

**KENTFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**MEETING TYPE:** Regular

**DATE:** March 15, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Naso. Director Murray led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** All Directors were present. Also in attendance were Chief Pomi and Recording Secretary Mulkeen.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES:** M/S Gerbsman/Evergettis to approve the minutes of February 15, 2017. Director Murray abstained. All ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** As there were no members of the public in attendance, no comments were received.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. OES Water Team 11 Presentation: Engineers McKnight and Viau presented the following highlights on their OES Water Team 11 deployment to Oroville Dam Spillway Incident. Engineer Viau stated this incident mobilized nine water rescue units based on the threats to the dam. He explained that the Marin County Water Team consists of 30 members, 14 members deployed on this incident. The Kentfield Fire District team members are Captain Glenn, Engineer McKnight and Engineer Viau. Captain Glenn could not respond to this incident however worked as the team leader from Station 17. Engineer Viau thanked the Board and the Fire Chief for their support on this incident. Engineer McKnight explained if the dam breached it would affect 180,000 people, up to 100 miles away to West Sacramento. The Water Team brought two rescue water boats, one Marin County Fire/Tam Fire Crew truck and equipment to cover a 14-day event. Engineer McKnight presented several photos of the dam illustrating the water levels, spillway and emergency spillway issues. This is the largest dam in the US, at 900 feet high. The emergency spillway was built to handle 300,000 cubic feet per second. However, the water undermined the emergency spillway, a worker heard a large crack in the concrete and the spillway failed to perform at 12,000 cubic feet per second. They did not have an alternate way of letting water out of the dam and predicted they only had 45 minutes to evacuate if the dam did breach. They initiated their evacuation plan, which resulted in major traffic gridlock. Fortunately, the dam did not breach. After this incident, they are reevaluating the disaster plan for future use. Engineer Viau commented it is really a great experience to be part of the water team, to be able to provide a service to the state, and that they definitely appreciate all the support. He added that in addition to this deployment the Marin Water Team had four deployments within the county to date.

Engineer McKnight explained that there is a construction crew working on the dam now. They think they can shore up the main spillway enough to start letting water out this week. They are using heavy machinery and, as of today, have removed 1.1 million cubic yards at a cost \$4.7million/day. When Engineers McKnight and Viau were at Oroville Dam the lake level was at 50 feet below cresting. Right now, it is at 40 feet below. The runoff is arriving at the dam and the water level is rising one foot a day. The power plant, in use now, can only release 14,000 cubic feet of water per second. The current inflow of water is at 17,000 cubic feet. They cannot let out enough water at the power plant to get the water level where it is now. They hope the winter runoff arrives slowly so the dam can manage it. This is still a very dynamic situation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. HVAC/Roof Repair Update: Chief Pomi reported that with favorable weather conditions our new HVAC contractor, Downing, completed 90% of the duct sealing work. Engineer Trimble will meet them on Friday, March 17 and create a punch list of issues to address. Once the job is completed, the Chief will give the Board a full report of findings and the work performed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Marin LAFCO Special District Election Ballot – Chief Pomi presented the ballot to the board noting the Marin LAFCO Board has one Board vacancy and three candidates nominated. He requested the Board's feedback on the candidates. Marin LAFCO is requesting our agency rank the three candidates. The selected candidate will serve a 4-year term starting May 2. Director Murray suggested we rank the candidates in the following order: Craig K. Murray-1, Todd Gates-2, and Lew Kious-3. All board members concurred. Chief Pomi will sign the ballot and submit it to Marin LAFCO.
- b. KAPF Labor Contract Negotiation Process: Director Naso announced that he had received notification from Captain Garcia to place the KAPF Labor Contract Negotiation on the agenda to initiate the process. Chief Pomi added every year when the professional firefighters prepare for their annual MOU renewal they are required to contact the Board to open negotiations. The Board has the choice to negotiate as a full board or convene a sub-committee. Captain Garcia presented the ground rules, similar

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to previous years, for the Boards review commenting that the following C shift crew will represent the staff (Captain Garcia, Engineer McKnight, and Firefighter Marty). He requested Chairman Naso review and sign the ground rules. Chairman Naso and Captain Garcia signed the ground rules. Chairman Naso asked if the Board could work with Accountant Hom. Chief Pomi replied Accountant Hom could provide a financial report analyzing salary figures and will ask him to prepare them for the Board. Chairman Naso asked if Directors Murray and Gerbsman, having served on the Labor Negotiation sub-committee in the past, were interested in serving on the sub-committee again. Directors Murray and Gerbsman agreed. Captain Garcia will contact the sub-committee to schedule meeting dates targeted for the third week of April.

- c. **CLOSED Session–Annual Fire Chief Performance Review:** The Board moved to closed session at 7:05 pm. Director Gerbsman departed the meeting at 7:35 pm. The Board returned to open session at 7:39 pm. Chairman Naso announced there was nothing to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Reviewed. Chief Pomi commented that the final report of the Crown-Coronet Project in the Kent Woodlands was sent to the Board of Supervisors and Open Space. He highlighted the section on the spotted owl discovered in the area and how they dealt with that, and some of the before and after shorts reflecting the work performed. He added that our Resident Firefighter Tescalco, present at the board meeting tonight, worked on the Tam crew that performed the work on this project.

**DISTRICT OPERATIONS:** The Board reviewed the Incident Log and Overtime Report.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- a. **MERA New Gen:** Chief Pomi reported the MERA Governance Board approved the new MERA Next Gen contract to Motorola for \$34,340,000, \$24 million in original base cost plus an additional \$9.2 million warranty. This extended the warranty for an additional twelve years resulting in a fifteen-year warranty on our new system. The County has learned a lot between Gen 1 and Gen 2 with purchases of radios and land where they are building towers. The Marin County Board of Supervisors approved the contract too. The installation timeline is yet to be determined but MERA is projecting by spring 2019. The hardware is expected by the end of 17/18. The funding of Measure A, a 20-year initiative, is anticipated to bring in \$69.5 million over the next 20 years. The completed MERA project, with all the contingencies, is estimated at only \$48 million. That will give MERA approximately \$10,600,000 to use as a beginning base for the next generation. Because of the Measure A funding, the burden of covering these expenses will no longer be carried by the fire/sheriff agencies. Chairman Naso commented the new system would focus on ensuring there are no dead spots; new sites will be erected that will help communications.
- b. **FIRESafe Marin Grant Opportunities:** Chief Pomi explained that Todd Lando, FIRESafe Coordinator, attended the Marin Fire Chiefs meeting and presented some potential grant opportunities. Chief Pomi announced that PG&E is sponsoring vegetation management grants in Marin with a fund of \$175,000; CalFire SRA fees are starting to trickle down into the County with approximately \$85,000 of funding available for Marin County. In total there is about \$250,000 funding for vegetation management. Chief Pomi submitted two proposals to FIRESafe Marin for areas that are overgrown and need vegetation management/fuel breaks. The first proposal is for the Kent Woodlands, Blue Ridge area. The second proposal is located in the Greenbrae area, the open space area behind Manor Road and Los Cerros below Vista Grande. In the meantime, Chief Pomi is seeking estimates to complete the projects if awarded any funds. He commented last year we secured an \$11,000 grant and completed the Crown-Coronet Project with notable improvements.

**DIRECTOR MATTERS:** none

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

Directors Murray/Corbet M/S to approve warrants 805300655 to and including 805300717 for \$1,062,941.68. All Ayes

The next regular meeting will be held on April 19, 2017.

A moment of silence was held for departed members.

M/S Evergettis/Murray to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 p.m. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mulkeen  
Recording Secretary