

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

MEETING TYPE: Regular

DATE: August 16, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Naso. Director Corbet 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 July 12, 2017. All ayes. Director Murray abstained.

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Vegetation Management Plan Update – 21 Turnagain Road, Kentfield: Chief Pomi advised the Board that subsequent to the July Board meeting he met with County Counsel. County Counsel executed and mailed a letter to Mr. Stanick, regarding his obligation to complete the VMP. Chief Pomi reported County Counsel received correspondence from the homeowner on Monday, August 14 stating he had removed trees and vegetation from the property. B/C Hadfield visited the site and confirmed the defensible space work (removal of trees and vegetation-from the 4291 inspection) was done; however, the homeowner had not met the obligation of finishing the VMP as defined by the District. B/C Hadfield explained that the VMP defines plants, irrigation, retaining walls, etc. to live with the house for years to come. B/C Hadfield added the District has placed a hold on permits for his property. Chief Pomi advised he and B/C Hadfield will meet with County Counsel on Monday, August 21 and feels obliged to follow County Counsel advice. A brief Board discussion ensued on defensible space vs. VMP requirements. The Board directed Chief Pomi and B/C Hadfield to move forward with the meeting with County Counsel.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Grand Jury Draft Response "The Budget Squeeze-How will Marin Fund Its Public Employee Pensions?": Chief Pomi referred to the grand jury report and the District's draft response he composed in the board packet. The report requested the District respond to three recommendations. Chief Pomi outlined the following recommendations and the District responses.
RECOMMENDATION R3: Agencies should publish long-term budgets covering at least five years.
DISTRICT RESPONSE: This recommendation has not been implemented. The District publishes single year budgets with mid-year evaluations incorporating long-term fiscal accountability and strategy. The District will continue to identify advantages and disadvantages of long-term budgets.
RECOMMENDATION R4: Agencies should provide ten years of audited financial statements and summary of pension data on their website.
DISTRICT RESPONSE: The District has ten years of audited financial statements published on the District website. The District provides pension information through Public Request Acts and has not published this information on the District website.
RECOMMENDATION R8: Agencies and public employee unions should explore how introduction of defined contribution programs can reduce unfunded liabilities for public pensions.
DISTRICT RESPONSE: The District currently has members in PEPRA and these employees are contributing to their pensions, which have reduced our unfunded liability costs. This item is subject to collective bargaining requirements. This recommendation will be considered/implemented during our next MOU negotiation.

Chief Pomi referred the Board to the Safety Special District financial figures on page 44-45 of the report comparing Marin County agencies and commented the District figures are good. He asked if any Board members had questions. There was none.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

M/S Gerbsman/Corbet to approve the draft grand jury response to the Grand Jury report on The Budget Squeeze-How will Marin Fund Its Public Employee Pensions?
Ayes: Corbet, Evergettis, Gerbsman, Murray, Naso.

- b. Strike Team Presentation: Chief Pomi reported the District had several deployments in July; B/C Hadfield was deployed as single resource at the Grade Fire and re-deployed as a Safety Officer at the Detwiler Fire. C Shift was also deployed to the Detwiler Fire.

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B/C Hadfield gave a brief presentation on his deployment. He started with the Grade Fire in Ukiah as an Incident Safety Officer; then reassigned to the Detwiler Fire. B/C Hadfield showed pictures capturing the fire activity. As Safety Officer on the line, he was assigned a division on most days; one day assigned the whole branch. His task was to go out and work through the branch/division making contact with heavy equipment operators and crews. He spent four days hiking dozer trails. Dozer trails are a foot deep with powder hiding hidden rocks beneath, very steep terrain.

Captain Garcia reported C Shift was deployed to the Detwiler Fire at midnight. They met the strike team at San Rafael Bridge at 3:30 am. They arrived in Mariposa at 7:00 am and worked throughout that day. He reported it was the biggest day of the fire, growing to 40,000 acres. Captain Garcia commented that they chased the fire all day. Their first assignment was guarding a road. They could not let the fire cross that road, which it did. They were re-assigned to cover a hospital because they were worried the fire was going to reach the town. The final assignments were working/assisting/comforting homeowners returning home and taking care of hot spots. Captain Garcia complimented his crew for their hard work.

Chief Pomi added that during fire season firefighters drop everything to work these fires and support the communities. Chief Pomi thanked C Shift and B/C Hadfield for their commitment to the job. He recognized B/C Hadfield, Captain Garcia, Engineer McKnight, Firefighters Marty and Tescallo for their commitment and gave each of them a Kentfield Fire District Challenge Coin.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. Blood Bank: Chief Pomi reported the August blood drive was last night. He heard from the Blood Drive Coordinator Erik Humber that they had collected 81 successful donations, an all-time record. The Blood Centers of the Pacific are having a promotion this summer and raffling off a Prius. Anyone who donates blood in July/August is entered in the contest. The Blood Drive was also giving away a book, Larkspur Past and Present, donated by Mr. Charles Sink, to blood donors. Mr. Humber requested Chief Pomi distribute extra copies of the book to Board members and staff.
- b. California State Fire Situation Report: Chief Pomi reported few fires in California, with only thirteen active fires in the north/north west region. CalFire only has 800 personnel committed to fires, compared to over 10,000 personnel on their payroll. Forty-seven engines were committed, with over 300 engines in stations awaiting dispatch.

Chief Pomi reported one of the Ross Valley Fire Department Firefighter/Medics, Chris Mahoney, passed away at home two weeks ago. Firefighter Mahoney also worked at Marin County Fire as a Seasonal Firefighter and a Medic at Medic97 in Stinson Beach. Chris worked B shift for 10-11 years and worked alongside fellow firefighters up and down the Ross Valley corridor. He announced the Mahoney Family is hosting a Celebration of Life this Friday, August 18 at Hop Monk Tavern in Novato from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All fire personnel and the community are invited. The family requested no fire service uniforms. Union Local 1775 set up a Go Fund Me account, creating a scholarship in Chris Mahoney's name. Chief Pomi added that Marin County Fire, Tiburon Fire, Larkspur and Kentfield provided personnel coverage for Ross Valley Fire Department for four days and will cover them during the Celebration of Life event on Friday. He commented it was amazing to see the fire agencies all come together to support fellow fire members, the true meaning of brotherhood.

DIRECTOR MATTERS:

Director Evergettis attended a FireSafe Marin meeting recently. He commented they would be interested in the action the Kentfield Fire District is taking with the VMP issue.

Director Naso reported he and Chief Pomi attended the MERA equipment fair and saw radios and mobiles. Engineer McKnight is assigned to this project. A MERA team is schedule to be at Kentfield Fire District next week.

CORRESPONDENCE: Reviewed; Chief Pomi added the thank you note was from summer interns working at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Gallagher manages the District's liability insurance. The interns spent a half day with the Chief discussing risk management, firefighter duties regarding fieldwork, driving. They explored the truck and did live fire drip panning in the back.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS: The Incident Log and Overtime Report were reviewed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Directors Murray/Evergettis M/S to approve warrants 805300960 to and including 805301035 for \$692,530.77. All Ayes.

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The next regular meeting will be held on September 20, 2017.

A moment of silence was held for Chris Mahoney and his family, and for all of our firefighters and first responders working through the fire season.

M/S Gerbsman/Murray to adjourn this meeting at 7:21 p.m. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mulkeen
Recording Secretary