

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025
(note change in date from January 22, 2025)

6:00pm

VIA Zoom VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor Jane Cooper, Councilmembers Pat Carapiet, Peter Mark
Corte Madera: Mayor Pat Ravasio, Councilmembers James Andrews, Fred Cassisa, Rosa Thomas
Fairfax: Mayor Lisel Blash, Councilmembers Barbara Coler, Frank Egger, Mike Ghiringhelli, Stephanie Hellman
Larkspur: Mayor Catherine Way, Councilmembers Stephanie Andre, Sarah Margulies
Mill Valley: Mayor Stephen Burke, Councilmembers Caroline Joachim, Katherine Jones
Novato: Mayor Tim O'Connor, Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Kevin Jacobs, Mark Milberg
Ross: Mayor Bill Kircher, Councilmembers Teri Dowling, Julie McMillan, Elizabeth Robbins, Mat Salter
San Anselmo: Mayor Tarrell Kullaway, Councilmembers Steve Burdo, Eileen Burke, Chantel Walker
San Rafael: Vice Mayor Maribeth Bushey, Councilmembers Eli Hill, Maika Llorens Gulati, Rachel Kertz
Sausalito: Mayor Joan Cox
Tiburon: Mayor Holli Their, Councilmember Alice Fredericks

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City Managers: Angela Robinson Pinon (Asst. CM San Rafael); John Stefanski (Asst. CM San Rafael); Marin County Board of Supervisors: Stephanie Moulton Peters

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Eli Hill 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 29, 2025.

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 –

- a. Amy McConnell, Chief Development Officer for Vivalon – Spoke about the Meals on Wheels program, and the upcoming March for Meals promotion, where Mayors have the opportunity to deliver meals in their jurisdictions. Each March, Vivalon's March for Meals campaign raises awareness and critical funding to ensure that homebound older adults in Marin County remain nourished, healthy, and remembered. Currently nearly 500 homebound, older and chronically ill adults across Marin rely on Meals on Wheels. She will be reaching out to Mayors soon with more information on how to sign up to deliver meals with a Vivalon driver.
- b. Rachel Kertz, San Rafael - Spoke about the upcoming Marin Women's Political Action Committee Elected Women's Lunch that is scheduled for March 7th. Thank you to all of those who have already purchased tickets for that. More information and registration link can be found here: <https://mwpac.org/events>

3. Welcome, Introduction of Guests, and Introduction of Recently Elected Councilmembers

President Hill welcomed guests in attendance and then provided newly elected Councilmembers with an opportunity to introduce themselves to their MCCMC colleagues with a game of two truths and a lie.

- 4. Presentation:** MCCMC received a presentation from:
Steven Torrence - Director of Emergency Management for Marin County
Jason Weber - Marin County Fire Chief
Mark Brown - Executive Officer, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority

The featured speakers provided updates from their respective areas of oversight as they pertain to countywide emergency preparedness and ongoing wildfire adaptation efforts.

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.

Comments: Regarding the ABAG and BCDC reports, Pat Eklund announced that she was the only Executive Board member that voted no to let the Bay Trail go on their own as a nonprofit. ABAG has had the bay trail since the in the 1980s, but in 1990 we signed an agreement with the Bay Trail, and for 35 years ABAG has been working with the Bay Trail and almost got it mostly complete. But now Bay Trail is no longer part of ABAG so they're going to have to develop their own funding, which is going to be challenging.

On BCDC, she discussed the great meeting that they had on the San Rafael Richmond Bridge, and encouraged all elected officials to email her if you want to chat about the proposed modifications to the eastbound bridge deck that have been initiated by Caltrans. This would continue on a permanent basis the use of the shoulder as a vehicle travel lane during the peak commute hours of 2 to 7pm each day. On the westbound bridgedeck, they are recommending a 2 year modified pilot period that would to reduce the availability of the public pathway to only the period from 2pm on Thursdays, through 9pm on Sundays, with some additional availability around holidays. At all other times the movable barrier separating the pathway would be removed, and the path would revert to a shoulder and emergency breakdown lane. A shuttle would operate between 6am and 7pm on days when the path is closed to transport cyclists across the bridge.

This is part of the Bay Trail, so we have jurisdiction over it and will be weighing in. She encouraged elected officials to reach out to her if you have specific feelings or want to learn more, she is very interested in getting feedback, and appreciates being able to represent MCCMC on these two regional committees.

- 5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments
 - 5.a. 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~~

6. Business Items:

- 6.a. Marin Transit Board of Directors, Alternate City Representative to the Marin Transit Board of Directors
Incumbents: The Alternate seat is currently vacant

At the October 23, 2024 MCCMC meeting, Alternate Seat Incumbent Fred Casissa, Corte Madera, was appointed to serve as a Primary City Representative to the Marin Transit Board of

Directors. There is one year remaining on his current two-year term as Alternate Representative to the Marin Transit Board of Directors.

A call for letters of interest was announced at the October 23, 2024, MCCMC meeting. A letter of interest was received from Maika Llorens Gulati, San Rafael, dated January 22, 2025.

No additional nominations were received from the floor, and no public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill called for a vote on the appointment. There was a motion and second (Thier/Blash) to approve the appointment of Maika Llorens Gulati, San Rafael, to serve as the Alternate Representative to the Marin Transit Board of Directors to fill the remaining year of a two year term that expires January 1, 2026.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0.

6.b. Review of Draft Agenda for February 26, 2025 MCCMC Meeting To Be Held Virtually Via Zoom

There were no comments on the draft agenda. No public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

6.c. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the October 23, 2024 MCCMC Meeting

No public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill called for a vote to approve the draft minutes of the October 23, 2024 meeting. There was a motion and second (Eklund/Thier) to approve the minutes for October 23, 2024.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for February 26, 2025 to be held virtually via Zoom Videoconference.