

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

6:00pm

VIA Zoom VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor Sally Wilkinson
Corte Madera: Vice Mayor Fred Casissa and Councilmember Pat Ravasio (both left the meeting approximately 6:25pm and were not present for vote)
Fairfax: Mayor Stephanie Hellman, Councilmembers Lisel Blash, Barbara Coler
Larkspur: Mayor Stephanie Andre, Councilmembers Sarah Margulies, Gabe Paulson, Catherine Way
Mill Valley: Mayor Max Perrey, Councilmembers Urban Carmel, Caroline Joachim
Novato: Mayor Rachel Farac; Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Kevin Jacobs
Ross: Mayor Juile McMillan; Councilmembers Teri Dowling, Elizabeth Robbins, Mathew Salter
San Anselmo: -
San Rafael: Vice Mayor Eli Hill
Sausalito: Councilmember Joan Cox (entered meeting at approximately 6:15pm)
Tiburon: Councilmembers Alice Fredericks, Holli Thier

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; San Rafael Assistant City Managers Angela Robinson Pinon and John Stefanski; Nancy Hall Bennett (CalCities North Bay Division);

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Stephanie Hellman called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for January 28, 2026.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns, with representatives from 10 of the 11 Marin cities/towns in attendance. (However representatives from the Town of Corte Madera left the meeting at approximately 6:25pm and were not present for voting, and a representative from Sausalito joined the meeting at approximately 6:15 pm after initial roll call was taken)

2. Public Comment:

- a. Melody Shumacher – Provided information (available [here](#)) on work she is doing toward a “Make Polluters Pay” bill. She is looking to put together a coalition in support of the bill and provided information for any elected officials interested in participating and providing support.

3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests

President Hellman welcomed guests in attendance

4. Business Meeting:

- 4.a. **Consider Approval of Unconditional Commitment to Brown Act for MCCMC Standing Committees; 2) Discuss current review underway of MCCMC Governance, Operations and Bylaws**

President Hellman introduced the item and spoke about the Cease and Desist Letter received on January 6, 2026, viewable [here](#), alleging Brown Act Violations of MCCMC and the Legislative Committee and requesting that MCCMC approve unconditional commitment to the

Ralph M. Brown Act for MCCMC and all standing committees. Councilmembers discussed and provided input regarding the request. It was further noted that should MCCMC vote to approve Brown Act commitment, it would become effective immediately and future meetings of MCCMC and standing committees will be held in person with hybrid/remote participation option available. Staff will work on securing Brown Act compliant meeting locations for future meetings.

President Hellman further discussed By Laws revisions that will be needed to codify this update, as well as the need to look at other updates to the By Laws as well as governance and operational changes, and these items would be discussed at future MCCMC meetings.

There was a motion and second (Gabe Paulson / Pat Eklund) to approve Unconditional Commitment to Brown Act for MCCMC and its Standing Committees. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved 9-0-2 (Corte Madera and San Anselmo absent).

4.b. Consider Approval of Request to Sunset MCCMC Homeless Subcommittee

President Hellman discussed the request, noting that the MCCMC Homeless Subcommittee has not convened in a significant period of time and does not currently have a defined work product. Further, member jurisdictions have been addressing homelessness through their own local approaches, and regional coordination is occurring through the County's Homeless Policy Steering Committee (HPSC), which meets quarterly and is open to all.

Councilmembers discussed whether it should consider reconstituting the group as a standing committee subject to Brown Act requirements and clarifying its scope and deliverables or formally sunset the subcommittee. There was a request to consider adding a regular report out to MCCMC from the County's Homeless Policy Steering Committee on MCCMC meeting agendas.

There was a motion and second (Alice Fredericks / Eli Hill) to sunset the MCCMC Homeless Subcommittee. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved 9-0-2 (Corte Madera and San Anselmo absent).

4.c. Review Of Draft Agenda For The February 25, 2026 MCCMC Meeting Via Zoom

There were no comments on the draft agenda for February 25, 2026. It was noted that the meeting will now be held in person with remote participation available. Sausalito tentatively volunteered to host the meeting.

4.d. Informational Item: Review of Draft Minutes of the City Selection Committee Meeting Held on October 22, 2025 (Informational item only, the draft minutes will be formally reviewed and approved by City Selection Committee at its next available meeting)

Review of Draft City Selection Committee minutes for October 22, 2025 meeting was deferred to the February 25, 2026 meeting agenda.

4.e. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the October 22, 2025, MCCMC Regular Meeting

Review and approval of Draft minutes for the October 22, 2025 meeting was deferred to the February 25, 2026 meeting agenda.

5. Committee Reports

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

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 (No Report)~~
 - ~~5c. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon~~
- 5.d. Transportation Authority of Marin
 - 5d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

6. Presentations: MCCMC received the following presentations:

Video of presentations available [here](#) beginning at approximately the 00:54:00 mark.

1. Update From Steven Torrence, Marin County Director Of Emergency Management, On The County's Flood Response And Disaster Proclamation
2. Presentation From Isaac Landman, Placemate Associate Market Director, Regarding Placemate's "Lease To Locals" Program And Its Success As An Affordable Housing Solution. Slide deck can be viewed [here](#).

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for February 25, 2026 to be held in person and hosted by the City of Sausalito.