

Ross Valley Fire Board
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2017

Board present: Weinsoff, Kuhl, McNerney, Shortall, Reed
Board absent: Breckus, Finn, Greene

Staff present: Toy, Mahoney, Donery, Chinn, Lewis

Open time: no public comments.

Board requests: Member Shortall spoke on the fire district conference that he attended earlier in the month. How there was a lot of really good information presented and the training that is available for board members. Member Shortall asked if there was interest by the board to have board member training from Chief Rich Pearce. Acting Chief Mahoney will coordinate the training and schedule it for an upcoming meeting.

Consent agenda: M/S Weinsoff, Kuhl to approve as presented. All ayes.

Presentation by Captain Todd Standfield and Engineer Sid Jamotte. They thanked the board for the support and would like to foster the relationships built during the recent negotiations with the town managers and executive officer. They have offered to meet with board members and council members for any items that may need to be discussed in the future.

President McNerney thanked them for their comments and said he appreciated them understanding that the board members serve in roles to manage resources for their agencies and that the board appreciates the understanding of the budget constraints that each agency faces.

Engineer Jamotte echoed what Captain Standfield, he appreciates this department more today, then when he started 17 years ago.

Weather stations/creek monitoring gauges – IT recommendations: Acting Chief Mahoney presented the report and background. Discussion ensued and agreement that whatever needs to be done to increase the reliability of the system. Discussion was held regarding the different options available to the department. Marin County Flood Control has come and asked to provide weather stations to 19, 20, and 21 at no cost to the department. They would be far more robust stations than what is currently in place. There would be access from the department website. Everything else would be on the county server. There is general consensus to go with option 1, working with the county and installing their weather stations. Discussion about costs within the other options available and about the possibility to obtain any grants for creek gauges – will look into the possibility. Discussion regarding the creek cameras and what the opportunity is to move the camera currently located across from Station 19 to 800 San Anselmo Ave. Included will be a camera installed at Station 18. The Board had

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consensus on moving ahead on the recommendation to work with the county to update and add the necessary equipment.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Ross Valley Fire Department.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JoAnne Lewis', written in a cursive style.

JoAnne Lewis

Administrative Assistant