

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2024**

**Hosted by San Rafael at AC AC Hotel ~ 1201 Fifth Ave. San Rafael, CA 94901**

**5:45pm – Business Meeting**

**6:00-8:00pm – Program and Networking**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Mayor Peter Mark, Councilmembers Jane Cooper and Nancy Kemnitzer  
Corte Madera: Mayor Eli Beckman, Councilmembers Fred Cassisa, Pat Ravasio and Rosa Thomas  
Fairfax: None  
Larkspur: Mayor Scott Candell, Councilmembers Gabe Paulson and Catherine Way  
Mill Valley: Mayor Urban Carmel, Councilmembers Max Perrey and Caroline Joachim  
Novato: Mayor Mark Millberg, Councilmember Pat Eklund  
Ross: Mayor Bill Kircher, Councilmembers Julie McMillan, Mat Salter  
San Anselmo: Mayor Eileen Burke, Councilmembers Steve Burdo, Brian Colbert, Alexis Fineman, Tarrell Kullaway  
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin, Councilmembers Maribeth Bushey, Eli Hill and Rachel Kertz  
Sausalito: Mayor Jill Hoffman, Councilmember Melissa Blaustein  
Tiburon: Mayor Alice Fredericks, Councilmember Holli Thier

**Ex Officio:** MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City Managers: Dan Schwarz (Larkspur), Cristine Alilovich (San Rafael); Marin County Executive Derek Johnson; Marin County Board of Supervisors: Eric Lucan, Stephanie Moulton Peters, Katie Rice, Mary Sackett; Nancy Hall Bennett (League of California Cities North Bay Division); Jamillah Jordan, County of Marin Equity Director; Mark van Gorder, PG&E North Bay Public Affairs; Dave Canny, PG&E Regional Vice President

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

President Melissa Blaustein called the business meeting to order at 5:54p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for May 22, 2024.

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 (Fairfax not in attendance).

**2. Public Comment**

1. Bob Middlestead, Co-Founder of E-Bike Access – Spoke about dangers of Super 73s and other illegal throttle e-bikes, also spoke about support for school e-bike registration program and asked that MCCMC, and each individual City/Town Council, agendize discussion of this issue. Stated that MCCMC and Cities can invite Mike Grant, Assistant Superintendent at Marin County Office of Education and Mike Norton, Police Chief, Central Marin Police Authority to speak on this issue at your meetings.
2. Jonathan Freeman, Co-Founder of E-bike Access – Spoke about the dangerous situation of illegal throttle e-bikes as well as public safety and public health issues surround youth use of e-bikes.
3. Mary Sackett – Supervisor, District 1 – Introduced Derek Johnson, Marin County Executive, who began his new role with the County in April. President Blaustein invited Mr. Johnson to attend the June MCCMC meeting to provide a formal introduction to MCCMC and talk about his goals and objectives.

### 3. Committee Reports

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

- ~~3.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) \*~~
  - ~~3a. Report from Supervisor Stephanie Moulton Peters~~
- 3.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
  - 3b. Written report provided by Pat Eklund, Novato
- ~~3.c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District \*~~
  - ~~3c. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon~~
- 3.d. MCCMC Legislative Committee
  - 3d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 3.e. Transportation Authority of Marin
  - 5e. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

### 4. Business Items:

- 4.a. Consideration and Possible Appointment of MCCMC Representatives to Serve on Subcommittee On Affordable And Workforce Housing Formed By Marin County Board Of Supervisors

The County of Marin provided notice that the Marin County Board of Supervisors Subcommittee on Affordable and Workforce Housing and the Community Development Agency are requesting two nominations from the Marin County Council of Mayors & Councilmembers (one representative from a large city and one representative from a small city, as noted in attachment 6a) to serve on a Countywide Steering Committee to inform the Local Expenditure Plan outreach and work plan process for the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA).

A call for letters of interest was made at the April 24, 2024 MCCMC meeting and a vote by the MCCMC membership to appoint two members to serve on the subcommittee was held at the May 22, 2024 MCCMC meeting.

Letters of interest for the Large City Representative were received from:

- 1. Rachel Kertz, San Rafael

Letters of interest for the Small City Representative were received from:

- 1. Urban Carmel, Mill Valley
- 2. Barbara Coler, Fairfax
- 3. Mathew Salter, Ross

Public Comment:

- 1. Pat Eklund, Novato – Expressed concern that each city does not have a voice and felt the committee lacked adequate city representation.

2. Several council members requested more information and clarification on how the Small versus Large city designations were determined by the County of Marin.

President Blaustein announced that all applicants were given an opportunity to address the group and speak to their interest in the position and their qualifications. It was noted that Barbara Coler was unable to attend the meeting due to a council meeting being held at the same time, and her statement was read on her behalf by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon.

After statements concluded, the ballot was provided to each city/town in attendance: and the votes were reviewed and tabulated as follows:

Representative, Large City:

- 10 votes for Rachel Kertz, San Rafael (All cities/towns present unanimous, Fairfax not present)

Representative, Small City:

- 6 votes for Urban Carmel, Mill Valley
  - Votes for Carmel: Belvedere, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Novato, San Rafael, Sausalito
- 3 votes for Mathew Salter, Ross
  - Votes for Salter: Corte Madera, Ross, San Anselmo
- 1 vote for Barbara Coler, Fairfax
  - Votes for Coler: Tiburon

(Fairfax was not in attendance, did not vote)

- 4.b. Announcement and Call for Letters of Interest for the Following Appointments:  
ABAG Executive Board: Primary and Alternate

The incumbents are: Pat Eklund, Novato (Primary) and Nancy Kemnitzer, Belvedere (Alternate). Both incumbents have expressed interest in reappointment and will submit letters of interest. Nominations were accepted from the floor at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and letters of interest were solicited. President Blaustein called for Public Comment and no public comment was received. It was announced that a vote will be held by the City Selection Committee at the June 26, 2024 regular meeting.

- 4.c. Nominations for Executive Committee – MCCMC President and Vice President for 2024-25 Term:

1. Nominations for MCCMC President for 2024-25
2. Nominations for MCCMC Vice President for 2024-25

It was noted that Eli Hill, San Rafael, current MCCMC Vice President, has indicated interest in appointment as President for 2024-25 and has submitted a letter of interest, and that Stephanie Hellman, Fairfax, has indicated an interest in appointment as Vice President for 2024-25 and has submitted a letter of interest. Nominations were accepted from the floor at the May meeting, and no additional nominations were received.

No public comment was received.

There was a motion and second (Blaustein/Colin) to nominate Eli Hill, San Rafael, for

MCCMC President for 2024-25. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was a motion and second (Hill/Thier) to nominate Stephanie Hellman, Fairfax, for MCCMC Vice President for 2024-25. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Any additional nominations will be taken from the floor, and a vote will be held, at the June 26, 2024 regular meeting

4.d. Discussion of Meeting Schedule for 2024-25 MCCMC Business Year

President Blaustein noted that the MCCMC Secretary would be preparing the meeting calendar and schedule of host cities for 2024-25 for the June agenda and would be reaching out to the group to share a survey link to get input on whether to schedule all meetings in person, continue the same schedule of in-person meetings in fall and spring with three virtual meetings in the winter, or plan for mostly all meetings in person with one meeting held by zoom each year. No public comment was received on this item. President Blaustein asked the group to respond to the survey so that staff could get an accurate assessment of how best to proceed with planning the meeting schedule.

4.e. Review of Draft Agenda for the June 26, 2024 MCCMC Meeting – Hosted by the Town of Fairfax

There were no comments on the draft agenda. President Blaustein thanked Fairfax for hosting the meeting.

4.d. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the April 27, 2024 MCCMC Meeting

President Blaustein called for a vote to approve the draft minutes of the April 27, 2024 meeting. There was a motion and second (Eklund/Fredericks) to approve the draft minutes for April 27, 2024. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Fairfax absent)

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for June 26, 2024 to be held in person and hosted by the Town of Fairfax.