

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025
6:00pm**

Hosted by the County of Marin
Civic Center Cafeteria
3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM: Program and Networking
Business Meeting: 7:30 PM, or upon conclusion of program, whichever is later

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Hosted by: County of Marin

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** President Eli Hill and Hosts Derek Johnson, County Executive, and Mary Sackett, President, Marin County Board of Supervisors
 - 2. Special Guest Speakers:**
 - a. Presentation on Placemaking – A practice of creating vibrant public spaces that foster community connection, identity, and a sense of belonging. The presentation will offer insights into how thoughtful design and community engagement can transform shared spaces and support long-term vitality across Marin.

Presentation provided by René Bihan, FASLA, Managing Principal with SWA Group
 - b. Update on Recently Adopted Marin County E-Bike Ordinance

Presentation provided by Talia Smith, Director of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the County Executive
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Business Meeting Agenda
7:30 PM, or upon conclusion of program, whichever is later

- 1. Call to Order:** MCCMC President Eli Hill
- 2. Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Committee Reports**
 - 3.a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
3a. Written reports provided by Pat Eklund, Novato
 - 3.b. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
3b. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon
 - 3.c. MCCMC Legislative Committee
3c. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
 - 3.d. Transportation Authority of Marin
3d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 4. Business Items**
 - 4.a. Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule and List of Host Cities, Including Potential Addition of a Summer Meeting, Tentatively Scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025.
Attachment 4a: 2025-2026 Draft meeting schedule and list of host cities

4.b. Notice of Vacant Elected Official Primary and Alternate Seats on Marin Climate Action Network (MarinCAN) Board and Request for Letters of Interest

The County of Marin has provided notice that the MarinCAN Board (formerly Drawdown Marin) currently has one vacancy for a city or town elected official to be chosen by MCCMC due to the resignation of Sausalito Councilmember Melissa Blaustein. Councilmember Llorens Gulati and Supervisor Sackett serve on the MarinCAN Board, which meets the second Wednesday of each month, and are available to connect with those who are interested in serving.

A call for letters of interest will be made at the June 25, 2025 MCCMC meeting and a vote by the MCCMC membership to fill the vacant seat will be held at a subsequent meeting should letters of interest be received.

4.c. Review of Draft Agenda for September 24, 2025 MCCMC Meeting To Be Hosted by City of Mill Valley

Attachment 4c: Draft agenda for September 24, 2025 MCCMC Meeting

4.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the April 30, 2025 MCCMC Meeting

Attachment 4.d: Draft minutes of the April 30, 2025 MCCMC meeting

4.e. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the May 28, 2025 MCCMC Meeting

Attachment 4.e: Draft minutes of the May 28, 2025 MCCMC meeting

4.f. Consideration and Appointment of Executive Committee: MCCMC President and Vice President for 2025-26 Term

4.f.1. Appointment of MCCMC Vice President for 2025-26

4.f.2. Appointment of MCCMC President for 2025-26

Stephanie Hellman, Fairfax, current MCCMC Vice President, has indicated interest in appointment as President for 2025-26 and has submitted a letter of interest. Gabe Paulsen, Larkspur, has indicated interest in appointment as Vice President for 2025-26 and has submitted a letter of interest. This item was introduced at the May 28, 2025 meeting and letters of interest were solicited. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, and a vote will be held, at the June 25, 2025, regular meeting.

*Attachment 4d: Letters of Interest received from Stephanie Hellman, Fairfax (for President); and Gabe Paulsen, Larkspur (for Vice President) **

* Indicates report not received by time of agenda publication. Packet will be republished once available.

ADJOURN: To the September 24, 2025 meeting, to be hosted by the City of Mill Valley (Or August 27, 2025, hosted by Sausalito, if additional meeting date supported by the MCCMC membership). Deadline for consideration of potential agenda items – September 17, 2025. Please send to:

MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com

ABAG Report to MCCMC¹

June 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This report highlights: (1) the results of the General Assembly held on June 20, 2025 in San Francisco; and, (2) a discussion at the ABAG Legislative Committee on the proposed California State Budget for FY 2025-2026.

ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The annual ABAG General Assembly convened on June 20, 2025 at the Bay Area Metro Center in San Francisco and voted to adopt the FY 2025-26 budget and workplan; and, the proposed changes to the ABAG Bylaws. Following is a brief summary of the adopted bylaw amendments and ABAG budget and workplan.

ABAG's Bylaws were last amended in 2020. The following key changes to the existing Bylaws would create greater efficiency and transparency for ABAG functions and were adopted by the General Assembly:

- 1) A provision was added to address the situation, as we are now in, where ABAG does not have a currently sitting Immediate Past President. The definition of that role has been expanded to include the most recent past president if the immediate past president is no longer a serving on ABAG.
- 2) The date for consideration of the budget by the Executive Board has been moved to 20 days prior to the General Assembly rather than 45 days. This change is made to align with the Executive Board's standing meetings schedule and the preparation of related budgets at MTC.
- 3) A new method for electing the ABAG President and Vice President was adopted. Currently, the Bylaws specify officers are elected by secret ballot outside of a public meeting by every elected official in the region. The Bylaws were changed to reflect the officers would be elected by the Executive Board from among its members and that vote would then be ratified by the General Assembly. The purpose of this change is to address concerns regarding the transparency and administrability of the current mechanism and to ensure that officers are directly familiar with the ongoing work of ABAG.
- 4) The definition of a quorum of the General Assembly was changed from "majority of the city delegates **and** majority of the county delegates" to "majority of the city and county delegates". This will allow ABAG to conduct the business of the General Assembly as long as a majority of the cities and counties are in attendance.

ABAG's budget and workplan for FY 2025-26 includes the continued work in the Regional Planning Program, Local Government Services, Regional Trails, and Legislation and Public Affairs; and, includes revenue and expenses for all ABAG operating funds, including ABAG Administration, ABAG Grants, ABAG Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), and ABAG San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP). The ABAG revenue budget is \$128.6 million, which is an overall projected increase of \$35.5 million compared to FY 2024-25.

General operating expenses, contractual services, and transfers total \$1.2 million, a \$32 thousand reduction when compared with FY 2024-25. This includes ongoing commitments such as 375 Beale assessment, insurance costs, and ABAG's contribution to the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC). The budget results in a \$291 thousand operating deficit. Staff anticipates that this projected deficit would be covered by a

¹ Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC). For questions, contact Councilmember Pat Eklund; City of Novato at: pateklund@comcast.net; and/or 415-336-9913 (cell).

combination of higher than anticipated interest earnings and lower than budgeted expenses in FY 2024-25, such that the projected fund balance at the end of FY 2025-26 would be equal to the budgeted FY 2024-25 fund balance. While the FY 2025-26 budget deficit is funded by a transfer from ABAG FAN and a draw from fund balance, ABAG continues to be in a challenging financial position. CalPERS' current estimate for the FY 2026-27 amortization of the unfunded accrued pension liability is \$2.3 million – no change from the current level and requiring more than 70% of the proposed membership dues. ABAG will be exploring options to address the unfunded pension liabilities created when ABAG and MTC 'merged' resulting in ABAG contracting for services with MTC. ABAG no longer has employees but has an unfunded pension liability of \$18M. Other costs anticipated in the upcoming fiscal years include increased cost for maintaining the Bay Area Metro Center and cost allocation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning system.

The **Keynote Speaker Dr. Christopher Thornberg** from Beacon Economics' focused his presentation the economic strengths and challenges of the Bay Area. To watch the presentation, click here: [ABAG General Assembly on 2025-06-20 10:00 AM - Business Meeting and Conference](#). The presentation starts at 2:19.

I want to thank the following ABAG delegates from Marin County for taking the time and effort to participate in the General Assembly: **Vice Mayor Stephanie Hellman**, Town of Fairfax; **Vice Mayor Stephanie Andre**, City of Larkspur; **Councilmember Pat Eklund**, City of Novato; **Councilmember Bill Kircher**, Town of Ross; **Councilmember Chantel Walker**, Town of San Anselmo; and, **Councilmember Rachel Kertz**, City of San Rafael.

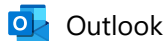
CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET:

At the June 13, 2025 ABAG legislative committee meeting, staff provided an update on the ongoing negotiations over the FY 2025–26 state budget. The Governor's May Revision, released on May 10, 2025, proposed deeper cuts than anticipated in response to a growing General Fund (GF) shortfall. Among the reductions were the elimination of key transit investments previously committed from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The Governor also proposed reauthorizing Cap and Trade through 2045 as part of this year's budget process.

The state budget is expected to address two critical Bay Area priorities: restoring proposed transit funding cuts and MTC-ABAG's request for a \$30 million earmark for Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) to extend existing programs for 3 years and launch a regional lending program.

The Governor's May Revision proposed eliminating over \$1 billion in discretionary GGRF commitments to transit, including Senate Bill 125 funding and competitive Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Cycle 6 awards. On June 9, 2025, the Senate and Assembly leadership announced an agreement to reject the Governor's proposed cuts to transit and provide up to \$750 million in emergency loans to Bay Area transit agencies to address short-term fiscal challenges. This agreement is still subject to negotiation with the Governor as part of the final budget deliberations. If the Governor's original proposal was accepted by the legislature, these cuts for the Bay Area would eliminate \$288 million in anticipated funding for transit operations and capital projects under a regionally coordinated \$1.5 billion investment plan. It could also jeopardize funding for 13 Bay Area projects that received a combined \$1.3 billion in TIRCP Cycle 6 awards. Statewide, TIRCP Cycle 6 totaled nearly \$4 billion, \$200 million of which the Governor's May Revision proposes to cut which would hinder operators' ability to sustain service and deliver capital projects.

For questions, contact Councilmember Pat Eklund; City of Novato at: pateklund@comcast.net; and/or 415-336-9913 (cell).



Report for 5/28/25 MCCMC Meeting-Please include in packet when you send out-Thank you

From Holli Thier <hollithier@gmail.com>

Date Wed 5/28/2025 6:40 PM

To Rebecca Vaughn <rvaughn@cortemadera.gov>; Rebecca Vaughn <mccmcsecretary@gmail.com>; Holli Thier <hollithier@gmail.com>

5 attachments (4 MB)

2025-0523-boardmeeting-summaryactions.pdf; 2025-0425-boardmeeting-summaryactions.pdf; 2025-0328-boardmeeting-summaryactions1.pdf; 2025-0228-boardmeeting-summaryactions1.pdf; 2025-0124-boardmeeting-summaryactions3.pdf;

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District Board of Directors Report Submitted By Holli Thier 5/28/25

May 28, 2025 Golden Gate Bridge Report.

I am committed to help all of our 11 Cities/Towns and County through my service. I want to make sure you know that I am always available to discuss issues with you, and do hope that you will reach out to me anytime at (415) 407-4843 or hollithierburontowncouncil@gmail.com or hollithierggb@gmail.com.

I want to thank all of you again for appointing me to the Bridge Board.

Highlighted Current Items From Past Meeting or Since Past MCCMC Meeting

1. **Fare Increase July 1, 2025**-On Tuesday, July 1, 2025, all Golden Gate Bridge toll rates will increase. This increase is part of a multi-year toll increase program approved by the Golden Gate Bridge Board of Directors.
2. **Larkspur Ferry to Golden Gate Park**-Golden Gate Ferry will run special event service to Oracle Park for the [concert series](#) beginning May 28, 2025. Ferries to Oracle Park leave from Larkspur Ferry Terminal, and depart from Oracle 30 minutes after the last encore. **Don't forget to purchase return tickets if you plan to ride Golden Gate Ferry back to Larkspur!**

Highlighted Actions from Past Meetings:

Please see Link to Past Meeting Minutes

January Meeting

February Meeting

March Meeting

April Meeting

May meeting

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Holli P. Thier, J.D.

President

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Date Issued: May 23, 2025



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF MAY 23, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-030 (May 22, 2025 meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee)

Ratifies actions taken by the Auditor-Controller, as follows:

- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures;
- (2) Ratifies previous investments;
- (3) Authorizes reinvestments; and,
- (4) Accepts the "Investment Report" for April 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-031 (May 22, 2025 meeting of the Building and Operating Committee)

Approves actions relative to Project #1923, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Preconstruction*, as follows:

- 1) Authorizes execution of the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 2023-B-015, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit CMGC Preconstruction Services*, with Halmar International, LLC, of Nanuet, NY, in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,237,868, for continuation of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) preconstruction services;
- 2) Authorizes execution of the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 2023-B-042, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit ICE Services*, with Leland Saylor Associates, of Walnut Creek, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$738,505, for continuation of Independent Cost Estimator (ICE) preconstruction services;
- 3) Authorizes execution of the Sixteenth Amendment to PSA No. 2010-B-1, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Design Services*, with HDR Engineering, Inc., of Walnut Creek, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$862,486, for continuation of engineering design services to finalize the design documents and preconstruction services; and,
- 4) Authorizes a budget increase in the FY 24/25 Bridge Division Capital Budget in the amount of \$5,568,659 to be funded with District reserves, for Project #1923, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Preconstruction* to finance the increased costs relative to these amendments, District staff costs and other expenses required to develop the final construction documents and the construction price and schedule, for the total Project budget of \$25,643,934, in concurrence with the Finance-Auditing Committee, as detailed in the staff report.

Resolution No. 2025-032 (May 22, 2025 meeting of the Building and Operating Committee)

Authorizes execution of the Third Amendment to Contract No. 2016-MD-01, *Janitorial Services*, with Imperial Cleaning Service, of Fairfield, CA, in the amount of \$50,000, for janitorial services at Larkspur Ferry Terminal and on Larkspur Ferry Vessels., as detailed in the staff report.

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Summary of Actions of the Board of Directors
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Resolution No. 2025-033 (May 22, 2025 meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee)

Authorizes the execution of an extension of the Line of Credit with JPMorgan Chase Bank, for the Commercial Paper Program, at a cost of 0.43% per annum, for a total cost of approximately \$666,000, for the period of June 30, 2025, through June 29, 2027, as detailed in the staff report.

Resolution No. 2025-034 (May 23, 2025 meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee)

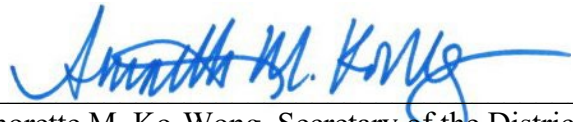
Establishes a 1.1% proposed Race-Neutral Disadvantaged Business Enterprise overall goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2025/2026 through 2027/2028 applicable to \$27,520,000 in anticipated contracts assisted by the Federal Transit Administration; and approves all other items including authorizing the General Manager to publish a notice of the proposed goal as well as subsequent adoption and submission of the overall goal, as detailed in the staff report.

Resolution No. 2025-035 (May 23, 2025 meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee)

Approves amendments to the District's Engineering Department's Table of Organization, as detailed in the staff report and as follows:

- 1) Eliminates one vacant position of Deputy District Engineer; and,
- 2) Establishes four new positions consisting of one Directing Civil Engineer, two Senior Civil Engineers and, one Associate Engineering Inspector;

with the understanding that these actions will be funded through salary savings in the current fiscal year and will be budgeted accordingly in future years.



Amorette M. Ko-Wong, Secretary of the District

MCCMC Legislative Committee Report

Respectfully Submitted: Alice Fredericks, Chair
June 23, 2025

MCCMC Legislative Committee Meeting April 28, 2025: The committee sent position letters to legislators on the following bills: AB 306 (Oppose), AB 650 (support), AB 888 (Support), AB 1143 (Support), SB 455 (Neutral), SB 79 (Oppose). The position letters are attached to this report.

MCCMC Legislative Committee May: The May meeting of MCMC Legislative Committee was cancelled in observance of Memorial Day.

At the upcoming June 23rd meeting, MCCMC Legislative Committee will discuss positions on the following bills:

SB 445 Weiner):

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB445

Revisit our Position due to amendments

As amended, This bill would require a lead agency to provide a written notice with specified information to a third-party entity, defined by the bill to mean a local agency, electrical corporation, or private telecommunications provider, regarding its need to use, relocate, alter, change, or otherwise improve facilities, publicly owned and managed utilities, public spaces, or other publicly or privately owned facilities under the third-party entity's jurisdiction or ownership for the implementation of a sustainable transportation project. This bill would define "sustainable transportation project" to mean a project where the lead agency is a state agency, operator, or local agency that proposes the construction or modification of facilities meeting at least one of several specified criteria, including that it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the above-described provisions.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose MCCMC Position: Oppose

SB 63 (Wiener): San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation funding.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB63

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation authorizing a revenue measure to invest in transportation in the San Francisco Bay area.

Cal Cities Position: Watch MCCMC Position: TBD

SB 79 (Wiener): San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation funding.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20252.0260SB79

This bill would additionally include land leased to support public transit operations in the definition of “agency’s use,” as described above. The bill would also revise the definition of “agency’s use” with respect to commercial or industrial uses to instead provide that a district or a public transit operator may use land for commercial or industrial uses or activities, as described above.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose MCCMC Position: Oppose

SB 707 (Durazo): Open meetings and teleconference requirement

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB707

This bill would, until January 1, 2030, require a city council or a county board of supervisors an eligible legislative body, as defined, to comply with additional meeting requirements, including that that, except as specified, all open and public meetings include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a 2-way telephonic service or a 2-way audiovisual platform, as defined, that a system is in place for requesting and receiving interpretation services for public meetings, as specified, and that the city council or county board of supervisors eligible legislative body take specified actions to encourage residents to participate in public meetings, as specified.

Cal Cities Position: Concerns MCCMC Position: TBD

SB 16 (Blakespear): Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention program: housing element: unsheltered and chronic homelessness:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB16

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to complete, or contract to complete, an assessment and

financing plan to, in coordination with local jurisdictions, address unsheltered and chronic homelessness in the state over a 10-year period. The bill would require the department to report to the Legislature on the assessment and financing plan by December 31, 2027. The bill would require the assessment to include specified information, including, among others, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and the number of people expected to fall into unsheltered homelessness over the next 10 years based on recent data on rates of Californians becoming unsheltered.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose, Unless amended MCCMC Position: TBD

AB 306 Building regulations: state building standards as amended

AB 306 , on which the committee previously took an oppose position, was amended this week to include additional exemptions from the bill for changes or modifications related to administrative practices that exclusively results in reductions in time for a local agency to issue a postentitlement permit. alterations to a local agency's postentitlement fee schedule; modernization of, or adoption of, new permitting platforms and software utilized by the local agency; reductions in cost of internal operation for a local agency; or establishment, alteration, or removal of local programs related to enforcement of building code violations or complaints alleging building code violations. Amendments include exemptions for certain changes, including the exemption that a city or county may make changes or modifications in the requirements contained in the provisions published in the California Building Standards Code and the other regulations adopted pursuant to Section 17922, including, but not limited to, green building standards, as it determines, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17958.7, are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Housing Committee but not yet set for hearing.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose unless amended (as amended 5/9/25)

MCCMC Position: TBD

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April 26, 2025

The Honorable Robert Rivas
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The Honorable Nick Schultz
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RE: AB 306 (Rivas and Schultz) Building regulations: state building standards— **OPPOSE**

Dear Assembly Member Rivas,

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) opposes Assembly Bill (AB) 306. This bill would prohibit a city or county from making changes to the above-described building standards that apply to residential units unless a certain condition is met, including that the commission deems those changes or modifications necessary as emergency standards to protect health and safety. By requiring a city or county to take certain actions relating to building standards, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Conforming to the proposed AB 306 limits local governments' flexibility to prioritize land use for civic and public purposes, such as parks, infrastructure, or municipal facilities. This could delay or prevent critical local projects and compromise a city's ability to address unique community needs in a balanced and strategic manner. Furthermore, the bill's expanded definitions and requirements create administrative burdens and legal uncertainties that may deter timely property disposition. The abovementioned concerns are costly and require a wide range of input from cities and towns, not just the State.

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) opposes AB 306.

Respectfully,

Alice Fredericks, Chair
Legislative Committee
Marin County Council of Mayors and Council Members
CC: Senator Mike McGuire

Assemblymember Damon Connolly

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April 28, 2025

The Honorable Diane Papan
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RE: AB 650 (Papan) Planning and zoning: housing element: regional housing needs allocation– **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Papan,

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) writes to support Assembly Bill (AB) 650 which will significantly amend and address the housing element review process by encouraging local jurisdictions to begin planning earlier and providing greater clarity and certainty to a difficult and complex process. The bill would allow local jurisdictions to begin the housing element update six months earlier than what is required under existing law; support good faith actors that are working through the housing element review process; and require HCD to provide written communication that identifies specific deficiencies in the draft and text or analysis that HCD believes needs to be included to comply with the law.

The housing element is an important part of how local governments plan for housing in our community. However, updating the housing element has grown incredibly complex, particularly after changes were made to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation and other new laws that impacted the 6th cycle update. Many planners have identified challenges that can inform legislative changes to make the 7th cycle more efficient, which is quickly approaching. Some challenges include truncated timelines, responding to HCD's feedback, a lack of clarity regarding what is expected from local governments when reviewing additional housing element drafts, and introducing new requirements late in the housing element review process due to new legislative mandates.

AB 650 would address these issues by allowing local governments to begin updating the housing element earlier in the process and requiring HCD to provide specificity on what must be included to remedy any deficiencies. This would ensure that local governments are not penalized when HCD identifies additional deficiencies not previously included in prior review letters. Overall, the bill would provide greater clarity and certainty to planners as they embark on the next housing element update to ensure that jurisdictions can adopt a certified housing element on time. For these reasons, the Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) supports AB 650.

Respectfully,

Alice Fredericks, Chair
Legislative Committee
Marin County Council of Mayors and
Council Members

CC: Senator Mike McGuire
Assemblymember Damon Connolly



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Reply to: Alice Fredericks
Chair, Legislative Committee
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RE: AB 888 (Calderon) – California Safe Homes grant program– **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Calderon,

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) supports Assembly Bill (AB) 888., which incentivizes homeowners and communities to invest in demonstrably cost-effective community-wide and property-level wildfire mitigation measures, and incentivizes insurers to provide coverage for homes and businesses in California, by requiring CDI to periodically review and update its Safer from Wildfires regulations to include additional community-wide wildfire mitigation programs or property-level wildfire mitigation measures.

AB 888 is beneficial to cities and homeowners at a time when State support for home hardening incentive programs is especially critical. California residents find homeowners' insurance in high-risk fire areas increasingly difficult and costly to obtain even if coverage is available. Homeowners need support from their government. For these reasons, the Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) supports AB 888.

Respectfully,

Alice Fredericks, Chair
Legislative Committee
Marin County Council of Mayors and
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April 28, 2025

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RE: AB 1143 (Bennett) – California Safe Homes grant program– **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Bennett,

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) writes to support Assembly Bill (AB) 1143, which would establish the California Safe Homes grant program to be developed by the department to reduce local and statewide wildfire losses. The bill would also require the department to prioritize specified needs when awarding grant funds. It would require eligible program applicants (cities, counties, and special districts) to meet specified criteria to access a newly established Sustainable Insurance Account within the Insurance Fund, which would be continuously appropriated to fund the program.

AB 1143 is great for cities because the State Fire Marshal can develop the Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Safety Building Standards Compliance training, intended for training local building officials, builders, and fire service personnel. This is a critical step for city and county fire departments to safeguard homes. Moreover, cities gain access to enhanced wildfire resilience, support for fire services, access to funding, improved insurance accessibility, and community engagement and education. AB 1143 offers a structured approach to enhance wildfire preparedness, protect residents, and potentially reduce economic losses associated with fires.

For these reasons, the Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) supports AB 1143.

Respectfully,

Alice Fredericks, Chair
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April 28, 2025

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Sacramento, CA 94249-0080

Reply to: Alice Fredericks
Chair, Legislative Committee
MCCMC Tiburon Town Hall
1505 Tiburon Blvd
Tiburon, CA 94920

RE: SB 445 (Wiener) Transportation Projects: Permitting– **Neutral**

Dear Senator Wiener,

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) respectfully remove our opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 445. This bill would require a lead agency to provide a written notice with specified information to a third-party entity, defined by the bill to mean a local agency, electrical corporation, or private telecommunications provider, regarding its need to use, relocate, alter, change, or otherwise improve facilities, publicly owned and managed utilities, public spaces, or other publicly or privately owned facilities under the third-party entity's jurisdiction or ownership for the implementation of a sustainable transportation project. This bill would define "sustainable transportation project" to mean a project where the lead agency is a state agency, operator, or local agency that proposes the construction or modification of facilities meeting at least one of several specified criteria, including that it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the above-described provisions.

We respectfully remove our opposition based on the April 10th, 2025, amendments. This bill would instead require the department to develop and adopt the above-described project intake, evaluation, and encroachment review process on or before February 1, 2027. The bill would also state the intent of the Legislature to amend this bill with legislation that accelerates and makes more reliable third-party permits and approvals for preconstruction and construction activities on sustainable transportation projects.

The position of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) is neutral on SB 445.

Respectfully,

Alice Fredericks, Chair
Legislative Committee
Marin County Council of Mayors and
Council Members

CC: Senator Mike McGuire
Assemblymember Damon Connolly
Nancy Hall-Bennett, Regional Public Affairs Manager, North Bay Division (via email:
nbennett@calcities.org)
League of California Cities (Via email: cityletters@calcities.org)
Kyra Ross, Emanuels Jones, kyra@emanulesjones.com



March 24, 2025

The Honorable Mike McGuire
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

Reply to: Alice Fredericks
Chair, Legislative Committee
MCCMC Tiburon Town Hall
1505 Tiburon Blvd
Tiburon, CA 94920

RE: SB 79 (Weiner) Planning and zoning: housing development: transit-oriented development– **OPPOSE**

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire,

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) opposes Senate Bill (SB) 79. This bill requires cities to ministerially approve higher-density residential projects—up to 7 stories—near public transit stops, regardless of zoning codes. SB 79 also limits the use of local development standards. It allows transit agencies full land-use authority over residential and commercial development on property they own or lease without any requirement that developers build housing, let alone affordable housing.

This bill is very concerning for local government. Specifically, SB 79 presents the following challenges for cities and counties:

1. SB 79 effectively gives the transit agency land use authority, allowing it to make land use decisions that could directly conflict with those established by the city, town, or county.
2. Unlike SB 35/423 projects, projects submitted under this bill do not have to be consistent with objective zoning standards, objective subdivision standards, and objective design review standards in effect at the time that the development is submitted to the local government.
3. SB 79 allows transit agencies to build in light industrial zones, but unlike previous enacted laws, does not address protections in areas with potentially hazardous materials or pollution emissions like warehouses.
4. In areas that are considered “high resource” (as determined by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee) denying an SB 79 project is presumed to be a violation of the Housing Accountability Act, unless the City or Town can demonstrate the project has a health, life, or safety reason for denying the project.
5. Lastly, SB 79 does not inherently require affordable housing—if a project uses SB 35/423 streamlining, then it would have to comply with those requirements. Otherwise, local inclusionary requirements would apply under the bill.

Moreover, conforming to the proposed SB 79 even overrides the state's own mandated local housing elements by forcing cities to approve transit-oriented development projects near specified transit stops - up to seven stories high and a density of 120 homes per acre - without regard to the community's needs, environmental review, or public input.

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) opposes SB 79.



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alice Fredericks', is positioned above the typed name.

Alice Fredericks, Chair
Legislative Committee
Marin County Council of Mayors and
Council Members

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Transportation Authority of Marin June Report to MCCMC

Respectfully Submitted: Alice Fredericks, TAM Commissioner, Council Member – Tiburon

Bike Share: An update of the Redwood Bikeshare pilot program was provided at the May TAM Board meeting. Bike share is a service that makes bicycles available to the public for use at low cost. Redwood Bike Share connects with SMART corridor in Sonoma and Marin, operating under a cooperative agreement to implement a pilot program. The program has expanded to Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Petaluma, Novato, San Rafael, and Larkspur, as well as at Golden Gate Ferry's Larkspur terminal and SMART stations. 300 shared pedal assist e-bicycles (Class 1 e-bikes) are picked up and dropped off at hubs, with informational signs at most hubs.

The MTC Bike Share Grant provides \$826,000 to Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) for the implementation of the Bike Share Pilot Program. The TAM/SCTA Cooperative Agreement signed in July 2018 is still in place and applies to the new pilot program effort. Drop Mobility will implement the pilot program.

Regional Bike share Hub site maps and the app can be found here:

<https://redwoodbikeshare.com/#map>

Local Bikeshare hub maps can be found in the Tam Commission packet for May 22 in the slide deck for Agenda item 8: <https://www.tam.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/5-22-25-TAM-Board-Packet.pdf>

MSN - Construction will be complete and all lanes will open in the Marin Sonoma Narrows corridor in late summer. There will be 52 miles of carpool lane from Richardson bya bridge to Windsor.

HOV Hours: TAM Commissioners approved the Board Chair's letter to Caltrans supporting the expansion of the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) hours in both directions on U.S. 101 in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Car pool lane hours will be updated in both Marin and Sonoma. New HOV lane hours will be weekdays from 5:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in both directions, in both Counties, consistent with the nine Bay Area state owned toll bridges. HOV occupancy will remain at 2 or more passengers. More details may be found on the [Caltrans' website](#).

Ramp Metering: TAM Staff confirmed that ramp metering for four northbound interchanges between Sausalito and Corte Madera is anticipated to commence in June 2025. MTC Assistant Director of Design and Project Delivery Kevin Chen noted that the adoption of newer adaptive ramp metering technology likely offers the most straightforward solution for improving corridor operations, and enhancing overall efficiency, however, a funding source has yet to be identified. Staff confirmed that the ramp metering would not result in backup on local roads because ramps

meters release traffic on the ramps when the ramps are full and there is sufficient on-ramp storage capacity to prevent traffic backups from spilling onto local roads.. Ramp metering maps can be found here: <https://www.tam.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/4-Ramp-Meter-Activation-Map.pdf>

Crossing Guard Funding : The well-established process for evaluating the Crossing Guard program, has been discussed extensively by the Board. The Board has explored opportunities to expand program resources. The allocation percentages of existing funding are defined in the voter-approved expenditure plan. Staff suggested that the Board might consider whether those percentages should remain unchanged or be adjusted in the future to reflect evolving conditions and priorities.

Potential Funding to Address New Demands For Transportation Infrastructure: Multiple Marin jurisdictions are concerned about aligning transportation infrastructure – such as bike lanes, roadway upgrades, and transit stops – with new housing developments to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles. A start to meet the demands is Innovation Program Fund – The Measure AA Expenditure Plan directed TAM to set aside 0.5% under “Category 2: Maintain, Improve and Manage Marin’s Local Infrastructure” to support operational improvements to local streets and roads through innovative technology. Additionally, the Expenditure Plan notes that these “Innovation Program” funds are to be distributed through a call for projects. Programs requesting funds to be evaluated for their alignment with the County Wide transportation Plan . Focus areas considered are

1. Modernize Traffic Signals -a countywide plan to modernize signal operations. Note that TAM received a Technical Assistance Grant from MTC and work is expected to begin in fall 2025;
2. Active Transportation/Safety Focus – advance transportation improvements on the Countywide high-injury network and Countywide Active Transportation network, including funding to advance active transportation monitoring through in-ground counters;
3. Community Mobility Focus – advance mobility options for historically disadvantaged populations, including funding for shared mobility services, or locations near affordable housing or senior housing locations;
4. Climate Adaptation/Environmental Pilots – support for environmental pilot projects such as heat resilient or cool streets, wildfire evacuation improvements, and green streets.

Staff plans a workshop with the board workshop on Innovation in Fall.

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
STAFF REPORT**

REPORT DATE: June 19, 2025
MEETING DATE: June 25, 2025

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF
MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: REBECCA VAUGHN, MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule and List
of Host Cities, Including Potential Addition of a Summer Meeting, Tentatively
Scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025.



PURPOSE:

The meeting schedule and listing of host cities and towns for the upcoming meeting year is approved annually in June.

BACKGROUND:

Last year, at the June 26, 2024 MCCMC meeting, the membership approved the meeting schedule and listing of host cities for 2024-25, which included the cancellation of the November 2024 meeting due to conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. It was noted at that time that the same conflict would occur November, 2025. There was also a discussion of whether to maintain three virtual meetings during the winter months of January, February and March, or move to two, or fewer, virtual meetings. The membership ultimately voted to hold two virtual meetings. However, due to scheduling conflicts and difficulty in obtaining a host city, both the March meeting and the May meeting were held virtually via Zoom. Therefore, there were four virtual meetings in 2024-25.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed draft meeting schedule for 2025-26 reflects the direction that was provided last year, and also recommends cancellation of the November 26, 2025, meeting, as it is again the day before Thanksgiving. Should the membership wish to reschedule the November meeting, it can be moved to November 19, 2025, or a date in December, such as the first Wednesday of December; however, those options would result in conflicts for other Marin cities/towns who have regular Council meetings scheduled for those dates.

Possible Addition of Summer Meeting

This year, staff is requesting that the membership consider adding a summer meeting, tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2025. Traditionally, no meetings are held in July, August, or December due to summer and holiday scheduling conflicts. In recent years, MCCMC has also regularly

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canceled the November meeting since it typically conflicts with the Thanksgiving holiday week, and rescheduling it to a different Wednesday excludes some cities with council meetings on those dates. However, having an 8 meeting schedule is contrary to the MCCMC Bylaws, which state, in Article VII, Meetings, Section 1., “There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the COUNCIL each year. Regular meetings shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless a change in meeting date is approved by a majority vote of the member cities at the regular COUNCIL meeting. Meetings shall be rotated among the member cities.”

As such, the Executive Committee is contemplating adding an August meeting (tentatively for August 27, 2025) to ensure compliance with the bylaws and provide additional opportunities for collaboration. A July meeting has also been considered; however, it is anticipated that summer travel plans could prevent many people from attending, and it may be difficult to ensure a quorum for the meeting.

If a summer meeting is unable to be scheduled, staff will return to the membership later in the year with additional options for maintaining compliance with the MCCMC Bylaws, or a potential amendment to the Bylaws.

Continuing Virtual Meetings

Staff recommends continuing to hold virtual meetings in January and February, with the possibility of pivoting to a virtual meeting in March, if needed. Virtual meetings, while not as well-attended as in-person meetings, provided an opportunity for elected officials and other guest speakers who were unable to attend in person to provide updates and engage with the Marin elected officials. While those presentations provide valuable information, many members feel that the full value of participation in MCCMC lies in making connections and fostering relationships with Council colleagues across jurisdictions, which is impossible to replicate in a virtual format.

Staff will strive to schedule two virtual meetings, in January and February, but requests the flexibility to continue to pivot to virtual meetings should circumstances require it.

As of the publication of this agenda packet, staff have secured host cities for most of the proposed meeting dates, with the exception of March, 2026. The list of proposed meeting dates and host cities is included with this report as Attachment 1.

OPTIONS:

1. Discuss options and approve MCCMC meeting calendar and list of host cities for 2025-26 as presented
2. Approve MCCMC meeting calendar and list of host cities for 2025-26 with modifications
3. Do not approve the proposed meeting schedule and request further discussion and direction to staff.

Attachment:

1. Proposed MCCMC meeting schedule and listing of host cities for 2025-26

ATTACHMENT 1

**Proposed MCCMC Meeting Schedule and List of Host Cities for
2025-2026**

PROPOSED
MCCMC Meeting Dates For 2025-2026
 Introduced and Approved _____

July 2025 – NO MEETING	Summer Break – No Meeting
August 27, 2025 – Tentative Meeting	Tentative – potentially hosted by City of Sausalito if approved
September 24, 2025	Hosted by City of Mill Valley
October 22, 2025	Hosted by City of San Rafael
November 26, 2025	RECOMMENDED FOR CANCELLATION
December 2025 – NO MEETING	Holiday Break
January 28, 2026	Virtual, to be held via Zoom
February 25, 2026	Virtual, to be held via Zoom
March 25, 2026	In person – Host city to be determined (May pivot to virtual/Zoom, if needed)
April 22, 2026	In Person, to be hosted by City of Novato
May 27, 2026	In Person, to be hosted by Town of Fairfax
June 24, 2026	In Person, to be hosted by Town of Ross
July 2026 – NO MEETING	Summer Break
August 26, 2026 – Tentative	In Person – Tentative, should membership vote to hold a summer meeting
September 23, 2026	In Person, to be hosted by TBD
October 28, 2026	In Person, to be hosted by TBD

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November 25, 2026	OPTION TO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE – To be considered by membership at 6/26/24 meeting
December 2026 – NO MEETING	Holiday Break

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

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
Hosted by City of Mill Valley

Guest Speakers:

Tentative Committee Reports

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Association of Bay Area Governments
Homeless Committee
Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps
Marin Transit
Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit Commission
Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District
Transportation Authority of Marin
MCCMC Legislative Committee
Local Agency Formation Commission

Business Meeting

Consideration And Possible Appointment of MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer for 2025-26 and Adoption Of MCCMC Operating Budget For FY 2025-2026, With Annual Dues Set At \$850 For 2025-26 Only (Tentative)

Consideration And Possible Appointment of MCCMC Representative to MarinCAN

Announcement of upcoming vacancies, terms expiring January 2026, and request for letters of interest: League of CA Cities North Bay Division Board Primaries and Alternate; Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, Marin County Disaster Council Citizens Corps, Marin County Transit Board of Directors Primary and Alternate

Review Of Draft Agenda For The October 22, 2025 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by City of San Rafael

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the June 25, 2025 MCCMC Meeting

8:00 PM ADJOURN: to the October 22, 2025 meeting – to be held in person, hosted by City of San Rafael
Deadline for consideration of potential agenda items – October 15, 2025 Please send to: MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera - Corte Madera Town Hall

300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera CA 94925

6:00pm – Business Meeting

6:30-8:00pm – Program and Networking

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor Jane Cooper
Corte Madera: Mayor Pat Ravasio, Councilmembers Jim Andrews, Eli Beckman, Fred Casissa, Rosa Thomas
Fairfax: Mayor Lisel Blash, Councilmember Barbara Coler, Frank Egger, Stephanie Hellman,
Larkspur: Councilmember Scot Candell
Mill Valley: Councilmembers Urban Carmel, Katherine Jones
Novato: Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Mark Milberg
Ross: Mayor Bill Kircher, Councilmembers Teri Dowling, Julie McMillan, Mathew Salter
San Anselmo: Mayor Tarrell Kullaway; Councilmembers Eileen Burke, Chantel Walker
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin; Councilmembers Maika Llorens Gulati, Rachel Kertz
Sausalito: -
Tiburon: Mayor Holli Their

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City Managers: Heather Abrams (Fairfax); Todd Cusimano (Mill Valley), Angela Robinson Pinon (Asst CM San Rafael); County Executive Derek Johnson; Nancy Hall Bennett (CalCities North Bay Division);

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Vice President Stephanie Hellman called the business meeting to order at 6:10p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for April 30, 2025.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns, with representatives from 10 Marin cities/towns in attendance (Sausalito absent).

2. Public Comment - None

3. Committee Reports

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

- 3.a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
 - 3a. Written reports provided by Pat Eklund, Novato
- 3.b. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District *
 - 3b. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon
- 3.c. MCCMC Legislative Committee
 - 3c. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 3.d. Transportation Authority of Marin
 - 3d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

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1 **4. Business Items:**
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- 4 4.a. Review of Draft Agenda for May 28, 2025 MCCMC Meeting
5 Attachment 4a: Draft agenda for May 28, 2025 MCCMC Meeting
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7 There were no comments on the draft agenda. No public comment was received in
8 person or via email. Vice President Hellman then proceeded to the next item on the
9 agenda.
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12 4.b. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the March 26, 2025 MCCMC
13 Meeting
14 Attachment 4.b: Draft minutes of the March 26, 2025 MCCMC meeting
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16 No public comment was received in person or via email. Vice President Hellman called
17 for a vote to approve the draft minutes of the March 26, 2025 meeting. There was a
18 motion and second (Milberg/Thier) to approve the minutes for March 26, 2025.
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25 **5. Adjournment**

26 The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm to the next regular meeting, scheduled for May 28, 2025.
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**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
DRAFT MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

5:30pm

VIA Zoom VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor Lisel Blash, Councilmembers Frank Egger, Stephanie Hellman
Corte Madera: Mayor Pat Ravasio, Councilmembers Eli Beckman, Fred Casissa, Rosa Thomas
Fairfax: Mayor, Councilmembers Lisel Blash, Frank Egger, Stephanie Hellman
Larkspur: Mayor Catherine Way, Councilmembers Stephanie Andre, Sarah Margulies
Mill Valley: Councilmember Caroline Joachim
Novato: Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Kevin Jacobs, Mark Milberg
Ross: Mayor Pro Tem Juile McMillan; Councilmember Teri Dowling
San Anselmo: Councilmember Chantel Walker
San Rafael: Vice Mayor Maribeth Bushey; Councilmembers Eli Hill, Maika Llorens Gulati
Sausalito: Mayor Joan Cox, Councilmember Melissa Blaustein
Tiburon: Mayor Holli Their; Councilmember Alice Fredericks

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; Marin County Board of Supervisors: Eric Lucan, Stephanie Moulton Peters, Nancy Hall Bennett (CalCities North Bay Division);

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Eli Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for May 28, 2025. He announced that due to the tight window of availability for Senator McGuire, Open Time for Public Comments would be deferred until after the presentation.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns, with representatives from all 11 Marin cities/towns in attendance.

2. Public Comment – (Taken after Senator McGuire’s update to MCCMC)

- a. Frank Egger, Fairfax – Spoke about both the federal government’s attacks on the California Coastal Commission, and the dismantling of NOAA, and the State government’s attacks on CEQA and projects along the California coast and asked if MCCMC has a committee, or would support formation of a committee, that would look at coastal issues and supporting the environmental movement and protection of the northern Californial coastal region and the Coastal Commission.

3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests

President Hill welcomed guests in attendance

4. Presentation: MCCMC received the following presentations:

- A. Update from Senate Pro Tem Mike McGuire, regarding the current legislative session; and
- B. Presentation from Community Action Marin on the anti-poverty work carried out by CAM. The presentation was provided by Gina Guillemette, Chief Strategy Officer, and Kristopher Budi, Senior Director of Economic Justice.

5. Committee Reports

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

Verbal reports: Pat Eklund, Novato, asked people to review the ABAG report, and encouraged any ABAG delegates to register for the General Assembly in June. Regarding her BCDC report, she asked people to review the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan. All cities and counties are going to need to prepare a plan, and to reach out to her with any questions.

Holli Thier, Tiburon, provided a brief update on the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, noting that there is a fare increase going into effect July 1.

Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, noted that the Legislative Committee did not have a meeting. As the bills come out of various committees amended, the Committee will meet to discuss positions. She further added that there is a timing element in taking a position on a particular bill. So if there is a bill that you are concerned about, but you know they're negotiating it, there will be an opportunity after the amendments, and it is sometimes good to wait until that point.

The following Committee Reports were included in the agenda packet:

- 5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
5a. Written report provided by Pat Eklund, Novato
- 5.b. Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
5b. Written report provided by Pat Eklund, Novato
- 5.c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
5c. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon (Included reports from January-May 2025)
- 5.d. MCCMC Legislative Committee*
5d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 5.e. Transportation Authority of Marin*
5e. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

6. Business Items:

- 6.a. Discussion And Possible Direction To Form An Ad Hoc Committee To Coordinate Drafting Updates To Tobacco Retailer License Ordinances To Regulate Tobacco Marketing Towards Youth Countywide, And Solicit Representatives From Each Marin City Or Town That Wishes To Participate
Attachment 6a: Memo to MCCMC

Corte Madera Mayor Pat Ravasio began the discussion by summarizing the presentation received from the Bay Area Community Resources Youth Advisory Committee at the April 30, 2025 MCCMC meeting. The YAC had proposed potential amendments to Tobacco Retailer License ordinances that would regulate tobacco marketing to youth. Mayor Ravasio discussed interest in establishing an ad hoc committee of those interested in working with the County to establish a model ordinance for the County and Marin Cities/Towns to consider for adoption. Following discussion, it was announced that the County does have plans in place to take up this ordinance in

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1 August, so it was determined that it would be best to wait for the County to take the lead
2 and if any council members would like to express their support for the ordinance, or
3 provide suggestions, they can reach out to County Executive Deker Johnson.
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5 6.c. Review of Draft Agenda for the June 25, 2025 MCCMC Meeting, Hosted by the County
6 of Marin
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8 There were no comments on the draft agenda. No public comment was received in
9 person or via email. President Hill then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.
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12 6.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the April 30, 2025 MCCMC
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15 This item was deferred to the June 25, 2025 meeting agenda for review and possible
16 approval.
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20 **7. Adjournment**
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22 The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for June 25, 2025
23 to be held in person and hosted by the County of Marin.
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