

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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### DEVASTATING WILDFIRES

Our hearts go out to those who lost so much in the devastating fires in Southern California.

We as a society need to stop being surprised by these types of fires. There have been so many examples of these types of fires. Surprise leads to panic. Panic leads to poor decisions.

Now is the time for Marin Wildfire and our member agencies to provide the leadership our communities need. We were built because of these types of fires and we must continue our momentum.

As we connect with our community members, we need to emphasize the need for personal preparedness and action.

- Encourage people to sign up for AlertMarin.
- Drive people to take action through home hardening and fire smart landscaping - including Zone 0.
- Be prepared, physically and mentally, to evacuate.
- Evacuate when your'e told and stay in your car during evacuations.

And we need to continue to share our work with our residents so they can be confident their public officials are doing everything we can to keep our communities safe.

Marin Wildfire has distributed consistent talking points and our one page executive summary of our annual report to help guide consistent messaging. We ask that you use those resources.

### LOOK WHAT'S COMING TO MARIN

In March, we will be hosting two important statewide meetings. The Climate and Wildfire Institute will be holding its spring meeting here in Marin on March 25th and 26th. The Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force will hold its spring meeting starting the evening of March 26th with a keynote speaker, panel discussions on the 27th and project site visits on the 28th. These meetings should be very informative for anybody engaged in wildfire preparedness.

### RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

- Appointed three members to the Community Oversight Committee.
- Authorized the Executive Officer to sign two (2) amendments to existing contracts: 1. CCNB-24-003L CCNB; 12/20/24 to 6/30/25; 2. F&K-24-004 F&K; 12/20/24 to 6/30/25
- Approve the budget adjustment transferring funds from Community Emergency Warning Signs to the Marin City Fuel Reduction Zone.
- Approved the release of a Request for Proposals for a new Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Approved the 2023/2024 Annual Report.
- Created an ad hoc subcommittee to review and update the Marin Wildfire bylaws.



Thank You,



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