



Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors

CALL AND NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

December 18, 2024 – 5:00 PM

LOCATION:
Orinda Library Auditorium
26 Orinda Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Please join us for a Special Meeting to Honor Retiring Fire Chief Dave Winnacker. The reception will begin immediately following the meeting in the Library Art Gallery. Refreshments will be served.

Public Participation

This meeting will be conducted in person only.

Speaker Cards: If you would like to speak during the public forum or on an item listed on the agenda, you are invited to submit a speaker card to the District Clerk. You will be permitted to speak even if you elect not to submit a speaker card or decline to provide information requested on the card. After the Board of Directors has heard from everyone who submitted speaker cards, anyone electing not to submit a speaker card may form a line at the lectern. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker per agenda item.

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1. **OPENING CEREMONIES**

- Call the Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance

2. **SPECIAL AGENDA**

2.1 **Proclamation Honoring Retiring Fire Chief Dave Winnacker**

The Board of Directors will formally present this proclamation to Fire Chief Winnacker to recognize his outstanding service to MOFD and his commitment to public safety, community resilience, and military excellence. This proclamation serves as an expression of gratitude from the Governing Board and the community for his leadership and dedication.

[Proclamation Honoring Retiring Fire Chief Dave Winnacker](#)

2.2 **Special Tributes to Fire Chief Dave Winnacker from Partner Agencies and Community Groups**

Opportunity for partner agencies, community groups, and individuals to express their gratitude to Fire Chief Dave Winnacker for his exceptional service and leadership. It is also a chance to extend best wishes for a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

All are invited to a reception in the Library Art Gallery immediately following the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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I hereby certify that this agenda in its entirety was posted on December 13, 2024, at the Moraga and Orinda Fire Administration offices, Stations 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45 and electronically at www.mofd.org/agendas. Agenda provided to the Moraga Town Office (Hacienda) and Orinda City Hall.



Marcia Holbrook
District Secretary/Clerk



PROCLAMATION

Honoring Fire Chief Dave Winnacker

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Dave Winnacker has served with distinction in the fire service since 2004, with a remarkable career spanning Fresno City, Alameda County, and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD); and

WHEREAS, since joining MOFD as Fire Chief in 2017, Chief Winnacker has been a transformative leader, developing a comprehensive strategic wildfire risk reduction plan, utilizing early warning systems, fire spread modeling, terrain and vehicular access analysis, and prescribed fire, alongside extensive outreach, education, and enforcement efforts to promote residential defensible space and home hardening measures; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Winnacker has represented the California Fire Chiefs Association on the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee and led the Wildland Urban Interface Task Force, significantly contributing to statewide fire safety and training initiatives; and

WHEREAS, prior to his fire service career, Chief Winnacker served as a Marine Corps Infantry Officer from 1997 to 2003, and as a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, he has held key leadership roles, including Commanding Officer of the 4th Force Reconnaissance Company and Deputy Commander of the 23rd Marine Regiment, and has been approved by the U.S. Senate for promotion to the rank of Brigadier General; and

WHEREAS, beyond his professional roles, Chief Winnacker has further contributed to public safety through his work at Stanford University as a Hoover Institution Veteran Fellow, focusing on the intersection of wildfire and property insurance; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Winnacker is retiring from his position as Fire Chief, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, leadership, and innovation that has profoundly impacted the safety and resilience of the Moraga-Orinda community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, on behalf of the entire community, hereby recognizes and honors Fire Chief Dave Winnacker for his exceptional service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to public safety and extends heartfelt congratulations on his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest gratitude for his contributions to the fire service, the military, and the community and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

The Clerk of the Board shall attest and affix the seal of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District to this proclamation on this 18th day of December 2024.

Michael Roemer, President

Steven Danziger, Director

John Jex, Director

Greg Hasler, Director

Craig Jorgens, Director