




# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### December 6, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager 

**SUBJECT:** Appoint a Councilmember to the Ross Valley Fire Department Board

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint a Councilmember to the Ross Valley Fire Department Board

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Town has been a member of the Ross Valley Fire Department (RVFD) since 1982. The RVFD is a joint powers authority consisting of the towns of Fairfax, Ross, San Anselmo, and the Sleepy Hollow Fire District. Each entity has two elected representatives on the RVFD board. Currently, Mayor Reed and Councilmember Weinsoff are the town's representatives. As a result of the recent election, the Town will need to appoint a councilmember to replace Councilmember Weinsoff on the RVFD board. Vice-Mayor Lacques is currently the Town's alternate to the board.

The next RVFD meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup> and it is important for the Town to have full representation at the meeting. Specifically, RVFD is in the process of considering a shared services model with Marin County Fire or Kentfield in lieu of recruiting for a new RVFD fire chief. While no decision will be made by the RVFD Board in December, it is essential that the Fairfax representative be present for the discussion and continue in that capacity for the next year to maintain continuity in the RVFD decision-making process. However, the Council may wait until next January/February, when it typically discusses Council committee assignments, to consider the appointment of the Councilmember alternate to the RVFD Board.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None