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MEMORANDUM


DATE: March 10, 2016
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Wayne Bush, MarinMap Program Director
SUBJECT: MarinMap Program Update


Recommendation


Accept this update regarding the MarinMap Program. No action is requested.


Update


Presented below is a summary of MarinMap staff activities during the last two months:

 **Outreach to Fire Chiefs** – On January 21, Staff attended the Fire Chiefs’ Association (FCA) meeting. They were welcomed to MarinMap and given an overview of the MarinMap structure, login information and provided an opportunity to ask questions. Staff advised them that MarinMap created a customized fire app which we expect will need revisions after it’s reviewed and we welcomed that input. Staff also suggested they form a subcommittee to help come up with potential projects, and offered as a possible project the unification of road and situs datasets. At the February MarinMap meeting, the FCA rep Chris Tubbs advised that his group will work on defining projects and improvements to the fire app.

 **Marin County Sheriff Department** – The County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) consultant Sean Lehman of Geo-Comm had requested we delay a previous meeting in December. Staff has made contact with him and asked for the meeting to be set. The Fire Chiefs’ Association has interest in MarinMap’s collaboration with EOC regarding road and situs data and is willing to help facilitate if necessary. The EOC reported that they are about a month away from a live rollout and their focus is there for now, so we offered assistance and will check back.

 **Assessor's Office Outreach** - MarinMap pays the Assessor's Office \$1,080/year for member only access to their property characteristics dataset. The premise of MarinMap paying for this data is that property characteristic data is exempt from the Public Records Act and the Assessor's Office sells this data to Zillow and other third parties. Two fields in the dataset, latest transfer date and latest deed recorded date, are not in the dataset transmitted to MarinMap, but are sent to Zillow and others such as MLS. Many MarinMap members need current owner info more than the annually published Equalized Assessor Rolls. The Assessor and his office is aware of this request but has not yet responded. The MGSA Executive Officer will be reaching out.

 **Projects** - Jill Templeton is working on storm drain updating for Fairfax and soliciting input. Staff expects to wrap up that work soon and she will move on to Tiburon and Novato.

 **Budget** – Staff has been working up a preliminary MarinMap budget which will be presented to the MarinMap Executive Committee for review on March 3. At the February meeting, the Executive Committee developed a draft list of projects. I hope to get an Executive Committee endorsed budget and project list in March, and convene the MarinMap Steering Committee (all 17 members) in April to endorse a recommended budget to the MGSA, and then agendize MGSA adoption in May.

Other than the above, the period had the usual review and approval of MarinMap invoices, review and revision of the MarinMap Executive Committee minutes as needed, oversight of the budget expenses and revenues, preparation and distribution of the agenda, and initiate or review and respond to a significant number and variety of emails, calls and technical matters from the Executive and Steering Committee members, consultants and vendors, the MGSA Director, and members of the Matrix Team.