

## MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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## MINUTES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Hosted by the City of Novato at Novato City Hall  
922 Machin Ave & 901 Sherman Ave, Novato, CA 94945

**Members Present**

Belvedere: McAuliffe  
Corte Madera: Bailey, Condon  
Fairfax: Coler, Goddard, Lacques, Reed  
Larkspur: Chu, Hillmer, Morrison, Way  
Mill Valley: Moulton-Peters, Sloan  
Novato: Drew, Fryday, Eklund, Lucan  
Ross: Brekhus, Kuhl, McMillan, Robbins  
San Anselmo: Brown, Colbert, Coleman, Greene, Wright  
San Rafael: Colin  
Sausalito: Burns, Cleveland-Knowles, Cox, Hoffman, Withy  
Tiburon: No Attendees

**Ex Officio:** Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Reagan Candelario; San Anselmo Town Manager David Donery; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

**Guests were:** Marin County Board of Supervisors Judy Arnold, Damon Connolly, Katie Rice and Dennis Rodoni; Eli Beckman, Corte Madera Councilmember-Elect; David Kunhardt, Corte Madera Councilmember-Elect

**Call to Order**

President Kate Colin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and opened the meeting with two truths and a lie as an ice breaker. She then recognized Councilmembers Carla Condon and Diane Furst, from Corte Madera who are retiring from public service. Councilmember Furst could not attend the meeting this evening, but Councilmember Condon was present and President Colin asked Corte Madera Councilmember Sloan Bailey to say a few words about her years of service.

Corte Madera Councilmember Sloan Bailey acknowledged Carla Condon's service to the community and to the County and spoke to her tireless involvement in both the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and the League of California Cities. He also expressed thanks for her advocacy for the elderly, and her work with Age Friendly Corte Madera.

President Colin then welcomed and introduced the two new Corte Madera Councilmembers, Eli Beckman and David Kunhardt, who were in attendance.

**Public Comment**

1. Sloan Bailey, Corte Madera – Announced that there is no committee report from the MCCMC Legislative Committee, but, on behalf of Alice Fredericks, who could not attend this evening, he is asking electeds to please provide stimulus to your city/town managers to provide information on your jurisdiction's supportive housing policies that have been enacted to be added to the memo to provide to Senator McGuire showing that Marin is making good faith effort and has been successful in providing additional housing. Councilmember Bailey asked that all requested information be sent to Alice Fredericks and Kelsey Rogers to be included in the memo to Senator McGuire.

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2 Following Public Comment, President Colin introduced Novato Mayor Josh Fryday.  
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5 **Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

6 Mayor Friday welcomed everyone to the City of Novato and introduced Marin County Board of  
7 Supervisors Damon Connolly, Katie Rice, Dennis Rodoni and Judy Arnold. He introduced the  
8 following Novato staff: City Manager Reagan Candelario, Public Works Director Russ Thompson,  
9 Finance Manager Tony Clark, Community Development Director Bob Brown, Human Resources  
10 Director Gayle Papworth, Public Works Administrative Director Kate Whan, Management Analyst  
11 Laura McDowall, City Attorney Veronica Nebb, Police Chief Adam McGill, Gretchen Schubeck  
12 Sustainability Coordinator, and City Clerk Terrie Gillen  
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14 Mayor Friday also thanked Andy Podchadny from Trek Winery for providing the wine and Novato  
15 Catering Company for the meal.  
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18 **4. OneBook Book Club – Discussion of “The Color of Lay” by Richard Rothstein**

19 Once dinner service was underway, President Colin then introduced and set up the OneBook Book  
20 Club for the purpose of discussing the book, “The Color of Law”. She stated that people should stay  
21 curious and try new things. She thanked the facilitators present: Sarah Houghton, Margaret Stoway  
22 and Henry Bankhead from the Novato Library, Head Librarian Sarah Jones from the County of  
23 Marin, Supervisor Connolly, Supervisor Rice, Novato Councilmember Eric Lucan and Sausalito  
24 Council member Ray Withy. Richard Rothstein, the author of the book, could not be present this  
25 evening, but he wrote an introduction. President Colin read the correspondence from Mr. Rothstein.  
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27 She then released the tables for dinner and asked the tables to begin their facilitated discussions.  
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30 **5. Committee Reports:**

31 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Supervisor Damon Connolly

32 Supervisor Connolly spoke about the passage of Regional Measure 3, which will pay huge  
33 dividends for Marin County. The Measure received 55% approval collectively across all nine  
34 Bay Area Counties, and Marin County was 61% in favor.  
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36 Marin County pays in approximately 4% in bridge tolls and will get at least 5% back.  
37 SB 1, the 12 cent per gas tax increase, the first increase since 1989 in California, which will  
38 bring in \$8 million additional per year to Marin County. A ballot measure has qualified for the  
39 November ballot to overturn SB1 and it is polling poorly. We have work cut out for us to prevent  
40 that from passing and overturning SB1.  
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42 SB 828, sponsored by Scott Weiner, which would adjust the Regional Housing Needs  
43 Assessment (RHNA) numbers for our cities and towns. Based on local concerns, he had the  
44 opportunity at MTC to take an opposition stance. Supervisor Connolly reported that he was on  
45 the losing end of a 14-2 vote at MTC, which recommended passage of the bill.  
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47 Later this afternoon, Senator Weiner agreed to some key amendments to the bill, striking  
48 sections 1, 2 and 3. A big concern is that the bill mandated 125% of RHNA for communities,  
49 and that was stricken. The second was that it requires County to accommodate 100% of the  
50 unmet portion of its RHNA through multifamily housing within the jurisdiction’s urban service  
51 boundary, which also raised a lot of red flags. That is also out. If the bill does end up passing,  
52 at least it is in the best shape possible for our local communities.  
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1 He then thanked the group for their hard work and for allowing him to represent them at the  
2 MTC.

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5 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) - Pat Eklund, Novato

6 Councilmember Eklund will provide a written report and update to be emailed to the  
7 membership at a later date.

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9 5.c. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) – Dan Hillmer, Larkspur

10 There is no verbal report this month, but Mayor Hillmer encouraged members to view the  
11 SMART General Manager’s Report for June, 2018, included in the agenda packet, and  
12 available on the SMART website via the following link:

13 <https://sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Board/COC%20Documents/GM%20Report%20-%20June%202018.pdf>  
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16 5.d. Disaster Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee – Catherine Way, Larkspur

17 Councilmember Way reported that the committee has met three times and has narrowed down  
18 recommendations about the disaster council and talked about neighborhood preparedness.  
19 The plan is to have three more meetings and then prepare a white paper, which the committee  
20 plans to present in January.

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22 5.e. Pension/OPEB Ad Hoc Committee – Larry Chu, Larkspur

23 Councilmember Chu reported that the committee met for the 4th time on Monday. The guest  
24 speaker was supposed to be Richard Costigan, but was unable to attend. The Committee will  
25 be working on draft of white paper and will try to make the paper itself understandable to not  
26 only councilmembers, but members of the public. Will meet again in September and October  
27 and possibly November if needed.

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29 Councilmember Chu also spoke about AB 1912, which that has to do with the handling of the  
30 liabilities for new joint powers authorities. Corte Madera and Larkspur are ground zero on this  
31 because of establishment of the new Central Marin Fire Authority, and the bill would have  
32 required the two cities to be jointly and severally liable for each other’s liabilities. He  
33 understands that it did not pass today.

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36 **6. Keynote Speaker:**

37 Building Community Resilience Post North Bay Fires  
38 Presentation by Grant Davis, General Manager of the Sonoma County Water District.

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40 President Colin introduced Mr. Davis and spoke about the topic, building resilience post-North Bay  
41 Fires, and stated that this topic is timely in that the region is still recovering and the effects have been  
42 wide-reaching.

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44 Mr. Davis thanked the councilmembers for their service to their communities and for being true public  
45 servants. We’re all in this together. We have good regional bodies that work well together, but there is  
46 a need for regional agencies to make the effort to work together even more closely to leverage dollars  
47 and resources.

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49 He spoke about the Sonoma County Water Agency, which serves about 600,000 customers. About  
50 80% of the water supply comes from the Russian River and the transmission system that we have  
51 invested in. He explained that water resource managers are managing in extremes. They are having  
52 to plan for extremes, going back the last several years with the wettest year on record that followed a  
53 five-year drought. We are trying to manage providing water while in a drought as well as when we are  
54 faced with a deluge.

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2 Mr. Davis explained Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI), which requires the  
3 Sonoma County Water Agency to serve as the fiscal agent, representing the entire bay area water  
4 management community, for a \$19 million grant from Department of Water Resources. The grant is  
5 designed to get advanced radar systems up around the North Bay, the coast, the East Bay and the  
6 South Bay. Water managers need to have more granular information to be able to make water  
7 management decisions. This will help in situations where an atmospheric river comes through and  
8 water managers need to be able to tell people what the situation will be like in an hour, or even in  
9 twenty minutes, giving people the warning they need when flash flooding is imminent.

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11 We are capable of using the most advanced technology and academic community and to work  
12 together as a region toward the common goal of water-supply stewardship, emergency preparedness  
13 and managing through extremes.

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15 The Sonoma County Water Agency is working to keep this region as self-sufficient as possible. One  
16 of the last big reservoirs that was built in California was Lake Sonoma up in Sonoma County. It  
17 provides us the reliability that we need. As extreme weather events being to happen, having these  
18 things in place (radar, support from Sacramento and the Federal Government) can help us face these  
19 extremes.

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21 We need to look at how resilient we are, and are we prepared? The answer is no, but OneTam has  
22 been doing a very good job and they are used as a model for resiliency. The Sonoma Board of  
23 Supervisors is also the Board of Directors for the Water agency. The Board has come up with some  
24 innovative ways to manage climate adaptation in a regional way.

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26 When the fires came, it was a very sobering day. Emergency warnings did not have the ability to target  
27 the evacuations that we needed, in a way that is uniform. Even in Lake County, the fire was jumping  
28 6 lanes of freeway. The winds have become so aggressive and our firebreaks have become  
29 insufficient.

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31 Sonoma County has set a target of 30,000 units of housing to make up for the 5,000 that they lost in  
32 the fires because the area was already unaffordable.

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34 There will be future natural disasters, you can predict it, and the best we can do is work together to  
35 plan for those and be able to respond.

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37 **QUESTIONS:**

38 What do you think will be key factors for better communication?

39 - Will need to get some guidance at the state level for emergency response and what standards  
40 are that we have to live by and encourage interoperability. We need to make sure that if the cell phone  
41 towers go down, we can still communicate.

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43 What are some prospects for getting more granular data? In Fairfax, we're about small microclimates,  
44 small valleys, watersheds and fire sheds, etc. If we tell all of Fairfax and San Anselmo to evacuate,  
45 that may not work.

- 46 - On the fire side, we're not there yet.  
47 - We need to get down to where you know something is going to happen in, for example, the  
48 next three hours, a certain area is going to get hit hard with potential flooding. Atmospheric  
49 rivers can be drought-busters. And droughts are caused by lack of atmospheric rivers.

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- In D.C., as supportive as Congressman Huffman is, we're outgunned. They don't understand what our needs and our extremes are. They're looking at hurricanes, noreasters, etc., and that's where the research money is going. We have to insist that we get better data and better weather service cooperation.

What is your relationship with MMWD? Do you collaborate?

- It is very strong. MMWD is focused on water supply and stewardship. Sonoma Water also does sanitation, flood control. Krishna Kumar used to work in Finance at Sonoma Water. He is fantastic, and is going to be retiring. You want to encourage that whoever replaces him is a collaborator and understands the challenges we have.

**7. BUSINESS MEETING**

7.a. Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint Executive Committee: President and Vice President for 2018-19 Term

7.a-1: MCCMC President for 2018-19 Term

At the May 23, 2018 meeting, Ray Withy, Sausalito, was nominated for appointment as the MCCMC President for the 2018-2019 term. Councilmember Withy subsequently submitted a letter of interest for inclusion in the agenda packet for the June 27, 2018 meeting. Additional nominations were solicited from the floor at the June 27, 2018 meeting and no additional nominations were received.

There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Hoffman) to close nominations. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Hoffman) to appoint Ray Withy, Sausalito, to serve as President of MCCMC for the 2018-2019 term. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.a-2: MCCMC Vice President for 2018-19 Term

At the May 23, 2018 meeting, Elizabeth Brekhus, Ross, was nominated for appointment as the MCCMC Vice President for the 2018-2019 term. Councilmember Brekhus subsequently submitted a letter of interest for inclusion in the agenda packet for the June 27, 2018 meeting. Additional nominations were solicited from the floor at the June 27, 2018 meeting and no additional nominations were received.

There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Coler) to close nominations. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Goddard) to appoint Elizabeth Brekhus, Ross, to serve as Vice President of MCCMC for the 2018-2019 term. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.b. Consideration and Action to Make Appointment to Represent MCCMC as Alternate Representative on the ABAG Executive Board

1 At the May 23, 2018 meeting, the vacancy was announced for a second time due to  
2 withdrawal of nomination prior to the May 23 meeting. Joan Cox, Sausalito, was nominated  
3 from the floor. Additional nominations were solicited from the floor and no additional  
4 nominations were received.

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6 There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Hoffman) to close nominations. The motion was  
7 approved by acclamation.

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9 There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Hoffman) to appoint Joan Cox, Sausalito to  
10 represent MCCMC as Alternate Representative on the ABAG Executive Board. The motion  
11 was approved by acclamation.

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14 7.c. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Schedule and Listing of Host  
15 Cities/Towns for 2018-2019

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17 There was a motion and a second (Morrison/Lucan) to approve the approve the proposed  
18 meeting schedule and listing of host cities/towns for 2018-2019. The motion was approved  
19 by acclamation.

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22 7.d. Review of Draft Agenda for September 26, 2018 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of San  
23 Rafael

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25 There were no changes to the draft agenda for September 26, 2018. It was noted that the  
26 City of San Rafael had agreed to switch meeting dates with the Town of Ross, meaning that  
27 the City of San Rafael would host the September meeting and the Town of Ross would host  
28 the November meeting.

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31 7.e. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the April 25, 2018  
32 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of Larkspur.

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34 There was a motion and a second (Coler/Withy) to approve the minutes of the May 23,  
35 2018 MCCMC meeting as read. The motion was approved by acclamation.

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38 **Adjournment**

39 President Colin thanked everyone for attending, wished everyone a wonderful summer break,  
40 and adjourned the meeting at 8:23p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for September  
41 26, 2018 hosted by the City of San Rafael.