

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025
Hosted by City of Mill Valley – Sweetwater Music Hall
19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941
5:30-8:00pm – Program and Networking
Business Meeting – 5:30PM**

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor Jane Cooper; Councilmember Pat Carapiet
Corte Madera: Mayor Pat Ravasio, Councilmembers Jim Andrews, Eli Beckman, Fred Casissa, Rosa Thomas
Fairfax: Mayor Lisel Blash, Councilmembers Frank Egger, Stephanie Hellman
Larkspur: Councilmembers Scot Candell, Gabe Paulson
Mill Valley: Vice Mayor Max Perrey; Councilmember Caroline Joachim
Novato: Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Kevin Jacobs, Mark Milberg
Ross: Vice Mayor Elizabeth Robbins, Councilmember Mathew Salter
San Anselmo: Councilmember Chantel Walker
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin; Councilmembers Eli Hill, Rachel Kertz, Maika Llorens Gulati
Sausalito: Councilmember Jill Hoffman
Tiburon: Mayor Holli Thier

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City Managers: Heather Abrams (Fairfax); Dan Schwarz (Larkspur); Todd Cusimano (Mill Valley); Amy Cunningham (Novato); Christa Johnson (Ross); Cristine Alilovich (San Rafael); Marin County Executive Derek Johnson; Marin County Board of Supervisors: Brian Colbert, Eric Lucan, Stephanie Moulton Peters; Nancy Hall Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Stephanie Hellman called the business meeting to order at 5:45p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for September 24, 2025.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns, with representatives from each of the 11 Marin cities/towns in attendance.

2. Public Comment

- Eli Hill – Announced that the City of San Rafael will be hosting a screening of the film, [Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life](#), on Tuesday, October 21st at 1:00pm as a Lunch and Learn event for United Against Hate Week (UAHW). Typically, the City's Lunch and Learn events are for City staff only; however, the film's producer has requested that the City allow staff from other jurisdictions to attend. An email and invitation will be sent out to MCCMC as follow up after this meeting, please share this info with your respective city managers to share with staff.

3. 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.

- 3.a. Association of Bay Area Governments & Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
3a. Written reports provided by Pat Eklund, Novato
- 3.b. Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3)
3b. Written report provided by Catherine Way, Larkspur
- 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

4. Business Items:

- 4.a. Consideration And Possible Adoption Of MCCMC Operating Budget For FY 2025-2026, With Annual Dues Set At \$800 For 2025-26 Only, and Appointment of MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer for 2025-26.
Attachment 4a: Staff report and attachments

A discussion was held regarding the proposed budget. It was noted that the website hosting, domain, and security renewals were charged in the previous year and were multi-year renewals. That, along with additional identified budget savings has made it possible to recommend a reduction in annual dues, from \$850 to \$800 per city, per year, for the 2025-26 business year.

Appointment of the MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer is a requirement per the MCCMC By Laws, most recently revised in 2018.

No public comment was received in person or via email regarding this item.

President Hellman called for a motion. There was a motion and second (Paulson /Milberg) to approve the adoption of the MCCMC Operating Budget for Business Year 2025-26 with annual dues set at \$800 per city, per year, for 2025-26, and to appoint Rebecca Vaughn as Secretary/Treasurer for 2025-26
The motion was approved 11-0

- 4.b. Announcement Of Upcoming Vacancies And Call For Letters Of Interest For The Following Committee Appointments:
 - 4.b.1. MCCMC Representatives to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board for Calendar Year 2026.
Three seats have expiring terms:
Representative, 2nd Representative and Alternate Representative.
MCCMC Representatives are appointed annually for the upcoming calendar year.

It was noted that the incumbents were listed incorrectly on the agenda, and that the correct incumbents are: 1st: Eli Beckman, Corte Madera; 2nd: Mark Milberg, Novato, and Alternate: Chantel Walker, San Anselmo. Each incumbent

has indicated interest in seeking appointment to a new one-year term and will submit letters of interest. A call for letters of interest was announced at the September 24th MCCMC meeting, with a vote on appointment scheduled for the October 22nd meeting.

4.b.2. Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps (“DC3”)
(Incumbent: Catherine Way, Larkspur, current 2-year term will expire 01/2026)

Incumbent Catherine Way, Larkspur, has indicated that she will not be seeking reappointment to a new two-year term. She has provided for the agenda packet, a detailed listing of the role and responsibilities of the appointee to this Committee for those who may be interested in being considered for appointment.

A call for letters of interest was announced at the September 24th MCCMC meeting, with a vote on appointment scheduled for the October 22nd meeting should any letters of interest or nominations from the floor be received.

4.b.3. Marin Transit Board of Directors
Representatives to the Marin Transit Board:
Primary Rep. 1: Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael: Seat expires 1/1/27
Primary Rep. 2, Fred Casissa, Corte Madera: Seat expires 1/1/26
Alternate Rep.: Maika Llorens Gulati, San Rafael, Seat expires 1/1/26

It was announced that Incumbents Fred Casissa, Corte Madera, and Maika Llorens Gulati have indicated interest in seeking re-appointment to their respective seats and will submit letters of interest.

A call for letters of interest was announced at the September 24th MCCMC meeting, with a vote on appointment scheduled for the October 22nd meeting.

4.b.4. Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Transportation District
(Incumbent: Holli Thier, Tiburon, current 2-year term will expire 01/2026)

It was announced that the current two-year term of incumbent Holli Thier, Tiburon, will expire on January 1, 2026. She has indicated interest in seeking reappointment to a new two-year term and will submit a letter of interest. A call for letters of interest was announced at the September 24th MCCMC meeting, and it was announced that a vote on appointment will be scheduled to be heard by the City Selection Committee, a meeting of which will be scheduled for October 22nd, and will be a separately agendized meeting from the regular MCCMC business meeting.

4.c. Consideration and Possible Appointment of MCCMC Elected Official Primary and Alternate Seats on Marin Climate Action Network (MarinCAN) Board

President Hellman announced that the County of Marin has provided notice that the MarinCAN Board (formerly Drawdown Marin) currently has one vacancy for a city or town elected official to be chosen by MCCMC due to the resignation of Sausalito Councilmember Melissa Blaustein. Councilmember Llorens Gulati and Supervisor Sackett serve on the MarinCAN Board, which meets the second Wednesday of each month, and are available to connect with those who are interested in serving.

No public comment was received in person or via email regarding this item.

President Hellman noted that seeing as no letters of interest were received, and no nominations were received from the floor, this item would be agendized for the October 22, 2025 meeting, and staff will reach out to the Marin elected officials to provide awareness of this appointment opportunity. Any interested councilmembers should send letters of interest to Secretary Vaughn, and that a vote by the MCCMC membership to fill the vacant seat will be held at the September MCCMC meeting should letters of interest be received.

4.d. Review Of Draft Agenda For October 22, 2025 MCCMC Meeting To Be Hosted By The City of San Rafael at the Vivalon Campus

There were no comments on the draft agenda.

No public comment was received in person or via email regarding this item.

4.e. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the June 25, 2025 MCCMC Meeting

No public comment was received in person or via email regarding this item.

President Hellman called for a vote to approve the draft minutes of the June 25, 2025 meeting. There was a motion and second (Thier /Walker) to approve the draft minutes for June 25, 2025.

The motion was approved 11-0.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 to the next regular meeting scheduled for October 22, 2025 to be held in person, hosted by the City of San Rafael.