



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

April 15, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Appoint a Town Councilmember to the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint one Town Councilmember to the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

In 2019, the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) was established as a Joint Powers Authority separate from the local government agencies. The Authority is responsible to plan, finance, implement, manage, own, and operate a multi-jurisdictional and county-wide agency to prevent and mitigate wildfires in Marin County. Each member agency ("Member") individually has the statutory ability to provide fire suppression, protection, prevention, and related incidental services. The purpose and intent of the MWPA is to jointly exercise the foregoing common powers in a coordinated manner.

The Council joined the MWPA in October 2019. The MWPA was contingent on the passage of the Wildfire Prevention Measure Tax (Measure C) in March 2020.

With the passage of Measure C, member agencies are now required to appoint a Councilmember to the 17-member board. MWPA is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of elected leaders from each Member; and each Member shall have one Director on the Board of Directors. No meeting date has been set yet as the MWPA is waiting for all its member agencies to appoint representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT

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