

2022-11-14 MVEST Meeting Minutes

Minutes taken by: David Gray

MVEST Steering Committee members attending: Pam Berkon (PB), John Hansen (JH), John Feld (JF), Erma Wheatley (EW), Stephen Plocher (SP), David Gray (DG). Bill Davis (BD)

MVEST Steering Committee members absent: Joan Cervisi

Non-MVEST Attendees: Ellen Jane Schulz (EJ), Jory Adamson (JA) + Paul

A. Agenda: approved unanimously

B. Public Comment (items not on the agenda):

BD: Marin View Drive, new home question of lot setback vis a vis HCD setback requirements, may be an MVEST issue due to possible public safety issue.

C. Consent calendar

1. Minutes of Oct. 14 meeting:

EJ - minutes are too "coded" and hard to follow, especially for anyone who didn't attend the meeting.

DG: A glossary was added to these minutes to help with technical terms that are used throughout these meetings.

Minutes unanimously approved.

D. Financial Report: \$4,414.72

E. MVEST NOTICES

1. Park Safety/Security

Kevin M. No occupied sites found. Police notified to clean up abandoned camp.

2. Firewise subcommittee

Firewise Renewal application has been submitted by JH.

3. DRAFT Medical EMP (JH)

Context: one of about a dozen EMPs being developed

Extensive discussion of various aspects of pods/notification for needing help, including wireless doorbells for adjacent properties (JH)

Discussion of next steps.

Draft Medical EMP was adopted unanimously as an interim plan 5-0.

4. EMP Planning Update (JH)

Spreadsheet of probabilities of various disasters shared. (JH)

Fully filled out. WOW!

Need to prioritize by month for lead time for ECHO publication/training/notification

EJ: Are there still funds left for FireSafe?

JH: Yes. HOL, NFD,

EW: All that information is on the FireSafe Marin web site.

<https://firesafemarin.org/>

a. Earthquake EMP (JH) -

JF: working on it, trying to get it down to 2 pages.

JH: The Earthquake EMP is the biggest, most complex EMP.

Public question: EJ: asked Barber about insurance discounts for earthquake retrofitting, Barber said to EJ that only tie-downs are eligible for a discount.

JF: Local contractor installs EQ retrofitting that includes bracing and tie-downs.

JH: Tie-downs can be added relatively inexpensively. Suggested that EJ call

contractor and request a quote. Contractor will be able to tell homeowner if tiedowns are already installed.

EJ: is there any benefit on homeowners insurance?

JH: No, just a discount for earthquake insurance.

Homeowner should verify with their insurer.

F. ECHO and Marinvalley.net updates (Erma W)

1. JH has written an extensive article on falling, with links to YouTube videos for strengthening exercises.

EW: Falls happen to 20% of the people our age.

2. MVEST contribution for January 2023 *ECHO* (December 8 deadline)

JH: Winter preparedness. Leaves. Raking, detritus removal.

JH: Possible in-home safety article. Room-by-room.

EJ: Expressed concern about raking leaves: beneficial insect larvae live in there.

JH: Not much habitat being disturbed.

G. Community Collaborations

1. Fire Safe Marin

a. Firewise Leaders meeting (Fri Nov 18, 11:00-12:00)

b. Fire Safe Marin Board meeting (Fri Dec 16, 9:00-11:00)

2. Marin VOAD.

JH: October meeting was all on earthquakes. Drop/cover/hold

3. MWPA: Novato Shaded Fuel Break Program webinar

JH: similar to other communities, incl. Ross Valley,

Starts in North end of Novato. Probably won't see it here for 4 to 5 years.

See MWPA web site. <https://www.marinwildfire.org/>

H. **OLD BUSINESS** (None)

I. **NEW BUSINESS** (None)

J. **Next regular MVEST meeting: Monday, December 19, 2022, 5 pm** on Zoom.

K. ADJOURNMENT

GLOSSARY

- **DNR = Do Not Resuscitate**
- **EMP = Emergency Management Plan** It is somewhat analogous to a roadmap. It displays the lay of the land with possible routes, but does not identify the specific route as the starting point is not defined. So it's not actually a protocol.
- **FADR = First Aid for Disaster Responders**
- **FSM = Fire Safe Marin**
- **MMRC = Marin Medical Reserve Corps**
- **MWPA = Marin Wildfire Protection Authority**
- **NFD = Novato Fire Department**
- **POLST = Physician's Order for Life Saving Techniques**
- **SOP = Standard Operating Procedure.** This is more of a protocol. In the roadmap analogy, an incident defines the starting point on the roadmap and its resolution is the destination. So the chosen route becomes a protocol: Start at the starting point...stay on the route...arrive at the destination.
- **VOAD = Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters**
- **VOL = Vial of Life**