

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
MINUTES

Wednesday, May 25, 2005
Hosted by the City of Sausalito
Spinnaker Restaurant

7:00 pm **CALL TO ORDER:** President Bruce Sams called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Bruce Sams
Corte Madera: John Dupar, Melissa Gill, Carla Condon, Jay Tashiro
Mill Valley: Dennis Fisco, Christopher Raker, Dick Swanson
Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Pat Eklund, Bernie Meyers, Jeanne Macleamy
Ross: Scot Hunter
San Anselmo: Barbara Thornton, Peter Breen, Jeff Kroot, Wayne Cooper
San Rafael: Cyr Miller, Al Boro, Gary Phillips.
Sausalito: Amy Belser, Dennis Scremin, Ron Albert, Paul Albritton, Michael Kelly
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz

ABSENT: Fairfax, Larkspur

Also present were City and Town Managers George Rodericks, Belvedere, Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Rod Gould, San Rafael, Don Hunter, Mill Valley, Dana Whitson, Sausalito, Jay Tashiro, Corte Madera and Assistant City Manager Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Scremin welcomed everyone to Sausalito and introduced his fellow Councilmembers. The following staff members were introduced: Scott Paulin, Chief of Police, Elizabeth Storz, Assistant to the City Manager, Louise Ho, Finance Director.

Other Guests: Kathleen Vanvelsor, ABAG, Amy O'Gorman, League of California Cities, Marin Supervisors Kinsey, Brown, Adams and McGlashan.

Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2005.

Moved and seconded to approve as submitted. Motion passed.

Nominations/Appointments:

President Sams announced that Melissa Gill, current Vice President has been nominated for President; Alice Fredericks has been nominated Vice President. Any other nominees should contact the Executive Committee. The election of officers will take place at the June meeting.

Committee Reports

- a. SMART - Peter Breen announced that members of the SMART Board will be available to speak to the various cities/towns once the EIR has been released. The Board has been working in conjunction with TAM on the tunnel and gap projects in San Rafael.

- b. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) - Alice Fredericks reported the pilot shuttle program to Muir Woods begins May 28 running from Manzanita every half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every half hour. Questionnaires will be sent to schools and public works departments regarding crossing guards to determine where funding is most needed.

- c. Metropolitan Transportation Commission - Steve Kinsey reported that Marin County received \$21 million which will fully fund the gap closure project, and save a substantial

amount of sales tax dollars. The Cities of Novato and Fairfax both received funding for projects. Last November's successful countywide sales tax measure made the County eligible to receive this funding.

The Commission is working to identify lower income areas for funding projects under the Lifeline transportation Program, which will provide community based transportation service for these needy local areas. Currently the canal area in San Rafael is benefiting from this program.

- d. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Al Boro reported that a 5% fare increase goes into effect July 1, to help close the deficit gap. The Board voted to oppose AB 748 which would prohibit the setting of bicycle and pedestrian tolls by agencies and district operating public highways and bridges in California. The Board did not feel the State should dictate policy for a local special district.
- e. Legislative Committee - In Anne Solem's absence, San Rafael City Manager Rod Gould reported that the committee had voted to oppose SB 435 which would remove the existing requirement for a developer to demonstrate that a requested waiver or reduction in development standards is necessary to make the unit economically feasible. In addition, they voted to support ACA 13 which would allow an assessment for financing the capital costs or maintenance and operation expenses of flood control to be exempt from the 2/3 voter requirements as imposed by Prop. 218.

The committee will discuss pension reform at their next meeting. The proposal to develop a "Marin Community United" letterhead has been dropped.

M/s to support the committee's position on both issues. Motion passed.

- f. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) - Carole Dillon-Knutson urged each city to send a letter to the Commission on State Mandates (CSM) in support of the appeal of the executive director's decision on the inapplicability of the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 1188.4 to reconsider its decision to withdraw funding for performing the state mandated regional housing needs allocation. Loss of this funding will require cities to add another layer of fees to already skyrocketing housing costs.

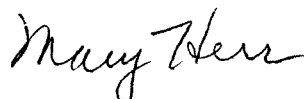
Community Choice Aggregation - Supervisors Brown and McGlashan gave an overview of the proposed CCA which would allow local governments to buy/sell electric energy. PG&E would continue distribution, metering and billing. A JPA would be formed to run the CCA, and could increase renewable energy sources to Marin County customers. The County is currently conducting peer review of the feasibility study and will proceed cautiously with the project.

Public Comment: There were no comments.

Program: Pat Dando, Director of Local Government Outreach to Governor Swarzenegger.

ADJOURN: President Bruce Sams adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm to the next meeting on June 22 in Tiburon.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer