

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

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
6:00pm**

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor Wilkinson; Councilmember Kemnitzer
Corte Madera: Mayor Casissa; Councilmember Beckman
Fairfax: Vice Mayor Cutrano; Councilmembers Ackerman, Coler, Goddard
Larkspur: Mayor Haroff; Councilmembers Hillmer, Paulson; Way
Mill Valley: Councilmembers Carmel, McEntee
Novato: Mayor Lucan; Councilmembers Athas, Eklund, Milberg, Wernick
Ross: Mayor Robbins; Councilmembers Kuhl, McMillan
San Anselmo: -
San Rafael: Mayor Colin; Councilmembers Hill, Kertz
Sausalito: Councilmember Hoffman
Tiburon: Mayor Welner; Councilmembers Fredericks, Griffin, Ryan, Thier

Ex Officio: Mill Valley City Manager Alan Piombo; Ross Town Manager Christa Johnson; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

Guests were: Supervisor Damon Connolly; Supervisor Dennis Rodoni; Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters; Supervisor Katie Rice; District Attorney Lori Frugoli; Melissa Apuya – District Director for Assembly member Levine

Call to Order

President Sashi McEntee called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers via webinar, for February 23, 2022.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns present, with representatives from ten cities/towns in attendance. (San Anselmo absent)

President McEntee then called for Public Comment.

3. Public Comment:

1. Supervisor Katie Rice - I am here tonight because I wanted to introduce one of the other public speakers who's going to be speaking, Kara Connors. She is our coordinator for the Marin County Suicide Prevention Collaborative. Hopefully you're all aware of the work that's been going on with this large coalition of folks. She's going to speak to you a little bit today about a program that's being launched under the collaborative, and hoping that all the cities and communities are aware of it and get involved in ways that are appropriate. I just wanted to give a warm hand off to Kara Connors.
2. Kara Connors, Marin County Suicide Prevention Collaborative - I wanted to speak to you, as Katie mentioned, about the Marin County Suicide Prevention Collaborative. We address prevention and intervention in post-vention strategies to prevent suicide in our community. There's a nationally recognized active post-vention strategy, which focuses on after the death

of a suicide. That is the implementation of a loss team. The loss team is a local outreach to suicide survivors to support those left behind in the immediate aftermath of a suicide.

This model was created in 1999 after it was identified that loss survivors were taking an average of more than four years before they reached out for support. That time delay allows for compromised coping and activities of daily living to occur for a person who is now at disproportionate risk for attempting suicide. Many survivors would seek support to cope with their loss if they knew that help was available. In most referrals, four survivors of support of suicide groups come from physicians or nurses, and those are shared with next of kin, but often a hospital is not involved. When resources are available in communities, the length of time between that death and the survivor seeking help is too long, due in part to the lack of knowledge of available resources.

The team is comprised of two trained volunteers with lived experience and expertise to support families when law enforcement and the coroner conduct official and necessary steps. Having a loss team at the scene of a suicide provides loss survivors with practical support, a connection to resources, and most importantly, an installation of hope. Having someone who has lost a loved one to suicide introduce themselves and is in a position to attend to a newly bereaved person, plants seeds of hope.

The loss team will be launched and is led by the Felton Institute, who are in the early planning stages of launching the program. A training will be held in spring of 2022 by loss team experts to support all stakeholders and volunteers in launching of the loss team. The success of the loss team is dependent in part on the support of law enforcement, who will dispatch to a loss team coordinator, who will have their team on site within in an hour to support officials in their duties while taking care of those who are bereaved. Thank you so much for your support in sharing information about the loss team program with your communities and law enforcement, so that the loss team program can be a success in reaching those bereaved in one of their darkest moments and serve as a bridge for hope. Thank you very much.

3. Erica Heimberg, NOAH-Marin - I'm a member of NOAH Marin, and our name stands for Name Oppose and Abolish Hate in Marin. Fairfax Mayor Stephanie Hellman invited us to present this evening, but she wasn't able to be here. We are a community-based organization of Marin residents who came forward to do something about hate incidents and hate crimes in our county, and the increase of those over the last number of years. We really appreciate the opportunity to fill you all in on a piece of legislation that we have been working to move forward that will make Marin, and California, safer from extremists and white supremacists.

Our group formed after the incident in late 2020 when a Neo-Nazi plastered the town of Fairfax with swastika stickers, and was caught on video. We were shocked to learn that the DA could not press charges, as posting swastikas was actually legal in public. We researched the state penal code related to three terrorizing symbols, swastikas, nooses, and desecrated crosses, or burning crosses. We identified ways that we could ask to have this legislation amended so that swastikas could no longer be legally posted in public, and to unify the law and the way that it addresses swastikas, nooses, and burning crosses, because it was like a patchwork quilt of regulations about where it was legal and where it was illegal to post those terrifying symbols.

The amendment that we have proposed will unify how all three of these symbols will be treated as crimes, and will make it illegal to post swastikas, nooses, and desecrated crosses in a range of spaces, including primary schools, junior high schools, high schools, college

campuses, public parks, public facilities, public spaces, places of worship, cemeteries, and places of employment. And many of those places where previously it was legal to post a swastika or another symbol. We talked to Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who is introducing our proposed changes as AB2282. She is a representative of the district where the Neo-Nazi lives, and she is, herself, the grandchild of Holocaust survivors. We also spoke with Assembly Member Marc Levine, who is co-authoring, and also with Senator Mark McGuire. We will need letters of support to various committees and to the legislators, and we are putting together a sample template for a letter of support that we hope that you will help us out with. Thanks so much. And we did submit a press release on the issue for more information.

4. Mark Solomons, NOAH-Marin - I just want to simply say that the tagline for this press release is, "Strengthen and equalize penalties for using symbols of terror." And that's the point here, and I hope it would be very straightforward to support this with each town council and throughout Marin. It's very exciting to be in this process, as someone who's not really been engaged in a political work. We've had great support from Mark Levine, who's here, who has a lot of experience working with political process. I think the DA is also here and we hope that in the future, if an incident like this were to happen, it would be able to be prosecuted then, once it's in law. And as you all know, there was the recent flyering, which is very upsetting for all of us to see flyers that promote antisemitism. I don't know if she's going to speak to that tonight at all, but thank you for your time and please look forward to the information that will follow this meeting. Thank you.

5. Michelle Fadelli, First 5 Marin - I'm Michelle Fidelli from First Five Marin Children and Families Commission. I'm here today to talk to you about the Marin Communications Forum that is our monthly public policy forums that, in the olden days, used to be in person. We were online for the past two years. And coming back in person in the month of March, which is I wanted to alert you to. Our first in person forum is going to be on climate solutions, I'm co-hosting this with Drawdown Bay Area, Leslie Alden, who was formerly on Board of Supervisors staff. Our event is going to be on Friday, March 18th at the Embassy Suites in San Rafael. It's a free event and would love to invite you, your council, and anyone else that you would like to invite. We'll be offering breakfast. It's going to be a full morning event. I believe Rebecca has a flyer that can be sent out tomorrow.

Note/Late Correspondence Received: During Public Comment, and in response to the comments received regarding AB2282, District Attorney Lori Frugoli submitted the following comment via zoom chat, to be shared with all meeting attendees:

"From Lori Frugoli-she/her/hers to Everyone: I fully support the legislation and my office and the Police Chiefs will be issuing a joint statement tomorrow regarding the anti-Semitic flyers that were distributed in Novato and Tiburon and encouraging people who received them to report the incidents to law enforcement."

4. Presentations:

4.a. Bay Adapt and Sea Level Rise – Impacts and Costs for Marin

Pat Eklund, Novato, introduced the presentation, and Zach Wasserman, the Zack Wasserman, Chair of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). Dana Brechwald, Adapting to Rising Tides Program Manager, and Mr. Wasserman, provided a presentation on Bay Adapt, which provides recommended actions for adapting to

sea level rise within the SF Bay Area. The presentation summarized Bay Adapt and discussed recommendations as it relates to Marin and its 11 cities/towns.

Bay Adapt, a regional strategy for a rising bay, is a joint platform that would provide faster, better and more equitable adaptation to sea level rise in the Bay Area. The draft Joint Platform for the Bay Adapt Strategy outlines 5 categories, 9 actions and 21 tasks. It was published in August 2021 and is available to view online (link below). The nine Bay Adapt Actions are: 1. Collaborate on a “One Bay” vision; 2. Elevate communities to lead; 3. Broaden public understanding; 4. Best available science, data and knowledge; 5. Align local and regional plans; 6. Fund adaptation; 7. Refine regulatory processes; 8. Fund faster projects; 9. Track and report.

A sample resolution in support of Bay Adapt was also provided and included in the agenda packet available online, should any municipalities be interested in considering support and endorsement of the Bay Adapt model.

The presenters answered questions from the Council members.

Public comment was received from:

1. Bill Carney
2. Jeffrey Rhoads

The presentation slides for this item can be viewed here:

<http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/MCCMC-Agenda-Pkt-2-23-22-1.pdf> (beginning on page 3 of the agenda packet pdf)

More information, and the Adapting to Rising Tides Bay Area Report, can be found at:

<https://www.adaptingtorisingtides.org/project/art-bay-area/>

Following the presentation and Q&A, President McEntee announced that written committee reports were included in the agenda packet, and then continued with the remainder of the meeting.

5. **Committee Reports:** All Committee reports were submitted in writing and are available in the [agenda packet on the MCCMC website](#). President McEntee thanked those who submitted written reports and encouraged the membership to review the reports.
 - 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
 - 5a. Written report from Supervisor Damon Connolly
 - 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
 - 5b. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato
 - 5.c. BCDC Report from North Bay representative on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
 - 5c. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato
 - 5.d. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District
 - 5d. Written report from Holli Thier, Tiburon

- 5.e. ~~Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)~~ No report
- 5.f. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
5f. Written report provided by Dan Hillmer, Larkspur
- 5.g. Transportation Authority of Marin
5g. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 5.h. MCCMC Homelessness Committee Report
5.h. Written report from Rachel Kertz, San Rafael and Kate Colin, San Rafael
- 5.i. ~~Climate Action Committee~~ No report
- 5.j. ~~MCCMC Water Policy Ad Hoc Committee Report~~ No report

6. BUSINESS MEETING

- 6.a. Review of Draft Agenda for March 23, 2022 MCCMC Meeting (In Person or Zoom, TBD)
Attachment 6a: Draft agenda for March 23, 2022 MCCMC Meeting

There were no comments on the draft agenda.

- 6.b. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the January 26, 2022 MCCMC Meeting
Attachment 6c: Draft minutes of the January 26, 2022 MCCMC virtual meeting

There was a motion and second (Lucan / Fredericks) to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2022. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (San Rafael absent).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for February 23, 2022 at 6:00pm to be held via Zoom videoconference.