

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

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
6:00pm**

Members Present

Belvedere: Campbell,
Corte Madera: Beckman, Casissa
Fairfax: Hellman, Coler, Cutrano
Larkspur:
Mill Valley: Carmel, McCauley, McEntee, Ossa
Novato: Athas, Eklund, Lucan, Peele, Wernick
Ross: Brekhus, Kircher, Kuhl, McMillan, Robbins
San Anselmo: Colbert, Fineman
San Rafael: Bushey, Colin, Hill, Kertz, Llorens-Gulati
Sausalito: Kellman
Tiburon: Fredericks, Ryan

Ex Officio: Ross City Manager Joe Chinn; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

Guests were: Melissa Apuya, District Director for Assemblymember Levine; Supervisor Damon Connolly; Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters; District Attorney Lori Frugoli; Mark Van Gorder, PG&E; Mark Brown, MWPA

Call to Order

President Eric Lucan called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers via webinar, for June 23, 2021.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There were no councilmembers from Larkspur present.

He then called for Public Comment.

Public Comment –

1. Susan Kirsch: I'm a 40 plus year resident of Mill Valley and I'm the founder of a group called catalysts for local control which is the context that I come here tonight. And I want to start out thanking all of you for the work that you do at the local level and knowing how many issues there are that you all handle at the local level. So some of the rest of us are out there with a great interest in looking both locally and regionally and statewide to see what that kind of interplay is that's happening, especially at those three levels, sometimes even at the federal level.

And I was really pleased to know I could send you [the handout that I understand has been distributed to all of you](#), because three minutes would not be enough to cover everything. So maybe I can just highlight the two things that are at the top of this list encouraging people to take a look at this. The basic premise that I come from is that our local control is really seriously under attack and that we look to you as our elected officials to be keeping in mind that representing your constituents is really important. So the first item on the agenda I sent is, there's an organization that was started by one of your colleagues down in Torrance, a man named Mike Griffiths, who started this group called California Cities for Local Control.

And just wanting to encourage you, if you've not responded to invitations from the volunteer team that works with him or taking his calls, what he's trying to do is to build that momentum to say that there are cities who really value local control and are worried about the kind of erosion that's happening, you can tailor make the resolutions that you bring to your city console. You can sign up individually, but that momentum of more than just a few cities working against these issues means that we're all getting clobbered in ways that are same really dangerous. And the second point on that list is that there's also now a statewide agency called California Alliance of Local Electeds. People like you they're meeting every Sunday at four o'clock, they're bringing in State legislators, the assembly members and the senators to meet with them, to hear what the concerns are of the cities.

So it's a fabulous group. There's usually 40 to 60 people on the calls but you get a chance to have your own contact and interaction with these elected officials. The final thing I'll bring forward is that they are working on a response to the fact that the YIMBY group has brought a lawsuit against HCD, the Housing and Community Development agency claiming that the RHNA numbers are too low.

I know many of our cities have already decided to appeal the RHNA numbers but the YIMBYs are coming on strong saying the numbers are too low. And CALE is a group that is looking to offset that inviting any of the cities to be friends of the court so that the YIMBYs don't persuade HCD to go, we don't want a lawsuit, and would settle in a lawsuit and agree that the numbers should be even higher than what you all are already dealing with.

So we've got other items on my handout. Just encourage you to take a look at those. I've got a great statewide network that I'm building and I'm happy to be a liaison for any of you that that might be helpful. Thank you.

2. Pat Eklund, Novato City Council - I wanted to call to the attention of those that are interested, ABAG is having a Plan Bay Area workshop on June 30th. It's going to be virtual starting at noon. In my report is a link that goes directly to that public workshop. I encourage you to participate. It talks about what the Plan Bay Area 2050 is and my report summarizes it but I wanted you to attend workshop if you're interested. It's also on the draft EIR and you should know, and I put this in my report that the draft EIR's environmental superior alternative is not the preferred alternative for Plan Bay Area. So just look at that. Secondly, is all the delegates for ABAG, we have our meeting on Friday so please participate and we need to vote on the work plan. Thank you.

Following public comment, President Lucan proceeded to of introduction guests and a continuation of the Icebreaker activity, Fun Facts About Councilmembers.

President Lucan introduced the following guests in attendance: District Attorney Lori Frugoli, Supervisor Damon Connolly, Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters, and Melissa Apuya, District Director for Assemblymember Marc Levine. He then introduced several current Mayors and invited them to participate in "Two Truths and a Lie" to introduce themselves. The following Council members shared fun facts about themselves: Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael, and Bill Kircher, Ross.

4. Presentations:

4.a. Update from Mark Van Gorder, Senior Government Relations and Public Affairs for PG&E

President Lucan introduced Mark Van Gorder and thanked him for providing this update to MCCMC. Mr. Van Gorder provided an update on PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program, the wildfire risks across PG&E's service area, and new changes for 2021, which include efforts to reduce wildfire risks through system hardening and sectionalizing, enhanced support for customers and communities, and reduced impacts from Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).

Mr. Van Gorder's presentation can be viewed here: http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/CWSP-Presentation_Marin-County_20210623.pdf

Upon conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Van Gorder took questions from the audience. After Q&A concluded, President Lucan introduced the next presentation.

4.b. Update from Mark Brown, Executive Officer, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority

President Lucan introduced Mark Brown and thanked him for providing this update to MCCMC. Chief Brown provided an update on the current activities and workplan of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, including programs and investments and preparation for the 2021 Fire Season

Chief Brown's presentation can be viewed here: <http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/Marin-Wildfire-Prevention-Authority-6-23-2021-1.pdf>

Following the presentation, Chief Brown took questions from the audience. After Q&A concluded, President Lucan continued with the remainder of the meeting agenda.

5. **Committee Reports:** All Committee reports were submitted in writing and are available in the [agenda packet on the MCCMC website](#). President Lucan 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. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District (No report this month)~~
~~*5c. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon*~~

- ~~5.d. Transportation Authority of Marin (No report this month)~~
~~*5d. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon*~~

- ~~5.e. Legislative Committee Report (No report this month)~~
~~*5e. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon*~~

- 5.f. Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART)
5f. Written report provided by Dan Hillmer, Larkspur

- 5.g. MCCMC Climate Action Committee
5g. Written report from Urban Carmel, Mill Valley and Alexis Fineman, San Anselmo

6. BUSINESS MEETING

- 6.a. Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule
Attachment 6a: Staff Report and attachment

Staff noted that the meeting includes dates only. No host cities were listed as it has not been determined when MCCMC will resume in person meetings. The proposed meeting schedule also includes a change for September, 2021. The meeting is proposed to be moved from the 4th Wednesday, September 22, to the 5th Wednesday, September 29th, as the 22nd conflicts with the League of California Cities Annual Conference which many elected officials will be attending.

There was a motion and second (Eklund / Fredericks) to approve the 2021-2022 MCCMC Meeting Schedule. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Larkspur absent)

- 6.b. Informational Item Only: Draft Minutes of the May 26, 2021 MCCMC City Selection Committee Meeting
Attachment 6b: Draft City Selection Committee Meeting Minutes – to be approved by the City Selection committee at its next meeting, date to be determined

There were no comments from the membership and no public comments received, in person or via email, on the draft minutes of the May 26, 2021 City Selection Committee meeting, which were provided for informational purposes and will be approved by the City Selection Committee upon their next meeting, date to be determined.

- 6.c. Review of Draft Agenda for September 29, 2021 MCCMC Meeting To Be Held Via Zoom (Note change of meeting date, as recommended in item 6.a., 2021-22 Meeting Schedule)
Attachment 6c: Draft agenda for September 29, 2021 MCCMC Meeting

Again, it was noted that the meeting has been moved from the 4th Wednesday, September 22, to the 5th Wednesday, September 29th, as the 22nd conflicts with the League of California Cities Annual Conference which many elected officials will be attending.

There were no comments from the membership and no public comments received, in person or via email, on the draft agenda for the September 29, 2021 meeting.

- 6.d. Consideration and Possible Approve of Draft Minutes of the May 26, 2021 MCCMC Meeting
Attachment 6d: Draft minutes of the May 26, 2021 MCCMC virtual meeting

President Lucan called for any edits or corrections to the May 26, 2021 draft minutes. Hearing none, he called for public comment. No public comments were received, in person or via email, regarding the draft minutes, and President Lucan called for a motion.

There was a motion and second (Eklund / Colin) to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 MCCMC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Larkspur absent)

6.e. Consideration and Possible Appoint of Executive Committee: President and Vice President for 2021-22 Term

6.e-1: MCCMC Vice President for 2021-22 Term

Brian Colbert, San Anselmo, was nominated from the floor at the May 26, 2021 meeting and has submitted a letter of interest. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor and a vote of the membership will be held.

Attachment 6.e-1: Letter of Interest from Brian Colbert

6.e-2: MCCMC President for 2021-22 Term

Sashi McEntee, Mill Valley, was nominated from the floor at the May 26, 2021 meeting and has submitted a letter of interest. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor and a vote of the membership will be held

Attachment 6.e-2: Letter of Interest from Sashi McEntee

President Lucan introduced the item and stated that it has been a tremendous honor to serve as President for this past year. It has been 100% virtual but we've had great attendance. It's great for us to catch up with one another. We've had some fun with some icebreakers from playing Pictionary to two truths and a lie, learning a little bit about each other. We had some great speakers throughout the course of this year, and most times we did it all in an hour or just a little over an hour. So it's been a lot of fun. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president this past year.

There was a combined motion and second (Eklund / Campbell) to appoint Brian Colbert, San Anselmo, to serve as MCCMC Vice President for 2021-22 and Sashi McEntee, Mill Valley, to serve as MCCMC President for 2021-22. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Larkspur absent)

Vice President Colbert stated that he was humbled and is looking forward to partnering with President McEntee to continue to work with all of you.

President McEntee stated that she is delighted to be able to follow in Eric's shoes. It was no small feat to keep this going during COVID and make the meetings productive, and that they were extremely well attended. They were tight and that's all credit to Eric. So I definitely want to make sure that we give him his due respect for the work that he did this year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for September 29, 2021 at 6:00pm to be held via Zoom videoconference.