

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023
6:00pm

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

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6:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

- 1. Call to Order:** MCCMC President Brian Colbert
- 2. Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** President Brian Colbert
- 4. Presentations:**
 - 4.a. Update From Supervisor Katie Rice, and Gary Besser, County Administrator's Office, Regarding The County Landscaping Industry Emissions Reduction And Small Business Protection Plan
 - 4.b. Update From Anne Grey, Vivalon CEO, Regarding Vivalon's Healthy Aging Campus
 - 4.c. Update From Lisa Bennett, Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ Marin), Regarding Their Upcoming Elected Officials Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Training
- 5. Committee Reports (written reports only – to be published in agenda packet and posted on website, <http://www.mccmc.org/>)**
 - 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
- 5.d. Marin Transit Board of Directors *
 - 5d. Written report provided by Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael
- 5.e. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
 - 5e. Written report provided by Gabe Paulson, Larkspur
- 5.f. Transportation Authority of Marin
 - 5.f. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

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

6. Business Meeting

- 6.a. Review of Draft Agenda for the April 26, 2023 MCCMC Meeting
Attachment 6a: Draft agenda for the April 26, 2023
- 6.b. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the February 22, 2023 MCCMC Meeting
Attachment 6b: Draft minutes for February 22, 2023 meeting

7. ADJOURN: to the April 26, 2023 meeting, via Zoom

*Deadline for Agenda Items – April 19, 2023 Please send to: MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com
Please note that the annual meeting of the Mayors Select Committee will take place before the start of the April MCCMC meeting*

ABAG Report to MCCMC¹

March 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) **General Assembly Meeting:** ABAG will convene our General Assembly on Friday, June 16, 2023 beginning at 11 a.m. to approve the budget and workplan for 2023-2024. The meeting will be held in-person at the Bay Area Metro Center located at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco. It will be held in the Yerba Buena - 1st Floor conference room. Mark your calendars and you will be notified when registration begins.
- 2) **Priority Development Areas: 2023 Application Window:** In April 2023, ABAG will be opening an application window for local jurisdictions to nominate new or modify the boundaries of existing, Priority Development Areas (PDAs). New or modified PDAs consistent with program guidelines will be incorporated into Plan Bay Area 2050+, the long-range regional plan update that will kick off in mid-2023. PDAs offers grant funding to establish plans along with One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funds to support planning along with transportation improvements.
- 3) **Priority Sites Nomination Program and Criteria:** ABAG recently approved a newly establish Priority Sites Program intended to support jurisdictions seeking to meet the region's shared housing needs by transforming public land and aging commercial property into community anchors with a large number of affordable homes.
- 4) **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. Upon completion of this California's Housing Future 2040 stakeholder engagement initiative, HCD will compile its findings and recommendations, and will submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2023. Gillian Adams, MTC Regional Planning Programs, is serving as a technical expert on the California's Housing Future 2040 work group.

1. ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ABAG will convene our General Assembly **on Friday, June 16, 2023** beginning at 11 a.m. to approve the budget and workplan for 2023-2024. The meeting will be held in-person at the Bay Area Metro Center located at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco. It will be held in the Yerba Buena - 1st Floor conference room. Mark your calendars and you will be notified when registration begins.

2. PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS: 2023 APPLICATION WINDOW: In April 2023, ABAG will be opening an application window between April 1, 2023 and July 31, 2023 for local jurisdictions to nominate new or modify the boundaries of existing, Priority Development Areas (PDAs). New or modified PDAs consistent with program guidelines will be incorporated into Plan Bay Area 2050+, the long-range regional plan update that will kick off in mid-2023.

The PDA program has supported more than 80 plans and 50 technical assistance grants leading to an increase in capacity for over 150,000 new homes and 100 million square feet of commercial floor space in locally-identified places within walking distance of transit. The program regularly offers grant funding to local governments to establish plans or receive implementation-focused technical assistance for a PDA, with the most recent call for projects released in December 2022 and an additional call anticipated in late 2023.

In addition to planning grants and technical assistance opportunities, PDAs are one of the primary Growth Geographies featured in Plan Bay Area 2050, receiving a **dedicated pool of funding through the One Bay Area**

¹ Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)

Grant (OBAG) program to support not only planning but transportation improvements such as complete streets. To date, local governments across the nine-county Bay Area have nominated 217 PDAs. In advance of the first three iterations of Plan Bay Area, local jurisdictions were given the opportunity to nominate new, or to modify the boundaries of existing, PDAs.

Staff will publicize the application window to local staff in all nine Bay Area counties through a monthly bulletin sent to planning staff in every local jurisdiction, announcements at monthly county-level planning director meetings, and “office hours” for interested local jurisdictions to assist in evaluation of potential nominations or modifications and preparation of applications.

3. PRIORITY SITES NOMINATION CRITERIA: ABAG recently approved a newly establish Priority Sites Program is intended to support jurisdictions seeking to do their part to meet the region’s shared housing needs by transforming public land and aging commercial sites into community anchors with a large number of affordable homes. The link to the concept paper is: [Priority-Sites-Concept-Paper.pdf \(ca.gov\)](#). The program has five components which are:

- 1) Establish Priority Sites -- Once established, Sites would be eligible for funding and technical assistance resources outlined below and would become part of a pipeline of sites that is integrated into the region’s planning activities (e.g. Plan Bay Area 2050+) and informs funding strategies.
- 2) Fund Pilot Projects -- Provide competitive predevelopment funding to accelerate Pilot projects located on a handful of Priority Sites. Projects poised to deliver the greatest affordability, climate, and equity benefits that demonstrate success factors such as local support, a clear path to entitlements, and a realistic financing plan will receive funding. In December 2022, the Commission programmed \$28 million to support these pilot projects through the Regional Early Action Program 2 (REAP 2.0), complementing the Preservation Pilot program that will make at-risk affordable homes permanently affordable.
- 3) Deliver technical assistance -- For early-stage Priority Sites not positioned to apply for predevelopment pilot funding, the program anticipates providing roughly \$1 million in targeted technical assistance, complemented by regionally applicable tools to enable local governments and emerging developers to conduct the work necessary to envision and entitle projects. For projects that have completed predevelopment work but have yet to break ground, the program will offer resources for identifying and pursuing additional financing where needed and coordinating with other public agencies and utilities.
- 4) Integrate Sites into Plan Bay Area 2050+—All eligible Priority Sites will be incorporated into Plan Bay Area 2050+, sharpening its projected growth pattern and strengthening the connection between the Mall and Office Reuse and Public Land Reuse strategies to local priorities.
- 5) Set up Sites for future success— In addition to providing short-term funding and technical assistance, the program is intended to expand the pipeline of equitable housing projects in the Bay Area positioned to utilize existing and future funding, including a **potential 2024 regional housing measure**.

For more details about the program, refer to MTC Resolution No. 4567 and ABAG Resolution No. 10-2023.

4. CALIFORNIA’S HOUSING FUTURE 2040: THE NEXT REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION: [AB 101 \(2019\)](#) 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. Upon completion of this California’s Housing Future 2040 stakeholder engagement initiative, HCD will compile its findings and recommendations, and will submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2023. Gillian Adams, MTC Regional Planning Programs, is serving as a technical expert on the California’s Housing Future 2040 work group.

HCD plans to conduct this stakeholder engagement initiative in the Spring (March to May) of 2023, which will consist of several opportunities for stakeholder input. HCD is undertaking the CA's Housing Future 2040 initiative centering the following guiding principles:

- Ensure RHNA is a fair, transparent, objective, and streamlined process for identifying housing need.
 - Fair in terms of advancing equity, racial justice and inclusion, and environmental justice in a manner that ensures all jurisdictions plan for their fair share of the region's housing need.
 - Transparent in terms of open and accessible public participation, proactive engagement, and making materials available online.
 - Objective in terms of maintaining a data-driven process.
 - Streamlined in terms of ensuring a logical flow of steps with the most efficient process available to accomplish meaningful outcomes.
- Strategically plan for the needs of households of all income levels while promoting infill development, the protection of natural resources, and efficient development patterns.
- Account for future climate risk with the goal of ensuring communities and vulnerable populations are not unduly exposed to climate risks, including but not limited to drought, flooding, sea level rise, and wildfire.
- Encourage increased development to substantially address California's housing shortage and affordability issues.
- Improve compliance and outcomes through incentives and enforcement.
- Enhance and protect RHNA's role in Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing so that all cities plan for their fair share of growth and future planning does not further entrench segregated living patterns.

In order to inform HCD's recommendations for improving the RHNA process and methodology, HCD is conducting a public survey, alongside other engagement strategies, to receive input and ideas from stakeholders. This survey is organized by topic areas identified as priorities and should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. After the survey closes, HCD will summarize and analyze the survey responses. HCD will utilize the survey responses to inform HCD's recommendations for improving the RHNA process and methodology but will not respond to each survey response.

- HCD wants to hear from you! Take the [California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA Public Survey](#) (Due Friday May 5, 2023).
- HCD will summarize survey results and will consider responses as HCD drafts recommendations, but due to capacity constraints will not comment on each response
- Topics: Populations Living in Group Quarters, Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Methodology, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). Housing and Transportation Alignment, Climate Change and Environmental Hazards.

Engagement Strategy Focus Areas

- How to better capture existing and projected housing needs
- Exploring potential process changes to save staff time & resources, increase transparency, and increase accountability
- Strategies to build on the important adjustments made during the 6th cycle that contributed to a more equitable RHNA
 - Open through Friday, May 5, 2023
- 4 Sounding Board Meetings with Technical Experts (*meeting schedule not released yet*)
 - ~30 technical experts that will include representation from academics, advocates, demographers, local and regional government, state government, and the legislature
 - Can submit written public comment on agenda items
 - Not a decision-making body

- Listening Sessions with State Agencies and Other Partners
- Meeting with Council of Government (COG) Partners
- Presentations at Conferences and Recurring State Coordination Meetings

HCD's engagement will provide an update to the State Legislature by July 1, 2023 and 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

- **April 13, 2023 --** **ABAG Housing Committee, 1:00 pm**
Bay Area Housing Financing Authority Oversight Committee, 1:00 pm
- **April 14, 2023 --** **Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committees, 9:45 am**
Joint MTC ABAG Legislative Committee, 9:45 am
- **April 20, 2023 --** **ABAG Finance Committee, 5:00 pm**
ABAG ACFA Governing Board, 5:05 pm
ABAG Executive Board, 5:10 pm
- **April 26, 2023 --** **MTC Commission, 9:35 am**
Bay Area Toll Authority, 9:40 am
Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:45 am
Bay Area Headquarters Authority, 9:50 am
- **April 27, 2023 --** **Bay Area Housing Financing Authority Advisory Committee, 10:00 am**
- **June 16, 2023 --** **ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 11:00**

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.

MCCMC Legislative Committee Report to MCCMC. March 2023

Submitted by Alice Fredericks. Chair, MCCMC Legislative Committee

League of California Cities Report: Nancy Hall Bennet, Public Affairs Manager North Bay Division League of California Cities, reported that CalCities urges cities to take a position on **The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act**. Many cities have simply taken their oppose position on the consent calendar. The measure restricts the ability of local jurisdictions to raise taxes and is retroactive to 2022. If passed, would affect the Larkspur Library tax and possibly other taxes approved by local voters. [CalCities Text for Proposed Resolutions and Letters of Opposition](#)

North Bay Division of the League will meet in Suisin City March 30. Speaker will State Assembly member Lori Wilson the assistant majority whip and chair of the Local Government Committee

Positions on Other Bills: Some of the bills on the watch list are attached to this report. The consensus of the Legislative Committee was that it was too early to take a position on bills, since many are amended during the early committee process. Committee hearings began March 17, and the Legislative Committee will consider taking positions on bills at its meeting March 27.

See Attachment

Bills on the MCCMC Legislative Committee List for Potential Action in March

- **AB 96** (Kalra) Public employment: local public transit agencies: autonomous transit vehicle technology.

Would require a public transit employer to provide written notice to the exclusive employee representative of the workforce affected by autonomous transit vehicle technology of its determination to begin, or its substantive progress toward initiating, any procurement process or a plan to acquire or deploy any autonomous transit vehicle technology for public transit services that would affect job functions or jobs of the workforce. Requires a public transit employer, upon a written request of the exclusive employee representative, to provide specified information to the exclusive employee representative, including the potential gaps in skills that may result from the new service. AND requires following the written request for information by the exclusive employee representative, and within 30 days of receiving the specified information, to commence collective bargaining on specified subjects, including creating plans to train and prepare the affected workforce to fill new positions created by the autonomous transit vehicle technology.

- **AB 99** (Connolly) State highways: vegetation management: herbicides and pesticides.

Current law prohibits each state agency that has responsibility for roadside vegetation control operations on, or along, a roadway, including a state highway, from conducting a roadside vegetation control operation on a portion of the roadway for which a property owner has made a request for information related to the roadside vegetation control operation until certain conditions are satisfied, as specified. **This bill would require the Department of Transportation to develop and adopt a statewide policy to discontinue roadside spraying of herbicides and synthetic pesticides in each county where the county board of supervisors has adopted a resolution that opposes the spraying of herbicides and synthetic pesticides in the county, except** where no alternative vegetation management practice is feasible or during a state of emergency relating to wildfire if the spraying is solely for purposes of preventing, combating, or mitigating the risk of wildfire.

- **ACA 1** (Aguiar-Curry) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.

This measure would create an additional **exception to the constitutional 1% limit** on Ad Valorem taxes levied a city, county, city and county, or special district to service **bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if** the proposition proposing that tax is **approved by 55%** of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. The measure would specify that these provisions apply to any city, county, city and county, or special district measure imposing an ad valorem tax to pay the interest and redemption charges on bonded indebtedness for these purposes that is submitted at the same election as this measure.

- **AB 434** (Grayson) Housing element: notice of violation.

Current law: Prior to January 1, 2030, a city or county is prohibited from conducting more than 5 hearings on prelim applications for project requiring a public hearing, if the proposed housing development project complies with the applicable, objective general plan and zoning standards in effect at the time an application is deemed complete, as defined. Department of Housing and Community Development is required to notify a city, county, or city and county, and to notify the Attorney General, **if the department finds that the housing element or an amendment to that element, or any specified action or failure to act, does not substantially comply with the law as it pertains to housing elements or that any local government has taken an action in violation of certain housing laws.**

This bill would additionally authorize the department to **notify** a city, county, city and county, or the Attorney General when the planning agency of a city, county, or city and county fails to comply with the provision limiting hearings to 5 for specified variances.

- **AB 478** (Connolly) Wildfires: insurance.

The Insurance Rate Reduction and Reform Act of 1988, an initiative measure enacted by Proposition 103, as approved by the voters at the November 8, 1988, statewide general election, prohibits specified insurance rates from being approved or remaining in effect that are excessive, inadequate, unfairly discriminatory, or otherwise in violation of the act. In considering whether a rate is excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory, current law requires the Insurance Commissioner to consider whether the rate mathematically reflects the insurance company's investment income. Current law authorizes the provisions of Proposition 103 to be amended by a statute that furthers the purposes of the act and is enacted by the Legislature with a 2/3 vote. **For insureds 65 years of age or older, this bill would limit an increase in their yearly premium for a policy of residential property insurance by no more than 25 percent for insured property located in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone, as identified by the State Fire Marshal, as specified, and allow only one premium increase in a 5-year period.**

- **AB 821** (Grayson) Planning and zoning: development project application.

[AB 821 \(Grayson\) Planning and zoning: development project application.](#)

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of land within certain land beyond the physical boundaries of the city or county. Current law requires that county or city zoning ordinances be consistent with the general plan of the county or city by January 1, 1974. Current law requires a zoning ordinance to be amended to be consistent within a reasonable time if ordinance becomes inconsistent with the plan or if the plan amended to be inconsistent. This bill, among other things, would provide that if a city or **county fails to amend an inconsistent zoning ordinance within 90 days after receiving written notice** of the inconsistency, a **proposed development project shall not be deemed inconsistent** with that zoning ordinance and related zoning standard or criteria and shall not be required to be rezoned, **if there is substantial**

evidence that would allow a reasonable person to conclude that the proposed development project is consistent with objective general plan standards and criteria but the zoning for the project site is inconsistent with the general plan.

- **AB 894** (Friedman) Parking requirements: shared parking.

This bill would require a public agency, as defined, to allow existing land uses with underutilized parking, as defined, to share the underutilized parking with the public, a private entity, a public agency, or other users. The bill would require a public agency to allow shared parking to be **counted toward meeting automobile parking requirements for a new or existing development or use**, including underutilized parking spaces, **when the parking spaces meet specified conditions regarding the distance of the spaces from the applicable site.** The bill would require a public agency to accept a parking analysis using peer-reviewed methodologies developed by a professional planning association, as specified, when determining the number of shared parking spaces that can be reasonably shared between different uses.

- **SB 329** (Dodd) Cities: city council members: compensation.

Current law authorizes a city council to enact an ordinance to provide city council a salary based upon the population of the city, as specified. Current law authorizes that amount to be increased by the city council by an amount that does not exceed 5% for each calendar year from the operative date of the last adjustment of the salary that is in effect when the increase is enacted, and prohibits an ordinance from being enacted or amended to provide automatic future increases in salary. **This bill, would authorize a city council to adjust, by ordinance, the amount of the salary of city council members based upon population in an amount that does not exceed inflation since January 1, 1984**, based upon the California Consumer Price Index.

- **SB 396** (Wahab) Local government: excavations: notice.

Current law imposes various duties including by requiring local agencies with jurisdiction to approve excavations to allow **microtrenching**, as defined, for the installation of underground fiber if the installation in the microtrench is limited to fiber, except as provided. Current law requires, during the project planning phase of certain department-led construction projects, the **Department of Transportation to notify companies and organizations working on broadband deployment of the project on its internet website to encourage collaborative broadband installations.**

This bill would require, prior to commencing any local agency-led excavation projects, as defined, a city, county, or city and county to **notify interested parties of the project on its internet website** to encourage collaborative installations of important utilities and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, fiber optic cable, undergrounding utilities, or other important services.

- **SB 411** (Portantino) Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership.

Current law, until January 1, 2024, **authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternate teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency or in other situations related to public health that exempt a legislative body from the general requirements**

(emergency provisions) and impose different requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The emergency provisions specify that they do not require a legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment. **Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location** that is open to the public and situated within the agency's jurisdiction and other requirements are met, including restrictions on remote participation by a member of the legislative body. ***This bill* would authorize a legislative body to use alternate teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency. The bill would alternatively define "legislative body" for this purpose to mean a board, commission, or advisory body of a local agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed and which board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.**

SB 423 (Wiener) Land use: streamlined housing approvals:
multifamily housing developments

Existing law, the Planning and Zoning Law, authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development that is subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process, as provided, and not subject to a conditional use permit, if the development satisfies specified objective planning standards, including, among others, that the development proponent has committed to record, prior to the issuance of the first building permit, a land use restriction or **covenant providing that any lower or moderate-income housing units required, as specified, remain available at affordable housing costs**, as defined, or rent to persons and families of lower or moderate-income for no less than specified periods of time. **Existing law repeals** these provisions on January 1, 2026. **This bill would authorize the Department of General Services to act in the place of a locality or local government**, at the discretion of that department, for purposes of the ministerial, streamlined review for development **on property owned by or leased to the state**. The bill would delete the January 1, 2026, repeal date, thereby making these provisions operative indefinitely. **REMOVES SUNSET** This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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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:

1 - Despite rainy weather, the agency leads in ridership recovery in 2023 (92% over FY 2022). The General Managers near term goal is to have 5000 riders/day on 3 trains (currently only 2 trains)

2 - To adapt to post-covid commute/telecommute patterns, the agency is considering 3-day Commute monthly passes. The cheaper passes might be more popular, conversion from existing 5-day passes would likely only lead to a \$40k/year loss, a small fraction of budget.

3 - The agency and general manger were credited by Dick Spotswood on Sat 3/18 for financial management: \$104M in funds are available for operations, \$33M for reserves. (see "SMART train officials did well to avoid fiscal cliff facing some public transportation districts", www.marinij.com/2023/03/18/dick-spotswood-smart-train-officials-did-well-to-avoid-fiscal-cliff-facing-some-public-transportation-districts)

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

TAM Report to MCCMC
Alice Fredericks
March 2023

The latest newsletter from the Transportation Authority of Marin provides the best information about the latest actions concerning policy, programs, projects and funding decisions taken by the Board of Commissioners.

[TAM Traveler](#)

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

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Either in-person (host to be determined) or virtual meeting, to be held via Zoom

Start time: 6:00pm

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests**
- 4. Presentation:**

5. 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

6. Business Meeting

- 6.a. Review Of Draft Agenda For The May 24, 2023 MCCMC Meeting, To Be Held In Person, Host City To Be Determined
- 6.b. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the March 22, 2023 MCCMC Meeting

7:00 PM ADJOURN: to the May 24, 2023 meeting – to be held in person

Deadline for Agenda Items – May 17, 2023 Please send to:

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023
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6:00pm**

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor James Lynch, Councilmembers Kemnitzer, Wilkinson
Corte Madera: Mayor Charles Lee, Councilmembers Casissa, Ravasio, Thomas
Fairfax: Mayor Chance Cutrano, Councilmembers Ackerman, Coler, Blash
Larkspur: Mayor Gabe Paulson, Councilmembers Carroll, Harroff, Way
Mill Valley: -
Novato: Mayor Susan Wernick, Councilmembers Eklund, Millberg, O'Connor
Ross: Mayor Beach Kuhl, Councilmembers Kircher, McMillan
San Anselmo: Vice Mayor Eileen Burke, Councilmember Kullaway
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin, Councilmembers Llorens-Gulati, Kertz
Sausalito: Mayor Melissa Blaustein, Councilmember Cox, Hoffman
Tiburon: Mayor Jack Ryan, Councilmembers Fredericks, Thier

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City/Town Managers: Christa Johnson (Ross), Jim Schutz (San Rafael), Adam Wolff (Corte Madera)
Guests in attendance: Supervisors Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Eric Lucan; Nancy Hall-Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

1. Call to Order

Vice President Melissa Blaustein called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for February 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. Rachel Kertz, San Rafael – stated that she has joined with Catherine Way, Larkspur, to co-chair the Marin Women's Political Action Committee (MWPAC) Membership Committee, membership is \$50. She also encouraged people to attend or sponsor the Annual Elected Women's Luncheon, to be held on March 24th. More information on how to attend the Luncheon, or how to join MWPAC, is available on their website: <https://mwpac.org/>

3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Vice President Melissa Blaustein.

Vice President Blaustein welcomed the guests in attendance: Members of the Board of Supervisors: Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Eric Lucan; and Nancy Hall-Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

4. Presentations: (Presentations were called on out of sequence)

- 4.c. Update from John Carroll, Marin County Superintendent of Schools
John Carroll, Marin County Superintendent of Schools, introduced himself and provided an update regarding his priorities for his new term as Superintendent of

6.b.

Schools and responded to questions from the audience. He spoke about the transition process moving into the role, and his three big areas of focus for the next four years, which include:

- Strengthening and growing early childhood education
- Strengthening and growing career technical education
- Strengthening reading instruction programs and making sure they are following the science

More information on Superintendent Carroll and the Marin County Office of Education can be found here:

<https://www.marinschools.org/Page/8486>

Note: while waiting to see if the first speaker was able to join the Zoom meeting, Vice Mayor Blaustein called to briefly turn to the business items in the interim.

4.b. Update from Kelsey Fernandez, MA, Executive Director, Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships: Local Cannabis Policy and Youth

Presenters representing Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships (John Wright, Executive Director Kelsey Fernandez, and Dr. Lynn Silver) provided an update regarding “Getting It Right From the Start” and support for policies that protect local youth, including a model ordinance regulating local cannabis retail sales in California.

Suggested steps for cities to consider include:

- Requiring a health warning and safer use flier for all consumers (SB 1097)
- Prohibit intoxicating hemp products
- Don’t allow products that are attractive to kids
- Hold firm on smoke-free air and don’t allow temporary events or onsite consumption
- If allowing retail, consider a public utility model with public or contracted nonprofit access
- Don’t allow billboards and limit other marketing

More information on Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships can be found here:

<https://www.marinhealthyouthpartnerships.org/>

And the MHYP presentation slides can be viewed here:

http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/MCCMC-Presentation_MHYP-compressed.pdf

4.a. Update from Assemblymember Damon Connolly

Assemblymember Damon Connolly provided an update on the currently legislative session, legislation he has introduced since being sworn in to his new term on December 5, 2022, and his goals and objectives for his term as Assemblymember representing District 12.

Assemblymember Connolly stated that he has been assigned to the Budget Committee and a budget subcommittee that deals with the environment, climate, energy and transportation issues. Other committee assignments include Utilities and Energy; Environment, Safety and Toxic Materials; Judiciary; Agriculture; and is the Assembly

6.b.

Lead on the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policy, working with Senator Henry Stern. He has also been assigned to Chair the Assembly's new Select Committee on Wildfire Prevention.

He put forward 21 bill ideas as of last Friday's deadline for new bill submittals. He spoke about some of the bill proposals, including:

- AB404, AB405 and AB406 an Organic Farming package;
- AB99 to stop pesticide spraying along North Bay highways;
- AB838 California Water Affordability and Infrastructure Transparency Act;
- AB935 phased ban of all tobacco products in California;
- AB478 protects adults 65 and older from losing their home insurance policy due to risk of wildfire;
- AB92 restricting sale and use of body armor to specific categories of professions;
- He has also co-authored bills on gun safety, early dyslexia screening for kids, marriage equality, teen suicide; and sale and closure of RV park in San Rafael

More information on Assemblymember Connolly, his current legislation and other news, can be found here: <https://a12.asmdc.org/>

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

~~5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission~~

~~5a. Written report from Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters~~

5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments

5b. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato

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

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

~~5.d. MCCMC Homeless Committee~~

~~5.d. Written report from Rachel Kertz, San Rafael~~

5.e. MCCMC Legislative Committee

5.e. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

~~5.f. Marin Transit Board of Directors~~

~~5f. Written report provided by Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael~~

~~5.g. Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)~~

~~5g. Written report provided by Gabe Paulson, Larkspur~~

5.h. Transportation Authority of Marin

5.h. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

6. BUSINESS MEETING

(The business items were discussed and voted on in between the first and second presentations)

6.a. Informational Item: Draft Minutes of the January 25, 2023 City Selection Committee

6.b.

1 Meeting Via Zoom (For review only, minutes will be approved at the next City
2 Selection Committee meeting, date to be determined)

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4 There were no comments on the draft minutes of the January 25, 2023 City Selection
5 Committee meeting. The minutes will be brought back for approval at the next City Selection
6 Committee meeting, date to be determined.

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8 6.b. Review of Draft Agenda for the March 22, 2023 MCCMC Meeting Via Zoom

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10 There were no comments on the draft agenda, which will be held virtually via Zoom.

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12 6.c. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Draft Minutes of the January 25, 2023
13 MCCMC Meeting

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15 Vice President Blaustein called for a vote to approve the draft minutes for January 25, 2023
16 There was a motion and second (Colin / Eklund) to approve the draft minutes for January 25,
17 2023. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Mill
18 Valley absent)

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20 Following approval of business item 6c, Vice President Blaustein returned to the
21 presentations and called on 4.b., Update from Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships.

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23 **Adjournment**

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25 The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for March 22,
26 2023 to be held virtually, via zoom webinar.