

# FireSafe Marin Meeting Minutes

## August 12, 2005

### Call to Order:

9:10 a.m. by President Julin

*Note: Not enough members of the BOD were present for a quorum*

### In attendance:

Scott Alber	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Wendy Poinsot	NPS
Eva DeNegri	Sheriff/OES
Bill Tyler	Novato
Kent Julin	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Roger Sprehn	CMFD
Paul Smith	Kentfield Fire
Roger Wong	NPS – Pt Reyes
Joanne Lewis	Ross Valley Fire
Ari Golan	Marin Open Space
Lynne Osgood	Fire Safe Marin
Dick Sadler	Dominican Neighborhood

**Coordinators Report:** Lynne led the discussion of the CA Fire Alliance (CFA) meeting. She indicated that a community Wildfire Plan must be in place to get funding through CFA. She also indicated that separate plans might be needed for each community.

There was a general discussion regarding fire plans and funding from the federal government & the California Fire Alliance. Lynne mentioned that at the CA Fire Alliance meeting it was brought up that community members needed to take responsibility for maintenance of completed projects.

Lynne indicated that on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the coastal region of Fire Safe Councils is to be meeting in Point Reyes. She will be sending emails out with details. She also met with the Independent Journal. They want to assist FSM in running fire safe ads in the IJ. It was discussed what areas/sections of the paper the ads could go in. She has connections with NFHA for sponsorship. They are going to give us a rate lower than that for a nonprofit. She is also working on the audit. The brochure (fire safe/defensible space) is almost ready. Kent is to get her photos so it can get published/issued.

## Once Around The Table:

- Bill Tyler                      Novato's Board of Directors has adopted the UWI ordinance. A CD with a draft/generic ordinance and "statement of conditions" has gone out to all jurisdictions for their use. Novato is also experiencing a series of grass fire arsons. There has been over a dozen fires in Novato lately.
- Roger Sprehn                      Over the last few years the FPOs have been trying to replace the fire safety trailer. The trailer is used for several safety events such as home shows, fire safety days, etc. The FPOs obtained a grant to replace the trailer, totaling \$48,000 from the Heritage Grant Program at Fireman's Fund. Roger asked if we could use FSM as the nonprofit to pass through the funds. Kent answered in the affirmative.
- Eva DeNegri                      She indicated that the Civic Center had been evacuated recently because of a grass fire nearby. The fire alarm was pulled and they could not hear what the dispatcher was saying in regard to the evacuation procedure. OES has been asked to write a Tsunami response plan.
- Paul Smith                      He has been working on vegetation management on Kent Woodlands, which has been an ongoing project. He is really happy with the work that has been completed. He had Gary of the Marin CC walk the area to develop a strategy for the Marin Open Space District Lands. The FPO's did a huge amount of work on the UWI code. He is also are working on updating the MTZ, focusing on law enforcement participation. During the last drill, many agencies from Marin, SF, and CC County participated. The fire aspect of the drill went really well. The law enforcement agencies provided for the evacuation portion of the drill and enjoyed varying degrees of success. The area evacuation plan is still in the works. Typically they are working on evacuation versus "shelter in place."
- Roger Wong                      Pt. Reyes sent their fuels crews' different places earlier in the fire season. Working on eucalyptus removal at "13 curves" portion of Hwy 1 near Bolinas. They have been sending out aviation assets to

different areas including Las Vegas and Idaho. Their Predication Services Group has put out good data recently regarding severity of the upcoming portion of fire season. Their investigation of a fire fatality is coming out soon. Jennifer Chapman received WUI funding to organize disaster councils in West Marin.

Joanne Lewis

Working on vegetation management projects. This coming Wednesday she is doing a HOA meeting in the Cascade Canyon area of Fairfax. The Ross Valley Chief is in an interim position until December when it is anticipated to be made permanent.

Ari Golan

Filling in for Chris Branham. They are redoing a lot of fuel break work because of the extra fuel growth. They are pruning broom per the Mt Tam Vegetation Management Plan. They are also pruning around fire roads. They are losing staff due to the start of school in the fall. He is meeting with Carol Rice to see if the Plan is going ok or needs revision.

Dick Sadler

Indicated the Dominican HOA has completed a disaster plan and is curious who should review it. Bill indicated that law enforcement would probably be his better bet. Dick also brought up the herbicide use letter sent by Fairfax to MMWD and suggested that FSM take issue with the MMWD position.

Wendy Poinsot

The final Golden Gate Management Plan Environmental Impact Report should be out in a month. National Parks finished review of the Shell Beach Project and a consultant is working on a roadside fuels project (25 feet of defensible space on either side of the road).

**Adjournment:** 10:30 am