Minutes from the September 23rd, 2026, Bolinas Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting at the Bolinas Fire Station.

Pres. Molesworth called the meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District to order at 7:00 P.M. Vice Pres. Torrey, and Dir. Dunne were present. Also present: Administrative Manager Isaac Taylor and Fire Chief George Krakauer. Dir. Pierce and Dir. Martinelli were absent.

Pres. Molesworth asked for unanimous consent to approve the Agenda, with the amendment to move item 5b to the top of the agenda. Seeing no objections, the amended Agenda was approved.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION
None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

MERA/Chiefs
No updates.

MWPA
Chief Krakauer reported attending multiple MWPA meetings, and issuing a letter to the Coastal Commission supporting MWPA's pending Public Works Plan.

Prevention
District wildfire preparedness and response was discussed in item 5b.

Roads
Chief Krakauer reported that PG&E are still in town working on hazardous tree removals along Olema-Bolinas Road and lower Mesa Road. Work is expected to conclude September 29th.

Chief Krakauer reported meeting with community advocates to discuss maintenance needed at the bottom of Surfers Overlook. The group plans to engage County DPW and Supervisor Rodoni on the possibility of expedited permitting for emergency repair work.

Inspections
Chief Krakauer reported on ongoing annual business inspections.

Planning
No update.

Grants
Chief Krakauer reported that the District has been awarded a grant for battery-powered extrication tools through the California Office of Transportation Safety.

Training
Chief Krakauer reported that recent weekly training has covered SCBAs and structural firefighting, while paid staff continue to focus on engineering.

Chief Krakauer reported that Asst. Chief Marcotte will be hosting an Emergency Medical Responder class in November for local volunteer agencies. EMR is a prerequisite for EMT certification, and there are currently five attendees from Bolinas.

Volunteers
Chief Krakauer reported that the volunteers are finalizing plans for the annual Fire Safety Day on Saturday, October 25th. Pres. Molesworth urged Isaac Taylor to reach out to new administrative staff at the school to ensure parents are notified about the event.

Chief Krakauer reported significant new interest in volunteering, which is exciting. He is also mindful of maintaining an appropriate number of engaged and reliable volunteers. As such, he plans to meet with volunteers to discuss personal goals.

Apparatus
Chief Krakauer reported that Utility 219 is currently out of service to receive repairs on some electrical and lighting issues.

Disaster Council
No update.

Resource Recovery
No update.

Buildings and Grounds
Chief Krakauer reported that an annual fuel tank air quality test is scheduled for October 15th.

Chief Krakauer reported that he is continuing to solicit estimates for a new aboveground fuel tank.

Chief Krakauer reported that Firefighter Tom helped repair some cracks in the engine bay apron near the fuel tank, and replaced some window cranks in the station dorms and restrooms.

Chief Krakauer also reported a recent false alarm from the station's smoke alarms, prompting his decision to replace all of the aging alarms.

General Operations/Administration
Chief Krakauer reported that he is exploring the steps necessary to establish a minimal water rescue component, open to firefighters who have completed Marin County Fire's water rescue training. He noted that two firefighters, Caleb Norton and Walter Tom, completed this training last year.

Chief Krakauer reported taking part in numerous discussions and meetings around preparations for and anticipated impacts of El Niño, and he shared a new resource from ReadyMarin: ReadyMarin.org/ElNino

Isaac Taylor shared some notes on operational expenses and expected income and cash flow.

Chief Krakauer also shared that there would be a test of the AlertMarin service on September 26th at 10am.

Personnel
Chief Krakauer reported that firefighters Tom and Vaccaro have both passed their Fire Academy midterm exams. Firefighter Easom is continuing her paramedic clinicals and

will begin her internship in November. Firefighter Knudsen has also begun paramedic school. Staff are all chipping in to fill the schedule where necessary.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Action Item #1 – Approval of Octagon Towers, LLC Cellular Site Lease Amendment, Adding T-Mobile to Expanded Tower

MSC Dunne/Torrey (unan.) to approve the Cellular Site Lease Amendment with Octagon Towers, LLC.

Pres. Molesworth noted that this amendment has been publicly noticed and discussed in several prior meetings, and she thanked the ad hoc committee for their diligence in addressing all concerns related to the new lease amendment. Isaac Taylor thanked Ian Johnson for his invaluable technical assistance.

Discussion Item #1 – Evaluation of Traffic Safety Conditions on Overlook Drive and Neighborhood Proposal for Installation of Speed Humps

Chief Krakauer explained that residents of Overlook Drive submitted a petition to Marin County DPW to study traffic safety conditions on Overlook Drive, and Chief Krakauer supported their request. In response, DPW deployed speed sensors along the roadway for approximately one week. The report found that average speeds were in the high 20s. While three-way stops at intersections or double-striping were not supported, DPW indicated that speed humps could be an option for traffic calming, at residents' expense and requiring 67% support Overlook Drive residents. The report noted a potential delay in emergency response time of approximately 10 seconds per speed hump. Chief Krakauer reported simulating responses on Overlook Drive and finding a similar delay. Dir. Dunne asked Chief Krakauer if the potential delay was a concern, and he responded that it would not be a significant concern so long as the number of speed humps was limited.

The board and Chief Krakauer heard public comment from several residents of Overlook Drive, and recognized the validity of their concerns around speeding and public safety. There was additional discussion about the DPW study and potential design elements and signage.

Chief Krakauer stated that he would continue discussions with Marin County traffic engineers and resident representatives, then make his recommendation to DPW.

Discussion Item #2 – Memorandum of Understanding with Marin County Fire Department Regarding Fire Prevention Services

Chief Krakauer provided some background on the proposed MOU with Marin County Fire Department, noting the history of assistance to West Marin fire agencies in the area of fire prevention services. This memorandum would provide clarity and set expectations for all parties by formalizing this relationship, and would be subject to renewal after five years. Board members engaged in limited discussion and voiced general support for the MOU.

Discussion Item #3 – District Wildfire Preparedness and Response

Chief Krakauer reported that fire season is still active despite recent rains, noting a recent wildland fire in Chileno Valley.

Marin Wildfire has one remaining Chipper Day event in Bolinas next month.

The California Conservation Corps will be visiting Bolinas soon to conduct some fuels cleanup and maintenance in the area of Mesa Road and Olema-Bolinas Road on BCPUD property. This service is being sponsored by PG&E.

Chief Krakauer reported that preparations are being finalized for a fuel reduction project behind homes on Park Avenue in Bolinas, set to begin October 19th. This is expected to be the last new project in the downtown area for the immediate future, but there will be periodic maintenance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Torrey/Dunne (unan.) to approve the Consent Calendar.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Resources Advisory Committee – Vice Pres. Torrey reported that all responses have been received for Chief Krakauer's annual performance evaluation.

Finance Advisory Committee – No update.

Operations Working Group – No update.

PERSONNEL MATTERS
None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Pres. Molesworth asked for unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Taylor
Administrative Manager

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