

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2015 – 8:30 A.M.

NOVATO CITY OFFICES – WOMACK CONFERENCE ROOM

Chief Cusimano called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. The following were in attendance: MCSO Sheriff Robert Doyle, MCSO Undersheriff Mike Ridgway, Central Marin Police Chief Todd Cusimano, Novato Police Department Chief Jim Berg, CHP Captain Jesse Holguin, Task Force Commander Lt. Don Wick, Task Force Special Investigations Assistant Christine Wheeler, Marin Board of Supervisors Judy Arnold, Marin County Administrator's Office Dan Eilerman, Novato City Council Member Pat Eklund, Tiburon Town Manager Peggy Curran, civilian member Edward Schulze, civilian member Daniel Falzon, and civilian Mark Dale.

Meeting began with introductions.

Motion to approve October meeting minutes was requested by Chief Cusimano. All present approved.

Lt. Wick provided the committee with an overview of cases, seizures, and agency contacts. Wick discussed the changes to the federal asset forfeiture guidelines effective February 19, 2015. The change requires agencies to file asset forfeiture cases through the state. Lt. Wick is meeting with HIDTA Supervisor Randy Wagner to discuss if this will affect the Task Force. All cases prior to the effective date will not be affected.

Lt. Wick informed the committee that the changes discussed in the last meeting regarding insurance have been made. He discussed the cost associated with the change.

Lt. Wick presented drafted changes to the JPA language. He began with agency contributions. The committee requested that more specific language be used, providing the formula in detail. Wick then discussed the language for Contribution In-Kind. The committee suggested that he condense the draft keeping it more simplified. The Insurance and Indemnity section was discussed next, the language change was to clarify that asset forfeiture funds could not be used in the event of a law suit. The committee requested that Lt. Wick finalize suggested changes, have approved by County Council, and then regroup to approve changes.

Chief Cusimano discussed San Rafael Police Department's timeline on finalizing re-entry into the JPA. He was informed that it would be soon. The committee asked if Ross Police Department would be returning. Chief Cusimano and Berg both confirmed it was relayed to them that if San Rafael Police Department returned then Ross Police Department would as well. It is unknown the intention of Sausalito Police Department. The committee requested that once San Rafael is confirmed in the JPA that correspondence be sent to all agencies presenting the new changes and updates to the JPA. Sheriff Doyle expresses his belief that the situation is positive, there are good signs internally.

The committee requested that the next meeting's agenda address San Rafael and Central Marin's Contributions.

Peggy Curran informed the committee that there is no additional town member at his time.

Civilian Mark Dale spoke to the committee about upcoming events that he would like the committee to be aware of, inform others of, and attend if possible.

A brief meeting to vote on new JPA language is set for February 9, 2015. Novato City Offices, Womack Conference Room – 8:30 am.

The next quarterly meeting is set for April 6, 2015. Novato City Offices, Womack Conference Room – 8:30am.

Meeting adjourned by Chief Cusimano 10:00 am.