied that at this time she does not have any specific requests, but will reach out if she needs anything.

6. Action Items

6.a Measure C Update

Chief Welch presented this update. MWPA has been super busy, and Mariya Weinberg has assumed responsibility of the Clerk of the Board, as far as generating meeting packets, and some admin assistance. Ms. Alyssa Schiffman is assisting with finance matters, such as soliciting proposals from auditors, and setting up payroll. Inspectors are going to be recruited shortly. A person from Mill Valley police department has been moved over to Mill Valley fire department, and will be starting today. Mark Brown has assumed his position as Executive Director. Please see written report for additional details.

6.b Evacuation/Community Education Update

Chief Welch reported that SMFD has been working with the Sausalito neighborhood groups and local law enforcement on matters pertaining to evacuations. Chief Hilliard's team is working with a 3rd party vendor to finish the maps, which will get inserted into flyers, which will be mailed to residents. We are on an approximately two-week plan for this project, and about six days in. This project has resulted in about 10 community meetings pertaining to recent fires, neighborhood evacuations, and fire safety matters. The Sausalito Women's Club meeting had had to be re-scheduled, due to evacuations in Sonoma county. FYI, we are about to go into a Red Flag Warning status, which will occur by tomorrow. It will be windy. There are PSPSs scheduled, not our area for now, but in Sonoma and Napa Counties. The fire season is still ongoing.

Director Perazzo added a comment about the meeting with Sausalito Village, with almost 100 attendees, which sparked additional interest in the Sausalito Disaster Preparedness Committee. Ninety more Disaster Preparedness Guides were delivered, which are being distributed through the C.A.R.S.S. (Call a Ride Sausalito Seniors program). The Sausalito Women's Club distributed a box of these Guides, and is getting another box. The community Zoom Meetings were well met, with questions about preparedness and evacuation routes. There has been some correspondence with the Sausalito City Council regarding re-establishing their Disaster Preparedness group. There are six commissions that will have liaisons within 94965 area code, and they are looking for representatives from the house boat community, and from Marin City to be on the committee.

Director Fleming commented on Red Flag Warning and PG&E/PSPS situation. He wanted to know where we stand this season on outages. Chief Welch mentioned that, so far this season, the closest outages have been in Sonoma County. There also have been some in Central California and the Sierra foothills. Chief Welch believes that now PG&E has a more targeted approach to shutting off power, and also will be able to restore outages quicker. We have access to a portal with access to ArcGIS map, with advance info on shutoffs, including how many medical support customers and how many households will be affected. We don't anticipate any impacts this coming weekend, although we will be evaluating the need for a cooling center.

PG&E is able to minimize PSPS impacts, and has a quicker process for restoring power, due to improvements involving policy changes, continuing addition of remote weather stations, grid upgrades and sensors, all providing more control over shutoffs.

7. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn.

M/S: Perazzo/Fleming

Ayes: Fleming, Perazzo

Noes: none

Adjourned at 7:51 AM.