

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

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

Members Present

Belvedere: Councilmember Campbell
Corte Madera: Mayor Casissa; Councilmember Beckman
Fairfax: Mayor Hellman; Vice Mayor Cutrano; Councilmembers Ackerman, Goddard
Larkspur: Councilmember Way
Mill Valley: Councilmembers Carmel, McEntee
Novato: Mayor Lucan; Councilmembers Athas, Eklund, Milberg
Ross: Mayor Robbins; Vice Mayor Kuhl; Councilmembers, Kircher, McMillan
San Anselmo: Councilmember Colbert
San Rafael: Mayor Colin
Sausalito: Vice Mayor Blaustein
Tiburon: Councilmember Thier

Ex Officio: Fairfax Town Manager Heather Abrams; Ross Town Manager Christa Johnson; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

Guests were: District Attorney Lori Frugoli; Nancy Hall Bennett, Cal Cities North Bay Division; Mark Van Gorder, PG&E

Call to Order

President Sashi McEntee called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers via webinar, for March 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 each of the 11 cities/towns in attendance.

President McEntee then called for Public Comment.

3. Public Comment:

1. Mayor Stephanie Hellman, Fairfax – Announced that she, Mayor Kate Colin, and District Attorney Lori Frugoli are working on this year's gun buyback event, and she will be sending an email letter request for funding, somewhere in the neighborhood of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 from each jurisdiction. The request will be sent in the next day or two.

She also acknowledge the event that took place earlier in the day at Rodef Shalom. Many of us were there and it was powerful and moving. She thanked everyone for being there and also reminded everyone of the public comment from NOAH at last month's meeting, requesting support for AB-2282.

2. Carleen Cullen, Cool the Earth – She stated that she is the founder and the executive director of Cool the Earth, and spoke about a Marin County campaign that's running in March and April, called Ride and Drive Clean Marin. The focus of the campaign is to raise awareness and educate about the benefits of getting out of your gas car, whether that's driving an EV or an e-

bike. Those are particularly the two e-mobility things being promoted, as well as, of course, other transportation options that are non-polluting.

Last weekend, the campaign kicked off with about 15 different electric vehicles of all sorts. We drove around from Sausalito through Larkspur and Mill Valley and up to Novato with big banners on our car talking about the benefits of going electric. We also had with us the new Kia EV6, which can use your lithium ion battery, that really large battery to your vehicle, to power your refrigerator and other appliances. It's a breakthrough technology that's available now on Hyundai and Kia, and is really on the way towards replacing gas generators entirely.

Cool the Earth is also hosting five webinars. Several have already been held, and the upcoming ones are how to charge if you live in an apartment or a condo, and also a bilingual financial workshop talking about the various incentives that are available for folks of all sorts, but also in our low income communities.

She then spoke about the three big events coming up in April, which are EV and e-bike shows, one in San Rafael at the Civic Center, one in Mill Valley, and one in Novato, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Hearing no additional public comment, President McEntee introduced the presentation.

4. Presentations:

4.a. The role of the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) & High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) in Protecting Public Safety and Privacy, Civil Rights, & Civil Liberties

Executive Director Mike Sena provided an overview of the programs that he leads and the regional, state, and national threat and Information Sharing Environment (ISE). Director Sena discussed how the NCRIC and HIDTA work to mitigate threats, identify vulnerabilities, and address the risks from organized criminal groups and violent criminals.

He explained that the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program was established in 1988 with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act. It's a federally funded program that operates throughout the country. There are 33 HIDTA areas, each one has a responsibility to help support, coordinate efforts to reduce the impact, harmful impacts of illicit narcotics trafficking and the organizations that really are preying on communities.

As part of that effort, they have over 20,000 taskforce officers, the largest federal state local tribal full-time task force program in the country. He covers an area of 13 counties from Monterey up to Humboldt. Within each of those counties, they have taskforces that are operated through the support of the HIDTA program. They provide technical assistance, training, and resources to help those taskforces do their jobs, to help communities be safer from those groups that are trafficking fentanyl throughout our region as well as methamphetamine and cocaine, and all the violent crime associated with that. Their goal is to provide the resources, through money and through information sharing, the collection of information on these groups, and help provide strategies and develop strategies to address some of the worst threats that we have in our area that are engaged in the illicit drug trades.

He also spoke about the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, one of 80 centers throughout the country which was designed and built after September 11th with the goal of being able to identify threats and strategies to mitigate those threats before we have the impact that we saw on September 11th. Everything from mass casualty shootings to the regular crime that's happening in communities. Everything that they are dealing with that is organized in nature or those individuals that may be plotting and planning mass casualty attacks. Also a part of their core effort is protecting the privacy of civil rights and civil liberties, and focusing their efforts on those individuals that they believe are engaged in activities that are going to be extremely harmful to the communities that they serve.

He also spoke about:

- Training over 6,000 public safety personnel and critical infrastructure partners, regarding what to look for in behaviors and activities that have been precursors for terrorist attacks and other criminal activity that could be prevented. They train people on identifying suspicious behavior, and provide them with a mechanism to report that information back to NCRIC.
- The formation of a Western region crime gun intelligence working group that has now expanded to Nevada, California, and Arizona, where they are focusing the efforts of those groups to better use information sharing, to better use criminal intelligence to be able to identify those individuals that are trafficking weapons
- Providing access to technology and information that officers don't have. Part of their role is to try to connect the 8,000 law enforcement agencies in America, and almost 800,000 law enforcement officers, so that way they have basically a clearinghouse where people can go to for everything from information sharing to de-conflicting investigations and cases, where people may be looking at the same subjects of an investigation, the same type of crimes.
- Responding to mass casualty events, and make sure that information is being seamlessly shared to ensure that they are as effective as possible in the response, and that they take away as much as they can and the lessons they can learn about what led to that event to train people to prevent future events that are similar to that.

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

Councilmember Eklund also highlighted two time-sensitive items in her report: (1) The California State Auditor completed the emergency audit that they did on the California Housing and HCD on the RHNA. It identified their findings and next actions. (2) She also

announced that ABAG has a webinar for elected officials on Friday, March 25th, on housing. It will be taped and posted up on the ABAG website for those who cannot attend.

- 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. ~~MCCMC Homelessness Committee Report~~ No report
- 5.h. ~~MCCMC Climate Action Committee~~ No report
- 5.i. ~~MCCMC Water Policy Ad Hoc Committee Report~~ No report
- 5.j. Disaster Citizen and Council Corps (DC3)
5.j. Written report from Catherine Way, Larkspur

6. BUSINESS MEETING

- 6.a. Announcement of Upcoming Expiration of Terms of the MCCMC Representative and Alternate Representative to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board
 - 1. Primary MCCMC Representative to the ABAG Executive Board
(Incumbent, Pat Eklund / Novato has indicated interest in reappointment and has submitted a letter of interest)
 - 2. Alternate MCCMC Representative to the ABAG Executive Board
(Incumbent, Eli Hill, San Rafael has indicated interest in reappointment and has submitted a letter of interest)

President McEntee announced that there are two seats with expiring terms: Representative and Alternate Representative to the ABAG Executive Board, for two-year terms which run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. Current incumbents, Pat Eklund, Novato, and Eli Hill, San Rafael, respectively, have indicated interest in re-appointment and have submitted letters of interest, which were included in the agenda packet as Attachment 6a. Any additional letters of interest can be sent to the MCCMC Executive Board and Secretary as indicated, and appointments to new two-year terms commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2024, will be considered by the City Selection Committee at its next meeting, which will be convened immediately preceding the April 27, 2022 MCCMC meeting.

- 6.b. Announcement of Upcoming Expiration of Term of One MCCMC Representative to the Marin County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

1. MCCMC Representative to the Marin County Local Agency Formation Commission (Marin LAFCo)
(Incumbent, Barbara Coler, Fairfax has indicated interest in reappointment and has submitted a letter of interest)

President McEntee announced that there is one seat with an expiring term: to the Marin County Local Agency Formation Commission (Marin LAFCo), for a four-year term which runs through May 22, 2022. Current incumbent, Barbara Coler, Fairfax, has indicated interest in re-appointment and has submitted a letter of interest, which was included in the agenda packet as Attachment 6b. Any additional letters of interest can be sent to the MCCMC Executive Board and Secretary as indicated, and appointment to a new four-year term, commencing May 23, 2022 and expiring May 22, 2026, will be considered by the City Selection Committee at its next meeting, which will be convened immediately preceding the April 27, 2022 MCCMC meeting.

- 6.c. Review of Draft Agenda for April 27, 2022 MCCMC Meeting (In Person or Zoom, TBD)
Attachment 6a: Draft agenda for April 27, 2022 MCCMC Meeting

There were no comments on the draft agenda. It was noted that both the annual meeting of the Mayors Select Committee, and a meeting of the City Selection Committee, will be scheduled to take place prior to the start of the MCCMC regular meeting.

- 6.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the February 23, 2022 MCCMC Meeting
Attachment 6c: Draft minutes of the February 23, 2022 MCCMC virtual meeting

There was a motion and second (Eklund / Casissa) to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for April 27, 2022 at 6:00pm to be held via Zoom videoconference.