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EMERGENCY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday January 14, 2020

07:30am

Headquarters – Main Conference Room

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: December 2019

1. Measure U Update
2. Wildfire JPA update

Adjourn:



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**Tuesday, December 10, 2019
7:30 am**

Directors: Cathryn Hilliard and Perazzo (sub)

Alternate: Peter Fleming

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 07:32

In attendance: Directors Hilliard and Perazzo, Fire Chief Tubbs, Fire Marshal Hilliard, Deputy Fire Chief Peterson and Board Secretary Shyida Jones. Director Fleming called in via phone.

Open Time for Public Expression: None.

Agenda Adjustments: Chief Tubbs proposed to move Item 3 to Item 1 to accommodate Chief Pearce's schedule.

M/s Hilliard/ Flemming
Ayes-3/ Noes-0

Approval of the Minutes:

- **November 12, 2019**
M/s Hilliard/ Flemming
Ayes-3/ Noes-0

1. MERA update

With regard to the board's questions posed in the last board meeting Chief Pearce provided an oral report regarding the issues that have caused repeated delays in executing work flow with the county for this project, which he feels should have moved forward back in June 2019. The County is the vendor contracted for this project, yet the steps in the implementation of the Next Generations System has been fraught with mismanagement and lack of oversight causing our agency a tremendous loss in cost and time. While we are still within budget of our tax proposal, there are significant change orders, cost overruns that MERA has pushed back to the County who is the major player with the greatest benefit

of the program, only to be met with further delays. As a result of the numerous issues faced when attempting to work with the county, we are currently proposing a third amendment to the contract. The second amendment proposed to work differently, more hands on, and with better controls presented back in June 2019, was challenged by the county who has shown no interest in additional oversight nor making any adjustments to the work flow processes currently in place. After receiving the county's initial response to our submission of the 3rd amendment which yielded no change in their position, we have given a 2-month extension for the county to further review our 3rd amendment request. As an agency who has hired the county as a contractor, it has become clear to us that the current working relationship as is cannot continue and will not yield the successful outcomes projected for the project in its current condition. We are working with our attorney to exercise our rights in this matter, and if we are not able to come to an amical agreement with regard to our reasonable expectations, we will be forced to explore our other options with regard to using a different vendor to complete the project on schedule.

Chief Tubbs acknowledged Chief Pearce for his diligence and expressed his gratitude for his relentless efforts in his role as the elected Chair to work through these difficult issues in representation of our agency's best interest.

2. Measure U update

Chief Peterson provided an oral report on the focus of Measure Oversight Committee meeting held December 3rd. The purpose of the meeting was to identify a Metrix to measure its success based on the six items for which the use of the \$3,000,000.00 in funding has been designated. Chief Peterson provided the committee with a background on the similarities in duty and structure with regard the different roles of Fire Fighters and Paramedics, responses times and the national standards as it relates to the public service expectations. Through building this foundation of understanding, the committee developed a clearer picture and provided guidance with more specification as to what information is needed for the Metrix, which will be presented at the next committee meeting in March. 2020. The first revenue stream should be received in December 2019 which will provide a more tangible expectation rather than the estimates projected thus far.

Chief Peterson also provided an update on the cost of the NOAA Radios used for evacuation notifications, which are \$20.00 each; the directors and staff discuss ways to incorporate providing

our recommendations of what devices are available, impactful ways to gift some of our inventory to the public, while meeting our educational public outreach goals in prevention.

3. Wildfire JPA update

Chief Tubbs reported that the County Board of Supervisors approved the measure to be placed on the March 2020 ballot. The Final amended JPA resulted in the first year of funding. As a result, Chief Tubbs has been working with Fire Marshal Hilliard to identify and prepare shovel ready projects to fast track the application of the funds when they become available. To quell any public concerns, we will make a transparent and very clear distinction between projects that are funded by Measure U and those that are funded through JPA to highlight the added value in our reporting for the public. In addition, in the local mitigation we will probably propose that the use of those funds be allocated toward the deployment of LRAD to build off the Mill Valley system in an effort to reach our goal of 100% coverage in Southern Marin.

Fire Marshal Hilliard reported that we expect to have the Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Assessment available to present to the Board at the January 2020 meeting; this project was funded by a grant we received early last year, and will also aid in defining areas that will be included in prioritizing the shovel ready projects for the Marin Wildfire Authority JPA. The passing of this measure would be a huge benefit to our district in our ability to double our efforts overall, which would allow us to accelerate our service coverage.

Chief Tubbs assured the board that we will not become a donor organization with the passing of the JPA measure.

Adjourn: 08:17

M/s Perazzo / Fleming

Ayes-3/ Noes-0