Ross Valley Fire Board Meeting Minutes June 12, 2019

Board present: Greene, Shortall, Finn, Reed, Lacques, Brown, Kuhl, Brekhus

Staff present: Chinn, Toy, Weber, Yeager, Stasiowski, Scott

Open time: No comments.

Board requests: President Lacques asked for further discussion regarding evacuation planning be placed on future agenda.

Consent Agenda: M/S to approve as presented. Greene/Reed. All ayes.

Verbal update on the status of the Disaster Coordinator Position: Chief Weber updated the board on the results of the interviews. There were eight applicants and seven interviewed. There were two that will be moving forward in the process before final decision. Very happy with the candidate pool and looking forward to the person starting on July 1.

Response to the Marin Grand Jury Report: Chief Weber presented the staff report and explained that the departments within the county that came up with a cohesive response to the report. There is a deal of success in responding county wide. There were some disagreements with the report, with regard to public education and inspection programs. Currently working on a countywide approach to addressing this issue. There isn't one agency that can handle this program on their own.

One of the questions that has come up is regarding what will occur if the electrical service is shut off due to high hazard conditions. This is a PG&E and the CPUC are the ones that are spearheading these decisions. Discussions regarding what will occur during a power outage, as well as how the fire departments will respond to incidents. There have been several fires in the last several days that have involved electrical equipment.

Discussion regarding changes to insurance coverages, cancelations, and what is happening in the industry.

Discussion regarding the responses to the Grand Jury Report. Chief Weber explained the proposal that may be put on the voters ballot next year for vegetation management and clearance.

Discussion regarding the current inspection program and how are absentee homeowners contacted. Chief Weber explained that the inspectors have inspected the Cascades in Fairfax. Currently there is a 70% failure rate with inspections, meaning

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properties are not passing with the PRC 491. M/S Brekhus/Greene to approve response as amended. All ayes.

Adopt Resolution 19-05 A resolution of the Ross Valley Fire Department Adopting the FY19/20 Budget. Chief Weber presented the staff report and that the budget is the same as presented at the May meeting. M/S Brekhus/Greene to approve as presented. All ayes.

Announce adjournment to Closed Session.

Announce action, if any, from Closed Session.

Direction was provided to staff.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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