# MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS Mayors Select Committee Special Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

5:30pm

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# The Mayors Select Committee consists of Mayors (or their designated proxy) of 11 cities and the MCCMC Executive Committee\*

- 1. Roll Call, Welcome and Purpose of Meeting: MCCMC President Sashi McEntee
- 2. Open Time for Public Comment: Please submit any written public comment to <a href="MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com">MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com</a> and indicate "Public Comment" in the subject line.
- Business Items
  - a. <u>Discussion and Direction Regarding Proposal and Request for Support to Establish</u> an Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee

The Mayors Select Committee will review and discuss the proposal and scope of work for a potential Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee. Should the Committee support the formation of the new Ad Hoc Committee, it will be brought to the full MCCMC membership for consideration and possible formation

Attachment 6c: Proposal for formation of Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee Provided by Kate Colin, Mayor, San Rafael

- b. <u>Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding the 2022 MCCMC Meeting Schedule,</u>

  <u>Host City Volunteers Should MCCMC Resume In-Person Meetings and Direction</u>

  <u>Regarding Potential Guest Speakers and Topics</u>
- 4. Current Issues of Mutual Concern Round Table Discussion
- 5. Adjourn

Please contact MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn at 415-927-5085 or MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com with any questions or for additional information.

#### **\*SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

DESCRIPTION OF MAYORS SELECT COMMITTEE /CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mayors Select Committee: The Mayors Select Committee shall consist of the Mayor, or his/her designated representative from among each member's council, from each of the member cities and the Executive Committee of MCCMC. Its duties will be to form a consensus on and a recommended advocacy action for citywide and/or regional issues that directly and immediately affect all member cities and for which there is no other appropriate forum. The Mayors Select Committee shall also perform the functions of the City Selection Committee (relating to certain appointments and nominations) and under the powers vested by and pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code §50270 et seq. The Mayors Select Committee shall meet annually in April or at the first reasonably convenient time thereafter, and its Chair will be the President of MCCMC. Executive Committee members may be present but may not cast votes on City Selection Committee matters except when designated as described above. The President of MCCMC will report on the actions or recommendations of the Mayors Select Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the COUNCIL, and shall call for a full vote of any recommended advocacy actions.

<u>Executive Committee</u>: The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President and the most immediate Past-President who is a member. It shall serve in an advisory capacity to the President to help plan and organize the activities of the COUNCIL.

# MCCMC Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee September 2021

# Background

Marin County is experiencing extreme drought conditions and is in danger of running out of water by June 2022. The end of August 2021, sees Marin Municipal Water District's (MMWD) reservoirs at approximately 38% versus an average of 77% at this time. In addition, local conservation mandates are over 10% short of the target of 40%. As city elected officials, we understand the important intersection of city policy and water policy and the critical role city's could play to mitigate the drought's impact on all of our respective communities. We know that the local water agencies (MMWD and North Marin Water) are the primary drivers of the conservation and infrastructure programs and right now there is an intersection of opportunity for cities to amplify those efforts and respond with appropriate efforts of our own.

Looking ahead, we anticipate ongoing water shortages and drought as a consequence of the climate crisis. Now is the time for local jurisdictions to consider potential city policies and strategies that will plan for water shortages in the future. This is a broad category that can include everything from increasing the build-out of 'purple pipes' to drought-tolerant landscaping ordinances.

Creation of this ad-hoc committee was ideated and discussed by Alexis Fineman (San Anselmo), Urban Carmel (Mill Valley), Stephanie Hellman (Fairfax) and Kate Colin (San Rafael). Alexis and Urban currently serve as co-chairs of the Climate Action Committee. We recommend a separate Ad Hoc Committee focused on water, with each city designating up to two Councilmembers to participate. Participation by each city is optional, although we are hopeful that all 11 cities participate due to the severity of the situation.

# Objectives – short and long-term (to be finalized by the Committee)

### SHORT-TERM

- Consider utilizing Fairfax Water conservation program as a template for other cities to build on.
- Explore grant possibilities to fund any city/county program (ABAG as potential source).
- Support MMWD's effort to communicate their strategy on water conservation
- Identify key data that MMWD could provide to local jurisdictions to support/explain water conservation to our residents
- Get input from 'adjacent' agencies like Sanitation Districts, Fire Districts on both short- and long-term objectives
- Provide recommendations on what local jurisdictions could consider prioritizing related to their use/consumption, such as sprinkler heads, reclaimed water, harvesting rainwater capture off town buildings, outreach to high volume institutional users (i.e. school districts).
- Understand and troubleshoot obstacles to enforcement throughout the District.

## LONG-TERM

- Identify city policies/ordinances that can promote water conservation, water recycling, landscaping, ground water regulation etc. with the goals of reducing water consumption as well as consistency across the County.
- Consider partnership with local water agencies to develop a heuristic toolkit or stewardship framework for water-related decision-making.
- Learn about existing solutions for treating wastewater beyond recycled water quality to meet or exceed drinking water standards through "Advanced Purification" techniques (microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and UV treatment).

#### **Timing**

As an Ad Hoc Committee, duration would be for one year after which the Committee would disband or fold into the Climate Action Committee. Committee would meet every 2-3 weeks through the end of the year.

### Co-Chairs

Co-chairs would be selected at the first meeting.