

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS AGENDA

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
5:45pm – Business Meeting
6:00-7:30pm – Program and Networking

Hosted by Town of Corte Madera
RH Rooftop Restaurant Marin ~ 1750 Redwood Hwy., Corte Madera, CA 94925

Business Meeting will begin at 5:45.

5:45 PM: Business Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call to Order:** MCCMC President Brian Colbert
- 2. Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Committee Reports**
 - 3.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) *
3a. Report from Supervisor Stephanie Moulton Peters
 - 3.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
3b. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato
 - 3.c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District *
3c. Written report from Holli Thier, Tiburon
 - 3.d. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART)
3d. Written report provided by Gabe Paulson, Larkspur
 - 3.e. MCCMC Homeless Committee*
3e. Written report by Rachel Kertz, San Rafael.

* = Indicates report not available at time of agenda publication. The packet will be updated online and redistributed once these items are available.

4. Business Items

- 4.a. Announcement of Upcoming Expiration of Terms of the MCCMC Representatives to the Marin County Homeless Policy Setting Committee (HPSC)

Two seats with expiring two-year terms.

Incumbents Rachel Kertz, San Rafael, and Susan Wernick, Novato, have indicated interest in seeking re-appointment and will submit letters of interest.

Expiration of current terms will be announced and letters of interest will be solicited at the May 24, 2023 meeting. Consideration and Action to Make Appointments to Represent MCCMC on the Marin County HPSC for new two-year terms will be made by the MCCMC membership at its next meeting scheduled for June 28, 2023, hosted by the City of Sausalito.

Attachment 4a: Letters of Interest

- 4.b. Nominations for Executive Committee – MCCMC President and Vice President for 2023-24 Term:
 1. Nominations for MCCMC President for 2023-24
 2. Nominations for MCCMC Vice President for 2023-24Melissa Blaustein, Sausalito, has indicated interest in appointment as President for 2023-24 and will submit a letter of interest. Eli Hill, San Rafael, has indicated interest in appointment as Vice President for 2023-24 and will submit a letter of interest.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May meeting and letters of interest

solicited. A vote will be held at the June 28, 2023 regular meeting

Attachment 4b: Letters of Interest

- 4.c. Review Of Draft Agenda For June 28, 2023 MCCMC Meeting To Be Hosted By The City Of Sausalito

Attachment 4c: Draft agenda for June 28, 2023 MCCMC Meeting

- 4.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the March 22, 2023 MCCMC Meeting

Attachment 4.d: Draft minutes of the March 22, 2023 MCCMC meeting

ADJOURN: To the June 28, 2023 meeting, to be held in person and hosted by the City of Sausalito.
Deadline for Agenda Items – June 21, 2023.

Please send to: MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM: Program & Networking, Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera at:

RH Rooftop Restaurant Marin ~ 1750 Redwood Hwy., Corte Madera, CA

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: President Brian Colbert

1. Host City Introduction of Councilmembers and Staff: Mayor Charles Lee
2. Introduction of Councilmembers Elected or Appointed since November, 2022.

ABAG Report to MCCMC¹

April/May 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) **ABAG General Assembly and Business Meeting:** ABAG will convene our General Assembly **on Friday, June 16, 2023** from 10:00 to 3:00 pm at the Bay Area Metro Center located at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco. Registration is [available here](#) for each of the Marin ABAG delegates attending the General Assembly and Business Meeting. If you would like to carpool to the in-person meeting, please contact Pat Eklund (who has 2 more seats available). It will be held in the Yerba Buena - 1st Floor conference room.
- 2) **BAHFA Business Plan Equity Framework and Funding Programs:** The ABAG Executive Board, which is also acting as the Executive Board to the Bay Area Housing and Financing Authority (BAHFA) has been briefed on the proposed Final BAHFA Business Plan Equity Framework and Funding Programs that will be the basis for a potential Regional Tax Measure.
- 3) **Public Opinion Poll Research Findings:** In March 2023, ABAG/MTC contracted with EMC Research, Inc. to conduct a poll of 1,800 Bay Area voters in the nine county Bay Area related to Bay Area voter sentiments regarding general issues of importance, transit and transportation usage and perspectives, as well as reactions to potential funding measures, including a housing bond and a transportation sales tax.
- 4) **Sea Level Rise Adaptation Funding and Investment Framework:** over half of the TOTAL estimated cost OF \$110 BILLION ARE in San Mateo, Marin, and Alameda counties alone. The ABAG Executive Board was provided an update on the work of ABAG, BCDC and the SF Estuary Partnership on sea level rise adaption. This effort started In December 2021, when MTC/ABAG and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) launched the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Funding and Investment Framework, a priority action identified by MTC/ABAG's Plan Bay Area 2050, BCDC's Bay Adapt Joint Platform, and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Estuary Blueprint
- 5) **California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation:** AB 101 adopted by the State legislature directs HCD, in collaboration with OPR and after engaging in stakeholder participation, to evaluate and develop recommendations the Regional Housing Needs Determination and Allocation process and methodology. HCD will be submitting an update to the State Legislature by July 1, 2023 and will finalize their recommendations which are due to the State Legislature by December 31, 2023. Gillian Adams, MTC Regional Planning Programs, is serving as a member of the "Sounding Board" for the California's Housing Future 2040.

1. ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ABAG will convene our General Assembly **on Friday, June 16, 2023** from 10:00 to 3:00 pm at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco. The Business Meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to review and approve the [Budget and Work Program](#) for the next fiscal year. The Conference will examine issues of Bay Area Economic Development and is scheduled to start at 11:30 with lunch and a keynote speaker. This will be followed with a Case Studies panel, sharing lessons from various Bay Area economic development programs and projects. Registration for the General Assembly is [available here](#). Please let me know whether the designated ABAG delegates and/or alternates will be attending for the following cities:

Steve Burdo, Mayor, **Town of San Anselmo**
 Chance Cutrano, Mayor, **Town of Fairfax**
 Eli Hill, Councilmember, **City of San Rafael**
 Jill Hoffman, Councilmember, **City of Sausalito**
 Nancy Kemnitzer, Councilmember, **City of Belvedere**

C. William Kircher, Jr., Councilmember, **Town of Ross**
 Gabe Paulson, Mayor, **City of Larkspur**
 Max Perry, Councilmember, **City of Mill Valley**
 Holli Thier, Councilmember, **Town of Tiburon**

¹ Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)

2. BAHFA BUSINESS PLAN EQUITY FRAMEWORK AND FUNDING PROGRAMS: The ABAG Executive Board, which is also acting as the Executive Board to the Bay Area Housing and Financing Authority (BAHFA) was briefed on the proposed ***BAHFA Business Plan Equity Framework and Funding Programs*** for a potential regional general obligation bond in 2024.

BAHFA launched its business planning process (Business Plan) in 2021 with the goal of creating bold, regional solutions to the Bay Area's housing challenges. The principal means by which BAHFA and its partners will deliver effective outcomes is by deploying BAHFA's statutory authority to place a regional revenue measure on the ballot across all nine counties. The Business Plan, supported by a consultant team led by Forsyth Street Advisors, with its sub consultant Othering and Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley (OBI) leading the Equity Framework, has three main threads of work:

- (1) The Equity Framework which focuses BAHFA's Business Plan on delivery of 3P programs (Production, Preservation and Protections) that prioritize equity, racial justice, and protection of communities most impacted by the region's affordability challenges.
- (2) The Funding Programs which propose strong, impactful, and self-sustaining funding that can successfully establish BAHFA as a permanent agency that consistently achieves its 3P mission.
- (3) The Business Plan which will be the integrated, strategic plan inclusive of both the Equity Framework and Funding Programs that recommends best practices and phasing for BAHFA's allocation of the resources it secures, including a potential regional general obligation bond in 2024.

The last component of the Business Plan which has yet to be completed is a Revenue Analysis and Recommendations for Organizational Sustainability and Operations. The Business Plan consulting team expects to present an update on the business planning components to the Committee and Board for review in late summer/early fall 2023. Upon approval, the final, complete Business Plan will be presented for Committee and Board approval by December 2023.

3. PUBLIC OPINION POLL RESEARCH FINDINGS: In May, ABAG and MTC were briefed on the results of a poll conducted by EMC Research, Inc. that was contracted in March 2023 to conduct a poll of 1,800 Bay Area voters in the ninecounty Bay Area related to Bay Area voter sentiments regarding general issues of importance, transit and transportation usage and perspectives, as well as reactions to potential funding measures, including a housing bond and a transportation sales tax. It is important to note that the current pulse of Bay Area voters with respect to approving revenue measures for these two topics, the poll was not designed to be test the viability of a transportation or housing ballot measure on the November 2024 ballot. For starters, November 2024 is too far in the future to make a "go/no go" decision a whether a measure looks viable. Additionally, there are many other considerations, including efforts to lower the voter approval threshold (for housing in particular as well as for a broader set of categories, including transportation), that have bearing on election viability. The bottom line, however, is that the poll indicated that neither a transportation measure nor a housing bond currently exceed the two-thirds vote threshold required; a transit only measure received 59 percent support and a housing bond (with question structured as required by current law) received 58 percent. A broader transportation measure and a housing bond question worded without the explicit assessed value rate tested higher, but both still fell short of two-thirds at 63 percent and 65 percent, respectively.

4. SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION FUNDING AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK -- OVER HALF OF THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$110 BILLION ARE IN SAN MATEO, MARIN, AND ALAMEDA COUNTIES ALONE. The ABAG Executive Board was provided an update on the work of ABAG, BCDC and the SF Estuary Partnership on sea level rise adaption. This effort started In December 2021, when MTC/ABAG and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) launched the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Funding and Investment Framework (Framework), a priority action identified by MTC/ABAG's Plan Bay Area 2050, BCDC's

Bay Adapt Joint Platform, and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Estuary Blueprint. Working with a monthly Technical Advisory Group throughout 2022, this effort sought to (1) update and improve regional accounting of anticipated sea level rise adaptation projects, (2) study how revenues for sea level rise adaptation can be raised most equitably, and (3) explore how existing and future funding mechanisms can advance adaptation planning and implementation

The local shoreline project inventory catalogs all known sea level rise adaptation projects across the region. The inventory includes a range of project stages, from concept to more advanced planning, engineering, and implementation, and detects areas with no known projects that would benefit from capacity building. The inventory was developed to calculate a high-level regional cost estimate for sea level rise adaptation, building off of previous regional analysis in Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee Agenda Item 8a April 14, 2023 Page 2 of 4 MTC/ABAG's Plan Bay Area 2050 and BCDC's Adaptation Funding White Paper. Where no known projects were identified, or where projects were considered not sufficiently protective through 2050, "placeholder" adaptation needs were determined by assuming the protection of the shoreline in place. The inventory was sourced from local plans and project studies and from project data tracked by BCDC's Shoreline Adaptation Project Mapping Program. Adaptation projects recorded in the inventory range from green to grey, including marsh restoration, ecotone levees, and seawalls, and they are in many different stages, from conceptual plans to design and construction. Local information was reviewed and updated from local outreach across all nine counties in the fall of 2022. The resulting inventory has 192 projects, over 75 percent of which were updated by the local outreach, with 47 new projects identified.

The Framework estimates that the regional cost of sea level rise adaptation through 2050 is approximately \$110 billion in year of expenditure (YOE) dollars. This estimate is a significant increase from Plan Bay Area 2050's \$19 billion estimate, primarily due to a higher planning assumption to protect areas up to 4.9 feet of inundation rather than 2.0 feet, as well as the shortand long-term impacts of higher inflation. Importantly, there is a mix of green and grey projects in planning, with most of the region planning for hybrid, or multi-benefit projects. The level of local planning and the amount of local resources vary widely across the region, **with over half of the estimated cost in San Mateo, Marin, and Alameda counties alone.**

5. CALIFORNIA'S HOUSING FUTURE 2040: THE NEXT REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION: On May 18, 2023, the ABAG Executive Board was briefed on HCD's work to date on **CA's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA initiative**. This initiative, a result of the adoption of AB 101 by the State in 2019, requires HCD, in collaboration with OPR and after engaging in stakeholder participation, to develop recommendations related **to the RHNA process and methodology**. In the March 2023 ABAG report to MCCMC, I highlighted the background of HCD's undertaking the CA's Housing Future 2040 initiative along with the guiding principles.

HCD kicked off its engagement for the California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation initiative with an informational webinar on March 9, 2023. In this webinar, HCD emphasized the initiative will be limited to recommendations about the RHND and RHNA processes — not guidelines for development or review of Housing Elements.

REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION

Association of Bay Area Governments

Stakeholder Engagement Focus Areas for HCD's *California Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA*

- How can RHNA Cycle 7 better capture existing and projected housing needs?
- What potential process changes to save staff time & resources, increase transparency, and increase accountability could be implemented as part of RHNA Cycle 7?
- What strategies could be pursued to build on the important adjustments made for RHNA Cycle 6 that contributed to a more equitable RHNA?

Key engagement activities by HCD include:

- **Sounding Board.** Meetings of approximately 30 experts to address technical questions
- **Public Survey.** Open from March to May 2023
- **Dedicated Email.** HCD will consider feedback throughout the process at CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov

In addition, HCD established a “**Sounding Board**” composed of 30 stakeholder to address/discuss specific issues. These 30 stakeholders include the following: 1) Academic Representatives including Ben Metcalf – Turner Center for Housing Innovation at the University of California at Berkeley; Chris Elmendorf – Professor of Law at the UC Davis School of Law; Dowell Myers – Professor of Policy, Planning, and Demography at the USC Sol School of Public Policy; and, Paavo Monkkonen – Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. Others include: American Planning Association California Chapter (APA California); Assembly Housing Committee; Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG); California Air Resources Board (CARB); California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG); California Building Industry Association (CBIA); California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH); California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF); California YIMBY; Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy (CCSCE); Demographic Research Unit of the California Department of Finance (DOF); Fresno Council of Governments; Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR); Kennedy Commission; Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability; League of California Cities (Cal Cities); Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG); Public Advocates; Public Interest Law Project (PILP); Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC); Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG); San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG); Senate Housing Committee; Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); Urban Counties of California; YIMBY Law.

The “**Sounding Board**” meetings, unfortunately, are not available for the ‘public’ to attend and/or provide public comment, but the materials distributed to the Sounding Board members are posted on HCD’s website. Following are the dates and topics for 4 of the 5 Sounding Board meetings:

- Sounding Board Meeting (May 3, 2023): Kick-off & Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND)-related Questions: Homelessness, Cost Burden, Jobs/Housing, and Comparable Regions
- Sounding Board Meeting (May 15, 2023): Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) & Furthering Statutory Objectives of RHNA
- Sounding Board Meeting (May 31, 2023): Housing + Transportation Planning Alignment & Climate Change
- Sounding Board Meeting (June 5, 2023): Process Improvements & Overflow from Previous Meetings

HCD has also identified the following 5 specific topics for discussion along with key considerations identified by ABAG staff.

1. HCD-Identified Topic #1: Populations Living in Group Quarters

Context

HCD is exploring whether to include some populations residing in group quarters, such as university students, persons experiencing homelessness, etc., in the Regional Housing Need Determination for Cycle 7.

Key Considerations Identified by ABAG Staff

- RHND already includes adjustments to address symptoms of a “broken” housing market (overcrowding, cost burden, low vacancy).
- Including people living in group quarters would lead to a higher RHND for all regions.
- While RHNA allocations would ultimately be higher, jurisdictions could then count group quarters on their Annual Progress Reports to HCD.
- Data gaps exist for all of these demographic groups, making this methodological change more challenging.

2. HCD-Identified Topic #2: RHNA Methodology – COG Process

Context

HCD is considering opportunities to improve a COG's RHNA process, including HCD offering guidance on how to further the RHNA statutory objectives, whether jurisdictions should be able to provide self-reported land use data for use in the RHND and RHNA processes, and strategies for improving the RHNA appeals process.

Key Considerations Identified by ABAG Staff

- HCD could provide guidance identifying possible metrics for each RHNA objective, building on ABAG's Cycle 6 approach.
- Public datasets provide a level playing field for all jurisdictions, recognizing that jurisdictions with fewer resources are often at a disadvantage if asked to gather self-reported data.
- Statutory language related to the appeals process could be significantly clearer about the narrow grounds for an appeal, providing more clarity to interested jurisdictions.

3. HCD-Identified Topic #3: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Context

HCD is seeking input on additional strategies that could strengthen RHNA's effectiveness at Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and furthering community development and anti-displacement goals.

Key Considerations Identified by ABAG Staff

- In addition to more clarity about potential metrics, HCD could provide better guidance on how to affirmatively further fair housing in the context of RHNA.
- HCD could offer guidance about how to balance the RHNA objective to affirmatively further fair housing with the objective to "balance disproportionate household income distributions."

4. HCD-Identified Topic #4: RHNA Methodology – Aligning State Planning Goals

Context

HCD is exploring improvements to the regional housing and transportation planning processes to better align housing and transportation planning outcomes.

Key Considerations Identified by ABAG Staff

- To allow time for completion of Plan Bay Area (i.e., the Sustainable Communities Strategy) prior to its use in a RHNA methodology, housing element due date should be adjusted to be at least 24 months after adoption of a Sustainable Communities Strategy.

5. HCD-Identified Topic #5: Housing & Climate Hazards

Context

HCD is seeking to identify ways RHNA could better consider climate-related environmental hazards, assess which areas have the highest risk exposure, and help communities develop in ways that reduce environmental hazard exposure for residents, particularly for disadvantaged and historically underserved populations.

Key Considerations Identified by ABAG Staff

- HCD should recommend use of public datasets that are consistent for all jurisdictions when identifying areas of climate risk.
- Recent legislation added impacts caused by climate change to allocation factor for evaluating housing opportunities and constraints.
- As all jurisdictions face some level of climate-related hazards, HCD should focus its efforts on providing data, guidance, and financial resources to help jurisdictions minimize risk while increasing housing supply at all income levels.

HCD will be providing an update to the State Legislature by July 1, 2023 and will finalize their recommendations which are due to the State Legislature by December 31, 2023. HCD has a dedicated Email inbox which is: CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov. HCD's website for this effort is: [Regional Housing Needs Allocation \(RHNA\) | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS²

- **June 8, 2023 --** **Bay Area Housing Finance Authority Oversight Committee, 1:00 pm**
- **June 9, 2023 –** **Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committees, 9:40 am**
 Joint MTC ABAG Legislative Committee, 9:45 am
- **June 16, 2023 --** **ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 10:00**
- **June 28, 2023 --** **MTC Commission, 9:35 am**
 Bay Area Toll Authority, 9:40 am
 Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:45 am
 Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, 9:50 am
 Bay Area Headquarters Authority, 9:50 am

² All meetings are 'hybrid' which means that some Board/Committee members will be in person at 375 Beale Street, SF; and, others will be participating via Zoom, webcast and/or teleconference, as noted otherwise. <https://mtc.legistar.com/> If you have questions, contact Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato at 415-883-9116 or via email at: pateklund@comcast.net.

Committee Report 3d

Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

The MCCMC Representative to SMART, Gabe Paulson, Larkspur, has provided the following update regarding the SMART Board of Directors:

The SMART Board is currently deliberating the 2023-24 budget and will present to the Board of Directors for final approval on June 21, 2023. I encourage all MCCMC and community members to look at the draft and see that the spending categories of promoting ridership, building pathways, planning for extensions (eg Highway 37-east and Cloverdale) and taking on freight service reflect your community's priorities: [BOD Presentations 4.19.23.pdf](#) (sonomamarintrain.org)

There is much positive news on increased ridership (for example, the May 17th post-pandemic record of 2,714 riders). Please contact me if you have input or want to discuss.

As a part of SMART's annual budget process, we are seeking input. Public comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 5. View the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Adopted Budget:

www.sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Financial%20Documents/FY2023-2024Draft%20BudgetDocument%20-05-22-2023.pdf

Comments can be emailed to Heather McKillop, Chief Financial Officer at hmckillop@sonomamarintrain.org or sent to:

Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District
Atten: Heather McKillop
5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 200
Petaluma, CA 94954

The SMART Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the final budget at their next meeting on Wednesday, June 21.

The Board will be notified of all comments received and whether they have been incorporated in the final budget document.

Sincerely
Gabe Paulson
Mayor Larkspur City Council
<https://ci.larkspur.ca.us/794/Gabe-Paulson>

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May 24, 2022
Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers
300 Tamalpais Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

I would like to formally submit my name for consideration as MCCMC President for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. It has been my honor to serve as your Vice President for the past year, under the leadership of President Brian Colbert I have enjoyed strengthening my understanding of the purpose and goals of MCCMC. We are a thriving group of dedicated elected officials passionate about improving our communities. We each face the same challenges of addressing housing, mitigating climate change, prioritizing social justice, planning for disaster preparedness, and serving our constituents.

MCCMC is a valuable place for us to work together to share ideas and best practices together, and I look forward to an opportunity to continue to make our convenings valuable for each of us in the year ahead. I hope to hear from all of you about your priorities for our group and how we can best use our time together to share best practices, learn from one another and build a strong network.

Born and raised in Marin, it is an honor and privilege to be among such a distinguished group serving our County as we tackle these critical issues together. Since my tenure as Vice President, I have been selected by my fellow council members to serve as Mayor of Sausalito. This new leadership position has made me keenly prepared to take on the role of President at MCCMC and I hope to have your support.

Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or simply just to catch up. Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,
Melissa Blaustein
Mayor, Sausalito

VIA E-MAIL

May 20, 2023

Rebecca Vaughn, Secretary
Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)
300 Tamalpais Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925
E-Mail: MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com

SUBJECT: Letter Of Interest to serve as MCCMC Vice President 2023-2024

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

This letter expresses my interest in serving as MCCMC Vice President for the 2023-2024 term. I am presently a member of the San Rafael City Council.

I have over 20 years of professional work experience as a strategy and technology consultant with public sector agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. As a San Rafael resident, I was appointed to the Fire Commission in 2019 and to the Planning Commission in 2020. In 2021, I was appointed to the San Rafael City Council to serve the remainder of Mayor Kate Colin's City Council seat through November 2022 and was elected to serve as Councilmember for District 2 for a four year term through November 2026. I have served as a member of the MCCMC Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee as well as Alternate to Pat Eklund on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Executive Board.

As MCCMC Vice President, I would dedicate my energy to supporting the tenets of MCCMC including promotion of cooperation and good relationships among towns and cities, districts, County, State, and Federal governments as well as supporting the MCCMC President.

I would be honored to serve as Vice President for MCCMC for the coming term. Please feel free to contact me at 415-484-5978 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eli Hill

Councilmember, City of San Rafael

To: Rebecca Vaughn
From: Susan Wernick
Date: May 21, 2023
Re: Letter of Interest – Homeless Policy Steering Committee

I would be honored to continue to serve as one of MCCMC's representatives to the Homeless Policy Steering Committee (HPSC).

Over the past few years, Novato has experienced significant growth in the number of people experiencing homelessness. Though we have made progress with the unhoused at Lee Gerner Park, an encampment in the Hamilton neighborhood has seen much growth. Additionally, a large RV encampment exists along Binford Road, just outside the city limits.

It is critical that Novato remains focused on working to end homelessness in our community and that requires involvement at the County level. I am eager to continue to learn more and be part of a collaborative effort to help reduce the number of people in Marin experiencing homelessness.

As I am currently the Novato representative to the MCCMC Homeless Committee, I feel it is appropriate for me to continue in this role with the HPSC. Over the past 2 years I have attended the quarterly meetings and have participated in other opportunities such as the Homelessness Forum in May 2022, and the HPSC 101 Training earlier this month.

Novato continues a successful partnership with Homeward Bound, the Downtown Streets Team, and in 2022 added two new staff positions that are focused on the City's response to homelessness. I remain committed to carrying on the tradition of Novato collaborating with the County in addressing homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Wernick

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DRAFT AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 28, 2023
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Start time: 6:00pm

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes per person)

3. Tentative Committee Reports

- 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
- 5.c. BCDC / Report from North Bay representative on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- 5.d. Homeless Committee
- 5.e. Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps
- 5.f. Marin Transit
- 5.g. Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit Commission
- 5.h. Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District
- 5.i. Transportation Authority of Marin
- 5.j. MCCMC Legislative Committee
- 5.k. Local Agency Formation Commission

4. Business Meeting

- 4.a. Appointment of Representatives to the Marin County Homeless Policy Setting Committee (HPSC)
Two seats with expiring two-year terms.
Incumbents Rachel Kertz, San Rafael, and Susan Wernick, Novato, have indicated interest in seeking re-appointment and will submit letters of interest.

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- 4.d. Review Of Draft Agenda For September 27, 2023 MCCMC Meeting, In Person
- 4.e. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the May 24, 2023 MCCMC Meeting

7:00 PM ADJOURN: to the September 27, 2023 meeting – to be held in person

Deadline for Agenda Items – September 20, 2023 Please send to:
MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
DRAFT MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE
6:00pm**

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor James Lynch
Corte Madera: Mayor Charles Lee, Councilmembers Casissa, Thomas
Fairfax: Mayor Chance Cutrano, Councilmembers Ackerman, Coler, Blash, Hellman
Larkspur: Mayor Gabe Paulson, Councilmembers Carroll, Way
Mill Valley: Vice Mayor Urban Carmel
Novato: Mayor Susan Wernick, Councilmembers Eklund, Farac
Ross: Mayor Beach Kuhl, Councilmembers Kircher, McMillan, Robbins
San Anselmo: Mayor Steve Burdo, Councilmembers Colbert, Kullaway
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin, Councilmembers Llorens-Gulati
Sausalito: Councilmember Kellman
Tiburon: Mayor Jack Ryan, Councilmember Fredericks

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City/Town Managers: Heather Abrams (Fairfax) Christa Johnson (Ross), Jim Schutz (San Rafael), Dan Schwarz (Larkspur), Adam Wolff (Corte Madera)
Guests in attendance: Supervisor Katie Rice; Nancy Hall-Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

1. Call to Order

President Brian Colbert called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for March 22, 2023.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns present, with representatives from 10 cities/towns in attendance (Mill Valley not present for business meeting).

President Colbert then called for Public Comment.

2. Public Comment:

Public Comment was received from:

1. Mark Van Gorder, PG&E – Mr. Van Gorder provided updates on the recent storms, power restoration in progress and landslide in the Novato area

3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: President Brian Colbert.

President Colbert welcomed the guests in attendance.

4. Presentations:

- 4.a. Update From Supervisor Katie Rice, and Greg Besser, County Administrator's Office, Regarding The County Landscaping Industry Emissions Reduction And Small Business Protection Plan

Supervisor Rice provided an introduction to the presentation, background on the development of the approach that the County is taking and introduced Gary Besser, Project Manager.

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1 Mr. Besser discussed the County's work to transition to zero waste landscaping
2 in Marin, while balancing environmental health and equity policy considerations.
3 His presentation described the equity-focused strategy that the County is
4 undertaking to reduce emissions while protecting the County's small businesses.
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6 He described Assembly Bill 1346, which bans the sale of most gas-powered
7 landscaping equipment beginning in 2024. The California Air Resource Board
8 has set aside \$27 million for "small" businesses to purchase electric equipment,
9 but microbusinesses (the majority of landscapers in Marin) are unlikely to see
10 much of this funding.
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12 Mr. Besser described the landscaping industry in Marin, the lifespan of gas-
13 powered landscaping tools, the environmental and public health effects of those
14 tools, and explained why the County decided to implement an equity and
15 education approach to reduction of gas-powered landscaping equipment, rather
16 than adoption of an ordinance. The County's approach encourages zero
17 emission transition while protecting small businesses, by encouraging
18 electrification without penalizing those who can't yet afford it. He concluded by
19 discussing the early engagement already undertaken and the County's next
20 steps.
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22 More information on the County's Small Off-Road Gas Engine (SORE) Transition
23 plan can be viewed here:

24 [http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/VF_SORE-PRES-TO-](http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/VF_SORE-PRES-TO-MCCM.kt.pdf)
25 [MCCM.kt .pdf](http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/VF_SORE-PRES-TO-MCCM.kt.pdf)
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28 4.b. Update From Anne Grey, Vivalon CEO, Regarding Vivalon's Healthy Aging 29 Campus 30

31 Anne Grey, Vivalon CEO, provided an update on Vivalon (which was formerly known
32 as Whistlestop). Vivalon provides a comprehensive, integrated program of healthy
33 aging services and activities, including: specialized transportation, nutrition programs,
34 classes and other means of social connection. She also discussed the upcoming 51st
35 Anniversary of Meals on Wheels and the Vivalon March for Meals program, which
36 serves approximately 400 homebound adults around the County, along with the Nourish
37 program which serves around 300 people, who do not qualify for Meals on Wheels
38 based on age. There is also a pantry program every Friday at the Whistlestop building,
39 with which they partner with local foodbanks. And last year, they started a program
40 called Nourish for Pets for those who can't afford food for their pets.
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42 Ms. Grey then discussed the plans for the Healthy Aging Campus, which had its
43 groundbreaking in June 2022 and will open in late 2023. The Healthy Aging Campus is
44 an integrated approach for equity in aging, providing housing, healthcare, education,
45 advocacy, nutrition, transportation and volunteering opportunities. It will provide 66 low
46 income apartments for older adults in partnership with Eden Housing. In addition to the
47 apartments, which are 100% section 8 voucher homes, there will be a community

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center, café, classrooms and integrated care clinic. The project will allow Vivalon to expand the number of people they are able to serve.

The Vivalon presentation can be viewed here:

<http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/Vivalon-Case-for-Support-12.1.22-no-notes-compressed.pdf>

And more information can be found on their website:

<https://vivalon.org/>

4.c. Update From Lisa Bennett, Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ Marin), Regarding Their Upcoming Elected Officials Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Training

San Rafael Mayor Kate Colin introduced the presentation and provided context, stating that in the first Race Counts report that came out in 2018, Marin County was rated as the County with the greatest inequality. MCCMC had a “One Book” book club and read “The Color of Law” by Richard Rothstein. The second step was that SURJ co-created a skill-building workshop to strengthen our ability to talk about racism and systemic racism, and local elected officials attended a series of workshops, in 2019 and again in 2020.

Lisa Bennet and Heidi Merchem introduced themselves and discussed an upcoming series of workshops for elected officials called VOTE, which stands for Values Observations, Trust and Empathetic Engagement, and described the many benefits of participation in the workshops. The series is designed for elected officials to develop anti-racist, values-based actions and to build a community of others doing the same. Participants will learn how to move from default practices to intentional practices as an anti-racist leader. The series will conclude with development of a project and sharing results with the cohort. The series will begin on May 13, 2023, and run through October 14th with approximately one month in between each session.

More information on SURJ Marin can be found here: <https://surjmarin.org/>

And the presentation slides can be viewed here: <http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/SURJ-Marin-Presentation.pdf>

5. **Committee Reports:** All Committee reports were submitted in writing and are available in the [agenda packet on the MCCMC website](#). President Colbert thanked those who submitted written reports and encouraged the membership to review the reports.

5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments

5a. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato

5.b. ~~Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District~~

~~5b. Written report from Holli Thier, Tiburon~~

5.c. MCCMC Legislative Committee

5.c. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

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2 ~~5.d. Marin Transit Board of Directors~~
3 ~~5.d. Written report provided by Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael~~
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5 5.e. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
6 5e. Written report provided by Gabe Paulson, Larkspur
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8 5.f. Transportation Authority of Marin
9 5.f. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
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12 **6. BUSINESS MEETING**

13 **(The business items were discussed and voted on in between the first and second**
14 **presentations)**
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- 16 6.a. Review of Draft Agenda for the April 26, 2023 MCCMC Meeting Via Zoom
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18 There were no comments on the draft agenda, which will be held virtually via Zoom.
19 President Colbert announced that the meeting may be cancelled as no cities had volunteered
20 to host the in-person meeting. Staff will notify the group if we are able to pivot to a virtual
21 meeting, depending on speaker availability.
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- 23 6.c. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Draft Minutes of the February 22, 2023
24 MCCMC Meeting
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26 President Colbert called for a vote to approve the draft minutes for February 22, 2023
27 There was a motion and second (Eklund / Cutrano) to approve the draft minutes for February
28 22, 2023. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0
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31 **Adjournment**
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33 The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023
34 to be held in person should a city volunteer to host.
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