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MOFD board approves change to new auditor

By Nick Marnell

District residents may have reason for concern over what the headline of this article portends, considering the troubled history the Moraga-Orinda Fire District has had with its auditors. But the change this time is an absorption of the current auditor by a larger financial company, Eide Bailly, LLC.

The district fired its audit-

ing firm, Cropper Accountancy, in 2013 after the company failed to recognize \$2 million that should have been allocated to a special district fund. Cropper's successor, JJACPA, signed off on 2015 and 2016 district financial reports that included a \$23 million incorrectly recorded prepaid item. The district did not renew its contract with JJACPA in 2017 and signed on with new auditor Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Com-

pany. VTD has not only audited the district financial reports but also, on a limited basis, audited additional schedules included in the MOFD comprehensive annual financial reports.

In July, VTD joined Eide Bailly, a Fargo, North Dakota-based certified public accounting and business advisory firm. The MOFD board approved the agreement with the new auditor at its Sept. 18 meeting, with

the \$17,687 cost for the 2019 audit remaining the same as with VTD. The district contract with the new company expires with the completion of the 2019 audit.

Eide Bailly, a national firm with offices in 50 states, was named one of the Top 10 construction accounting firms by an industry publication in 2019. "A strong accounting function can provide valuable information about a construc-

tion company and can help minimize risk," Bryce Wisan, an Eide Bailly partner, says on the company website.

The company's heralded construction reputation comes as undoubtedly good news for a fire district that has planned \$13 million in capital projects over the next three years, including rebuilds of two fire stations and its administrative offices.

MOFD profile rising statewide as Cal Fire ups mitigation funding

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35 Community Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation Projects that Cal Fire has funded in 2019, but she praised the public outreach of MOFD. The district posts a link to a weekly update on its website, with tabbed sec-

tions covering basic information, the timeline, work progress and plenty of photos of the undertaking.

Fire Chief Dave Winnacker had assured Cal Fire that the fuel break project will be largely completed by the Dec. 31 deadline, and he told Jake

Hess, Cal Fire Santa Clara Unit chief, that if there was any extra money available from other state projects, MOFD could take it on. "Up to an additional \$2 million," Winnacker said.

Hess came through with \$250,000, which MOFD will use for tree removal in Tilden Park

and at the San Pablo Reservoir drainage area, between Briones Park and the south finger of the reservoir. "He has been a phenomenal partner, who has advocated for this project as if it were his own," Winnacker said of the Cal Fire unit chief.

Lottes noted that only one

other state mitigation project – the North Fork American River Fuel Break – was using as many private contractors all at one time as MOFD, and she again praised the district project management. "We might consider using MOFD as a model," Lottes said.

Moraga Safeway's struggles with bad behavior

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She said they work closely and rely on support from local law enforcement when such issues arise at their stores.

Carter wants parents to be aware of what their child might be doing and asks that they remain vigilant. "If I was a parent, I'd want to know what's going on. I would want to be aware," she said.

Carter notes that not every student who visits the store misbehaves, but there has been enough wrongful activity, in-

cluding loud and sometimes screaming behavior, to warrant parental and community attention. "The worst days are when the schools have minimum day and especially on Friday afternoons. Sometimes there are nearly 80 kids in the store."

Patrolling the aisles has become part of the job for Carter. "I've had to walk up and down the aisles, because they like to knock things off the shelves, especially in the paper towel and toilet paper section," she said, noting that she's seen minors "walk through and just stick an

arm out, causing everything to fall on the floor."

Safeway has outdoor tables and chairs to the left of the store for customers and employees to use, but Carter says the kids "often have food fights out there, smearing cookies, cupcakes and

other food everywhere. They've even sprayed whipped cream around and knocked over the cases of bottled water we have stored out there. Sometimes they break open the cases and have water fights."

Carter hopes that parents

can explain potential consequences to their children. "In a few years, if they keep up this type of behavior," she said, "what amounts to \$10 in damages will increase to \$100 and they will be prosecuted as an adult."

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.
Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas.
Visit www.mofd.org



ConFire

Board of Directors
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1:30 p.m.
Board Chamber Room 107,
Administration Building
651 Pine St., Martinez.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.org



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Emergency: 24 Hours 911
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours
925-284-5010

Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com
Lafayette Police Department:
3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
925-283-3680

Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt
925-299-3221

Police Department Tip Line
94549Tip@gmail.com

Police Department Traffic Issues
94549Traffic@gmail.com

Moraga Police Department:
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055

Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049

Orinda Police Department:
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820

Chief of Police, David M. Cook
925-254-6820

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

Sept. 8 - Sept. 21

Alarms 51
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 23
Traffic 110
Suspicious Circumstances 9
Suspicious Subject 24
Suspicious Vehicle 23
Service to Citizen 53
Patrol Req./Security Check 16
School Assembly Check 3
Vacation House Check 6
Supplemental Report 20
Welfare Check 20

Vehicle violations

Auto Burglary
900 Block Risa Rd.
Olympic Oaks Dr./Pleasant Hill Rd.
50 Block Lafayette Cir.
1000 Block Orchard Rd.
10 Block Green Pl.
DUI Misdemeanor
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Police Department
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Happy Valley School
Reckless Driving
Burton Valley Elementary School
Oak Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24
Happy Valley Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Throw Object From Moving Vehicle
Moraga Rd./School St.
Vehicle Theft
1100 Block Bacon Wy
1000 Block 2Nd St.

Other criminal activity

Commercial Burglary
1000 Block Carol Ln.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Computer Fraud
500 Block Bavarian Ct.
Fraud False Pretenses
1100 Block Via Roble
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.
4000 Block Valente Dr.
Grand Theft
3500 Block Silver Springs Rd.
10 Block Valley High
Grand Theft Bicycle
3600 Block Mosswood Dr.
Grand Theft Other
3100 Block Lucas Dr.
Identity Theft
4000 Block Fiora Pl.
Panhandling
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./1St St.
Petty Theft
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3100 Block Condit Rd.
3200 Block Sweet Dr.
Petty Theft Other
1400 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Warrant Arrest
1800 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
Warrant Service
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
3200 Block Marlene Dr.
3200 Block Phillips Rd.
3600 Block Brook St.
Disturbing The Peace
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.
Drunk In Public
Natasha Dr./Rahara Dr.
Loud Music
La Caminita/Reliez Valley Rd.
3500 Block Terrace Way
Loud Noise
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.
Toyon Rd./Mountain Spring Rd.
1000 Block Dewing Ave.
1000 Block Carol Ln.
1000 Block Glen Rd.
Loud Party
Reliez Valley Rd./Toyon Rd.
Reliez Valley Rd./My Rd.
Public Nuisance
Happy Valley Ln./Happy Valley Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Vandalism
Golden Gate Wy/1St St.
1100 Block Cambridge Dr.
3500 Block Terrace Wy
3300 Block Betty Ln.
Other
H&S Violation
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Harassment
1000 Block Brown Ave.
Ordinance Violation
3200 Block Acalanes Ave.

Dolores Dr./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Threats
1000 Block Brown Ave.
Trespass
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Unwanted Guest
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Violation Custody Order
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

Sept. 10 - Sept. 23

Alarms 15
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 15
Traffic 41
Suspicious Circumstances 10
Suspicious Subject 5
Suspicious Vehicle 13
Service to Citizen 45
Patrol Req./Security Check 16
Supplemental Report 17
Vacation House Check 4
Welfare Check 9

Vehicle violations

Auto Burglary
2000 Block Donald Dr.
1400 Block Camino Peral (3)
Excessive Speed
Rheem Blvd./Woodminster Dr.
Moraga Way/School St. (2)
Rheem Blvd./Chalda Way (3)
Morago Rd./Lucas Dr.
Country Club Dr./Canyon Rd.
Camino Ricardo/Moraga Way
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.
Moraga Rd./Kendall Cir.
Petty Theft From Vehicle
Not Available
Reckless Driving
St. Marys College
1100 Block Cedarwood Dr.
100 Block Brookfield Dr.
Tampers With Vehicle
10 Block Corte Santa Clara
100 Block Miramonte Dr.

Other criminal activity

Fraud False Pretenses
300 Block Donald Dr.
Grand Theft Purse Shoplift
1300 Block Moraga Way
Identity Theft
50 Block Corte Del Caballo
Petty Theft
3700 Block Campolindo Dr.
Not Available
Warrant Arrest
30 Block Miramonte Dr.
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
Hodges Dr./Camino Pablo
30 Block Freitas Dr.
20 Block Sullivan Dr.
10 Block Williams Dr.
Disturbing The Peace
Starbucks
Loud Music
Not Available
200 Block Rheem Blvd.

Loud Noise
200 Block Corliss Dr.
Loud Party
100 Block Miramonte Dr.
1900 Block Ascot Dr.
Vandalism
200 Block Paseo Bernal
10 Block Miramonte Dr.
Sanders Dr./Canyon Rd.
Other
Accident Property
Campolindo High School
Beat Info
Campolindo High School
1400 Block Rimer Dr.
Fireworks
2000 Block Ascot Dr.
Mentally Ill Commit
St. Marys College
Campolindo High School
10 Block Sanders Ranch Rd.
Public Assembly Check
Rheem Valley Shopping Center (3)
1000 Block Camino Pablo
Safeway
School Assembly Check
Campolindo High School
Unwanted Guest
St. Marys College



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

Sept. 9 - Sept. 21

Alarms 60
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 38
Traffic 51
Suspicious Circumstances 4
Suspicious Subject 21
Suspicious Vehicle 11
Service to Citizen 76
Patrol Req./Security Check 25
School Assembly Check 10
Vacation House Check 8
Supplemental Report 22
Welfare Check 7
Vehicle violations
Auto Burglary
Gateway Blvd./Wilder Rd.
Post Office
DUI Misd
20 Block Camino Encinas
Grand Theft From Veh
50 Block Berkeley Ave.
Petty Theft From Veh
Valley View Dr./Don Gabriel Way
Reckless Driving
Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. (2)
Camino Pablo/Monte Vista Rd.
Moraga Way/Southwaite Ct.
Camino Pablo/Manzanita Dr.
Camino Sobrante/Miner Rd.
Tc - Property Damage
10 Block Rich Acres Rd.
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.

10 Block St. Stephens Dr.
Camino Pablo/Clairemont Ave.
Other criminal activity
Extortion
10 Block Frogs Leap Way
Fraud False Pretenses
40 Block Camino Lenada
10 Block Irwin Way
False Pretenses
20 Block Muth Dr.
Fraud
30 Block Meadow Park Ct.
Grand Theft
10 Block Sunset Terrace
50 Block Berkeley Ave.
60 Block Muth Dr.
Identity Theft
10 Block Chelton Ct.
60 Block Citron Knoll
Police Department
10 Block Sanborn Rd.
Petty Theft
Eb Sr 24 At Wilder Rd.
Residential Burglary
100 Block Tappan Ln.
Robbery
100 Block Orchard Rd.
Robbery Strongarm
Wb 80/Powell
Shoplift
Safeway (2)
Warrant Arrest
Safeway
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbing The Peace
Wilder Rd./Orinda Fields Ln.
Loud Music
200 Block Rheem Blvd. (2)
10 Block El Gavilan Rd.
Virginia Dr./Glorietta Blvd.
10 Block Virginia Dr.
Loud Noise
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
Orinda Intermediate School
Orinda Park Pool
Orinda Country Club (2)
Pine Grove Business Complex
Loud Party
Virginia Dr./Glorietta Blvd.
Public Nuisance
80 Block Orinda Way
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.
Vandalism
Gateway Blvd./Wilder Blvd.
Theatre Square (2)
Orinda Theater (2)
Other
Accident Property
200 Block La Espiral
30 Block Barbara Rd.
Failure To Obey
Camino Sobrante/Orinda Way
Mentally Ill Commit
10 Block Altarinda Rd.
100 Block Moraga Way
Ordinance Violation
100 Block Ivy Dr. (2)
30 Block Overhill Rd.
Unwanted Guest
10 Block Altarinda Rd.
10 Block Mira Loma