

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

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

**Hosted by the City of Mill Valley**

**Mill Valley Community Center (Cascade Room) – 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA 94941**

**Members Present**

Belvedere:	Kemnitzer
Corte Madera:	Bailey, Beckman, Kunhardt
Fairfax:	Ackerman, Goddard, Lacques, Reed
Larkspur:	Chu, Haroff, Morrison
Mill Valley:	McEntee, Moulton-Peters, Wickham
Novato:	Athas, Eklund, Lucan
Ross:	McMillan, Robbins, Russell
San Anselmo:	Brown, Colbert, Greene, Wright
San Rafael:	Colin, McCullough, Phillips
Sausalito:	Burns, Cox, Hoffman, Withy
Tiburon:	Fredericks

**Ex Officio:** Fairfax Town Manager, Garrett Toy; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Regan Candelario; San Anselmo Town Manager Dave Donery; San Rafael Assistant City Manager Cristine Alilovich; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

**Guests were:** Supervisor Damon Connolly; Jason Fried, Executive Director Marin LAFCO; Larry Bragman, MMWD Board of Directors; Mike Blakeley, CEO Marin Economic Forum

**Call to Order**

President Ray Withy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for June 26, 2019 and then called for public comment.

**Public Comment**

1. Barbara Coler, Fairfax – Announced that the Community Media Center of Marin is having a 10th year anniversary event. They will be hosting a block party and open house on Sunday, September 8th, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. She also asked that members consider sponsoring the event to help support the CMCM operations. There will be free food and music, and sponsors will be invited to a VIP event from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Information including a link to sponsor at any amount is included in the packet. Attendees can also tour the CMCM facility. Please reach out to Barbara with any questions.
2. Carleen Cullen, Cool the Earth/Drive Clean Marin – Ms. Cullen stated that she is the founder of Cool the Earth, which has been around for 13 years doing behavior change around reducing carbon footprint and are about to launch a new campaign called Drive Clean Marin. The Drive Clean Marin campaign is something that this group has been working on for several years, engaging with MCE, Transportation Authority of Marin and the Air District. There are many elements to this program, including: 1. a consumer facing program that includes marketing and outreach because a lot of people don't know much about electric vehicles, including that there are actually 39 plug in electric vehicles, and that the technology is changing so rapidly; and 2. there is a group working on policy with the county, working on EV infrastructure and how we future-proof what we're investing in going forward. She announced that Cool the Earth will be reaching out to elected officials in the coming months to explore how they can work with local jurisdictions.

3. Lori Frugoli, District Attorney – Ms. Frugoli introduced herself as the elected District Attorney in Marin County and provided the following announcements: 1. Her office, in collaboration with the San Diego City Attorney's Office, is presenting a free gun violence restraining order training at the Board of Supervisors in Marin on July 25th and also the day before, in Sonoma County, since many of us have employees who travel back and forth between Sonoma and Marin. So training is being offered at two locations in collaboration with the Sonoma DA Office. It is a free training on civil procedure, and is something that your city attorneys and county counsels should know about; 2. She discussed the anti-bullying, anti-hatred campaign, the City of Novato is trying hard to become a Gold Star City, and so we put on forums about implicit bias and other issues, and will be marching in the parade in Novato on the 4th of July; and 3. She invited the membership to follow her on Facebook. Her office recently launched their own website for the DA's office and we are going to be putting on a training in the next few months, with the new immigration lawyer, for attorneys and anyone else interested in immigrant rights.

Seeing no more public comment, President Withy then introduced Larkspur Mayor Ann Morrison.

### **Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Morrison welcomed everyone to the City of Larkspur.

She introduced members of the Board of Supervisors present: Judy Arnold, Dennis Rodoni and Damon Connolly. She also introduced Joan Lubamersky, Field Representative for Marc Levine, and Jenna Famular from Marin Clean Energy, and District Attorney Lori Frugoli.

Mayor Morrison then offered a tribute to outgoing San Anselmo Councilmember Kay Coleman, thanked her for her years of service to the Town of San Anselmo and to the County of Marin and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

She then introduced the Larkspur City Staff: City Manager Dan Schwarz, who could not attend this evening, Public Works Director Julian Skinner, Finance Director Cathy Orme, Planning and Building Director Neal Toft, Parks and Recreation Director Dick Whitley; Library Director Janice Ackle, Assistant to City Manager Shannon O'Hare, Police Chief Mike Norton and Fire Chief Scott Shurtz.

She concluded by introducing members of the City Council: Councilmembers Dan Hillmer, who is out of town, Kevin Haroff and Catherine Way, and Larry Chu whose term is up this year and has chosen not to run for re-election. Mayor Morrison wanted to take this opportunity to thank him for his 16 years of service to the city, and presented him with a plaque that included the Key to the City of Larkspur.

Once dinner service was underway, President Withy called for the keynote presentations.

## **6. Keynote Presentations:**

- 6a. Community Wildfire Safety Plan: Presentation provided by Jason Weber - Fire Chief, Marin County

Chief Weber stated that Marin has an extensive fire history. Fires have burned all over this landscape and the only thing that has interrupted that is humans that have moved in to that landscape. A fire suppression strategy that started with the U.S. Forest Service, the 10:00 a.m. policy, where all fires were to be extinguished by 10:00 a.m. the next day meant fire was really removed out of the environment, which this environment really, really needs. And with this, there has been a significant change in our climate that has driven us to the point where we are at today. We are at significant risk and how do we

deal with that moving forward? People are experiencing either having their insurance cancelled or having rates substantially increased. And if they have to go to the California FAIR Plan, insurance rates could be two or three times what they were paying.

How do we at least stop the bleeding, with the insurance companies and driving people's cost through the roof? But also, our cities and towns can't afford to lose a substantial housing stock, not to mention the commerce and everything that goes with it, such as with the tragedies that have occurred in Sonoma County, Napa County, Mendocino County and then the unfortunate event of Paradise. How do we prepare?

Chief Weber stated that this level of fire protection has never been part of a municipal fire department's responsibilities, this is something above and beyond that. In 2016, together with the Land Management Agency, all the Fire Agencies came together and drafted the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which was a data-driven document. They used GIS layered it with all of the assets, where people live, critical infrastructure, our vegetation and it really gave us a good picture of what threats existed across the county.

After the 2017 fires, the Board commissioned a Lessons Learned Committee to work on identifying what happened and what failed in these counties north of us and how to possibly avoid that here in this county. Staff brought the Sonoma County Sheriff, Santa Rosa Police Department, Santa Rosa Fire Department, CAL FIRE, Sonoma Valley Fire, the Land Management Agencies into the room and asked very candid questions, such as "If you could reverse back before this fire, what would you have done differently to avoid this?" The group learned a lot from that, and also learned and studied what gaps exist here in this county. What can we fill with our existing resources? What can we do right now to make a difference? The Board of Supervisors committed half a million dollars to one-time projects to curb some of that. Then the group was left with five or six items that could not be filled with resources on hand.

Over the past nine months, the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association, along with the city managers, have been looking at these problems and issues and how to solve them together. Some of the major concepts that are associated with this Wild Land Fire Prevention Initiative, as a countywide effort, is fuel reduction. For example, how to do this in an environmentally sensitive way, but reduce the fuel loads back to a more natural state. There is a working group with Marin Conservation League and some of our other environmental partners to address that.

Then there is the question of prescribed fire, how to introduce fire back into the environment in a way that makes sense. Regarding defensible space evaluations, over 50% of the county is privately owned land, most of that with homes on it, which leads to the question of how to reach out to these individuals.

The group knows that the alert and warning system needs to be upgraded, and that it needs to be able to survive through power outages.

Our neighborhoods need to come together. There has been a lot of success with Neighborhood Response Groups (NRGs) and how important it is to have at least one person spearheading disaster preparedness and coordination at a neighborhood level. We need to grow that program across the county.

Regarding evacuation planning and evacuation mitigation issues, how do we get people to safe places? Planning for that takes investment and resources.

Regarding grants, how do we take care of an aging community that may have a home that's worth a lot of money, but may not have a lot of cash to do a lot of the work that needs to be done or the physical limitations to get up on the roof and do some of these minor things like needle removal from pine trees. How do we aggressively pursue grants to bring money into this county to start to treat our forests, start to treat the landscapes immediately around all the community? Someone needs to champion that a group application would be more successful than many individual cities/agencies applying.

There are also agency-specific needs. A lot of agencies have very specific needs to their community, homeless encampments, etc.

Regarding the countywide initiative, a subcommittee of the fire chiefs and city managers continue to meet to refine the initiative. Right now the group is working with FIRESafe MARIN to finalize the polling to find out if there's an interest from the public. We know that this takes additional resources. Municipalities, whether it's cities, towns or fire agencies, this was not what they were created for in general. We've worked ourselves for 100 years into this position, it's going to take us a significant amount of time and resources to get out of that.

The group is also working on a JPA document to outline how this would work. How do we do this together in the best way that's equitable for each community? This is currently being worked through those same groups. So, the intention if this plays out well, would be to go to the voters in March of next year and ask the voters if this is something they're interested in pursuing. Well before that, the group will be in front of all of you sharing this information and the feedback and input is very important. A lot of adjustments have already been made based on feedback and input received so far.

6b. Public Safety Power Shutdown: Presentation provided by Mark Van Gorder - Public Affairs, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Mr. VanGorder stated that his objective is to remind the membership of who he is and that he is here to serve you as you serve your constituents. If anyone needs anything from him to help with any issues that are going on in your cities, towns, county, etc., please contact him.

He spoke briefly about the tier 2 and tier 3 areas in the PG&E service territory. Tier 3 is the highest risk, tier 2 is second highest. Then there are zone 1's, which are the cities or areas that don't have much of a fire threat. Half of PG&E's service territory is in a tier 3 or tier 2 area and the county of Marin, a majority of it is in those areas. PG&E electrical lines are running through these high fire-threat areas. Approximately 80%, of these lines are in these high fire-threat areas.

PG&E has a 24/7 Wild Fire Safety Operations Center in San Francisco constantly monitoring conditions during fire season where there are concerns about possible branches or trees or other things falling into the lines and causing ignition. PG&E is

installing about 1300 new weather stations. He announced that the alertwildfire.org site will get you access to the PG&E cameras and a number of other cameras that give you live views of what is going on in some of our surrounding hills and mountains.

PG&E has always been required by the CPUC to keep a certain distance of vegetation removed away from their wires. That work goes on regularly to the point that you might not even notice it. There are some residents who very much care for their trees and want to protect the trees and PG&E understand that, but there will need to be a dialogue about that. PG&E is trying to have enhanced vegetation management, which means a twelve foot distance from the lines. Mr. Van Gorder stated that he would come to any council meetings or town hall meetings if elected officials were interested in having a conversation about this for their communities.

PG&E is currently conducting safety inspection of all our transmission lines and distribution lines, and are working on the repairs. In the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, PG&E found ten towers that had to have very urgent work performed and they are also having some work performed in other locations.

Regarding the Public Safety Power Shutdown Program, PG&E will be looking for red flag warnings, low humidity levels, conditions where the winds are the driving force. Strong winds have been the big issue for a lot of the fires since 2015. When PG&E sees conditions where the winds start to blow, they will check in with The National Weather Service and Cal OES and their staff start to discuss, "We think we see an event coming up, a weather event with winds that are getting into the 20, 30 mph-sustained, 45 mph gusts". Then they will pull together their Emergency Operation Center in San Francisco, the general office. The Emergency Operation Center is activated when they getting ready to activate, and to shut down power. They will determine where those areas are based on the location of the weather event.

They hope to be able to provide an initial notice 72 hours in advance to the Office of Emergency Services, to give their operational partners a heads-up and time to plan and get ready to coordinate and communicate and align on messaging. Such that when we announce to our customers at 48 hours in advance, the city managers, elected officials, all the other folks are in the know. Then we would give notice, in a perfect situation, 24 hours, 12 hours advance notice if we can do it, before officially shutting off power. Customers will be notified via text messages, phone calls and E-mails 24 hours before the electricity is turned off and then PG&E is working to find better ways to keep people posted and updated as we restore certain areas. This timeline all depends on how large the event is.

Regarding durable medical equipment, PG&E frequently gets asked questions about people who have durable medical equipment or healthcare needs, CPAP or other electric devices that they absolutely have to have. PG&E has a Medical Baseline Program, a discount program for people who have this equipment that they need for medical reasons. It's an opt-in program. What PG&E will do is make a phone call, as well as text and email, to those who are in the system. Staff will continue to call them over the next several hours until they get a response. Then if we don't get a confirmed response we will send a PG&E representative out to the home to knock on the door to talk with them and explain what is

happening prior to the event. If we don't reach the resident there, we leave a door hanger so that if they come home, they can know about what is happening.

Once the weather is clear, PG&E will patrol and inspect the lines, and repair any damage, before restoring the power. That can take 24 hours depending on how large the event is and what damage there may be to some of the lines. If they find trees have fallen into lines, they have to fix that before they can restore the power or the electricity may ignite something, and the purpose of this program is to avoid such a situation.

He concluded by providing his contact information and reiterating that he is available to come to any council meetings to present his information to the public. He will follow up by sending additional resources, materials and a copy of this presentation out to all of the city and county officials and management so that they can be made available to the public.

## **5. Committee Reports:**

### **5.a. MTC – Verbal report from Supervisor Damon Connolly**

Thank you, Ray. Good evening, everyone. Really good meeting tonight, am I right you guys? Great job Larkspur, this has been good. So, I'm going to extend it a little bit longer. I have one item, but it's very time sensitive. Something we've been very familiar with and I'm going to be looking for your feedback. If not tonight, in the near future.

It's the Housing Alliance of the Bay Area, HABA. Which you'll recall is a creation of the CASA Compact, something we know and love. The idea being to create a new regional housing agency with the ability to tax, mainly to put a series of tax measures on the ballot and then come up with a spending plan toward fulfilling affordable housing in the region.

An issue that we all care about, but the issue has always been is to have the right approach. So, here's a quick update, AB-1487, David Chiu, is the bill. Passed the Assembly, it's now at the Senate, it passed its first committee. On July 10th, it's going to go before the Government and Finance Committee chaired by none other than Mike McGuire. So, all eyes are on Mike and by extension us because he's going to be talking with us about it.

We've expressed reservations over time and I'm looking at Pat, Dennis as your ABAG reps, our great legislative committee, Joan, Judy and Alice, myself, we have all of today taken a position of this is not the way to go. We're not convinced you need a new agency to achieve these goals, let alone with the amount of tax money we're talking about. What about flexibility? What about local control? Is it a situation where big cities take it over relative to midsize and small, I.E. one size fits all. All the issues we're ordinarily concerned about.

Okay, so here's where we are now. ABAG and MTC have formed a committee to look at possible amendments. I'm on that committee and according to the Authors Office, we've now met with Chiu's staff, we're meeting with Chiu on Friday, two days from now and also in communication with Mike McGuire. Everything is on the table. So, our governance, the notion that it would be a separate new agency or bureaucracy is off the table. We're talking about something that if it goes forward and I think right now we're looking at probably getting it extended to a two-year bill or if we can pull a bunch of amendments together and it satisfies a lot of different constituencies,

possibly getting it done this session.

So, it would be an entity within ABAG and MTC, which would have joint-authority over establishing governance, how the money would be spent and all the key issues we would be looking at.

Other big issues of course is once the money is collected, where does it go? So, how much of a return to source is there? That's in play right now. The legislation calls for 75% to immediately go back to localities, 25% to the region. Many people think that number should be jacked up even more, that more should go back locally. There's different nuances to that as well. There's discussion of the breakdown between allocations for housing production, preservation and protection. I think it's safe to say around here we found a lot more success with preservation and protection, so making sure that those kind of issues are also at the table as well.

So, everything's in play. I guess what I would be looking for and we can go into way more detail as time permits, please reach out to me if you have any ideas, concerns. It's really kind of is this something theoretically we could get onboard with in terms of going forward in some manner, or is it just dead on arrival? I think that's really the issue that a lot of communities are looking at right now and again, not to underscore it enough, the Author is basically saying, "Let me know what you want."

So, that's-

Ask for a straw poll right now.

Okay. I'm hesitant to do that because there's way more detail and some other sweeteners and stuff.

It's not binding.

Okay, so I like it because you read my mind. All right, straw poll. Continue down a path where we may get to a point, assuming they incorporate some mitigation measures toward our concerns where we can see supporting some form of this or is it dead on arrival? Who's in favor of number one? That kind of convoluted way of saying it, this is just a straight up no.

Just for fun, how about number [crosstalk 00:47:50].

How about no, how about number two?

Absolutely.

How about extensions?

We need more info, sorry.

Yeah, so there's not enough info. Okay, so what I'm doing obviously to protect our interests and I haven't decided yet and I know Mike McGuire's not decided yet. It's going to be a very interesting conversation with him. In the meantime though as your representative on this committee, I'll at least continue to kind of inject concepts or at least goes toward those concerns we have. But ultimately, it may be a no vote. Jim what's your, actually if some folks want to weigh in real quickly. Jim.

Okay, when you talk about taxes, that's a vague term. Real Estate Parcel Tax, that's one thing, if you mean a Sales Tax another thing.

Okay, so-

Wait, wait, either of those I personally am against. But if you want to do a gross receipts tax on corporations that exclude the first billion dollars of revenue, I'm onboard on that.

Okay, so here's where we get into detail. Sales taxes are off the table. That's going to be written into the legislation. Beyond that, it's going to be a cafeteria menu. The step down the road, assuming this goes forward is then there would then have to be a decision about what, if any, taxes go on the ballot? Of course and the voters

decide.

There are a couple of business taxes teed up. One is gross receipts, my sense is that is less favored. There is also a proposal for a head tax. Parcel taxes are in the mix, I don't think those would go over well frankly right now, in the Bay Area. But it's at least on the list and then bonds. Most likely, there would be some combination of bonds and then head tax and then different percentages related to that. These would be either local and regional split.

So, obviously that's going to be an issue I think. Right now, what they're saying is let's keep the list intact, except for sales tax and then have that conversation later on the tax revenues.

Any other quick comments or questions? This is real time right now. Yeah, Chiu's Office Friday, McGuire this week, Committee, Alice.

Just a quick comment on the local level. Any way to choose to collect this money, whatever the instrument is, there's a concern that if at any way you search the capacity of local jurisdictions to raise funds, it'll really contravene the fact that we're supposed to deal with increasing densities of population.

It would certainly be a competitive measure if we were to want to do a measure on our own as well. I think that's a legitimate concern right now. That having been said, any money, another big issue is in addition to return to source, would be use it or lose it. How much should stay within the local area? We think all. Versus there might be some push, do you actually lose some of the money after X number of years as well. It's a pretty complex set of issues right now. Joan.

I mean I will just point out, this would bump many cities in California to over 10 cents sales tax. So, we are one of the most heavily taxed markets already. Also MTC is a transportation commission, so I mean let's retain our local control and not exceed our control over these types of issues to an agency that does not have our best interests at heart.

Yeah, that's the dilemma. So, it's a problem when the good alternative to a new agency is MTC and ABAG, right? I didn't say that. Okay, any final quick comments, I'm getting the gist though, I think we're on the same page. As I said, I'll continue to work through these issues, but ultimately it may end up just being a no, or it could end up being a two-year bill or whatever.

Feel free to get in touch in the meantime, thanks.

Thank you Damon. Our ABAG report, Pat you've gave a very thorough written report. Thank you very much. Alice, we have a series of reports from you.

5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments – Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato. (Attachment 5b: ABAG Report)

Councilmember Eklund provided a written report that was included with the agenda packet.

5.c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District – Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

That's the end of that and I just very quickly want to tell you that the Del Norte Fairy, this is the Golden Gate Bridge quick report, is back on the bay and The Sonoma is in for a re-bill. It's been in service for 43 years, but the hull is in such great shape that it's actually more cost-effective to re-power it than it is to buy a new one.

5.d. MCCMC Legislative Committee – Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon  
So, this is going to be very quick. Rather than give you a list of the bills we can position on, I will just tell you that we managed to focus on a few bills that just might affect us that didn't have to do with [inaudible 00:53:06]. I will report on one of them in honor of Larry Chiu because I know he's going to love this one.

We took an opposed position on SB-226 as part of a complicated recovery strategy, the bill proposes to require the employer, that would be the public agencies, to compensate current retirees for future benefits that CalPERS had previously approved, but recently denied based on a discovery that the benefits were calculated on non-pensionable income. Isn't that amazing?

All right and we did take positions on a couple of other bills. I just want to update you a little bit on housing. Basically, the general thrust of these bills is to provide an accelerated approval process, to increase affordable housing densities and funding and to decrease costs to the developer. This is balanced from our point of view against our concern about usurping local control.

We took an opposed position to SB-330 last month, it had been amended by the time the committee met and I had written up the letter and written up the report for you and lo and behold, they amended it again yesterday. But what they left in it was the deletion of the requirement of the prohibition against local governments requiring parking with these new high-density developments that are within a certain range of rail stations and transit centers. So, they deleted that from this one bill, it still exists in other bills.

AB-1279, which people are concerned about is now a two-year bill. It basically using methodology, it was developed to identify something about where people on federal housing and other assistance could be placed in what they call areas of opportunity. Areas that had good education, good health outcomes and good jobs. They wanted to identify those areas in order to produce a program that would give high-density more affordable housing in those areas. As you can imagine, in those maps, Marin County is in the highest of these areas and it's been renamed in the bill, "High-resource areas." And the links to this information is in the report Pat gave you last month. I actually passed out additional material to the committee, if anybody is interested in it, just E-mail me.

Last piece of business for the legislative committee, many of our Marin cities, in fact, all of them are Marin Clean Energy customers. There has been a dump of new bills that constrain local control by all Community Choice Aggregators of which we're Clean Energy is one. We're very concerned about anything the state does that usurps local control and we would like to, the committee voted to ask you to extend our advocacy authorization to include this line of bills. Specifically, on the issues of local control that bills address with respect to the Community Choice Aggregators and Marin Clean Energy.

Usually, when I ask you to extend our advocacy, just vote on this. We're asking this limited issue and for a limited period of time, which is the next legislative session.

So, I ask you, are you willing to extend us this authority? And are there any objections?

Do you need a motion because I'll make it?

Okay.

Second.

Yes.

All right, any objections? Seeing none, I'm going to assume that we just accepted it.

- 5.e. Transportation Authority of Marin – Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon From Tam, this is just a little bit about what we're looking at in our next meeting which is tomorrow. We'll be conducting the public hearing on the Measure A Strategic Plan. We will be allocating Measure A, Measure A and reserve funds for local road and related infrastructure projects. The reason I'm pointing that out is that's where we will have a little more money for Yellow Bus.
- 5.f. Pension/OPEB Reform Ad Hoc Committee – Written report from Larry Chu, Larkspur (Attachment 5f: Pension/OPEB Committee Report).

Councilmember Chu provided a written report that was included with the agenda packet.

- 5.g. Marin County Disaster & Citizens Corps Council (DC3) – Verbal report from Catherine Way, Larkspur

We didn't get a written report because our Chief Weber and Mark Gorder were actually the primary spokespeople at the meeting and you heard what they had to say tonight. This came in my mailbox today, "Do you have a plan to stay safe during wildfire season from PG&E."

I think we all need to recognize that our constituents will receive power shutdown this fall and we need to prepare all of our residents for the fact that this is going to happen. So, I just want to put it out there. Make sure you know what's happening and make sure you communicate it to your residence that we will receive power shutdowns this fall, I'm convinced.

So, if you need more, let me know. There's no more in the report other than that.

- 5.h. Disaster Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee – Verbal report from Catherine Way, Larkspur and/or Sashi McEntee, Mill Valley

## **7. BUSINESS MEETING**

- 7.a. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule, And Listing Of Host Cities/Towns (As Introduced At The May 22, 2019 MCCMC Meeting)

There was a motion and a second (Cox/Reed) to approve the cancellation of the November, 2019 MCCMC meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.

- 7.b. Consideration and Possible Action to Reinstate the Dormant Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Ad Hoc Committee

Okay, item 7b, which is consideration and possible action to reinstate the [inaudible 01:00:45] Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Ad hoc Committee. We have put in a

staff report to indicate that this request was made and that we propose that recommend that we do form that committee. That the committee, each council reports a representative and that the newly reformulated committee, discuss it's scope, how it can fit in to the current landscape and let us know what that's going to be.

I thought that it would be important to get just a tiny bit of history here and I've asked Stephanie Peters to give a, she was one of the proponents last month of this and she was mayor, sorry, she was President of MCCMC when this committee was first formed. Thank you, Ray. I'll be really quick and I'm going to take down the PG&E slide, maybe I'm not. Okay, so fun story, several of us council members, many years ago, 2013. Maybe cover, it's fine PG&E's fine with me. A number of us went to a seminar on sea level rise and it was Clara Collif, myself, Kevin was there, Diane Furst and Kate Colin. We all went independently and we wanted, I think what San Rafael was doing was one of the presenters and we went, "Holy cow, this is an issue where we're all in this together." Much like fire that Jason presented on. So, using MCC as a forum, which is a wonderful forum, we said, "Why don't we have a platform for a conversation among all of us about sea level rise and what we need to be doing about this and should there become an opportunity for collective action with the county, funding? We'll be organized and ready to go."

So, in 2014, we did this along with a homeless ad hoc and a minimum wage ad hoc and it was all modeled after Larry Chiu's very successful pension ad hoc. Great job, Larry. Anyway, it was education and awareness and how can we come together. So, low and behold, several months later an opportunity to collaborate with the county to receive a grant to do a vulnerability assessment, which means find out our weaknesses in sea level rise, material wise. The county asked all the cities to sign on to the grant from the Coastal Commission to study this and we did and we were successful and we were in business doing sea level rise planning.

That was wonderful, that continues today, we had a sea level rise meeting today, Bay Wave, Kevin and I were there with Claire and others. So, we are moving forward on what happens and you cope when the inevitable happens, however, what we didn't focus on as much and David [inaudible 01:04:10] rightly pointed out is in the meantime, what can we do to reduce our greenhouse gas right now?

So, we'd like to reinvigorate this group as you heard last month to focus on what can the cities collectively do together and study and learn about? There are many initiatives that are part of that, our Marin Climate Energy Partnership is part of this. You all have staff members participating, [inaudible 01:04:39] Marin is coming, Drive Clean Marin was here tonight, we have climate action plans. Then we have single-use plastic bag bans coming at us. So, we'd like to reinvigorate this forum to do the other half of what we started five years ago and that is what can we do to reduce our greenhouse gases. And that's what we'd like to get going, thank you Ray.

Thanks Stephanie. David, you were the other sponsor of this, would you like to add something.

I think that was beautiful, the most important thing is that each jurisdiction puts up at least one person to come in to this committee by the time of the September meeting

and then we'll get this going and make it very fun.

Okay, so we put a recommended action in the staff report which was for this committee and to ask the councils to you'll move, do I have a second? Rebecca, you have, who seconded? Kate Cohen seconded? No.

We're all seconding? All in favor? Any oppose? Okay.

7.c. Update on Ad Hoc Committee to Revise By-Laws and Implement the Results of the 2019 Survey of Members

7.d. Review of Draft Agenda for the September 25, 2019 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of Mill Valley

There was a motion and a second (Lucan/Athas) to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2019 MCCMC Mayors Select Committee meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.e. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the May 22, 2019 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of Fairfax

7.f. Informational Item: Draft Minutes Of The May 22, 2019 Marin County City Selection Committee Meeting, To Be Reviewed And Accepted At The Next City Selection Committee Meeting, Date To Be Determined

7.g. Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint Executive Committee: President and Vice President for 2019-20 Term

7.g-1: MCCMC Vice President for 2019-20 Term

Eric Lucan, Novato, was nominated from the floor at the May 22, 2019 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 7.g-1: Letter of Interest from Eric Lucan)

7.g-2: MCCMC President for 2019-20 Term

Elizabeth Brekhus, Ross, was nominated from the floor at the May 22, 2019 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.

There was a motion and a second (Cox/Moulton-Peters) to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 MCCMC meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.

### **Adjournment**

President Withy thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:19p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for September 25, 2019 hosted by the City of Mill Valley.

Business meeting:

Jc/da: to approve

7b. reinstate committee: SMP report

Would like to reinvigorate group to focus on what cities can collectively do together, drawdown marin is coming, drive clean marin is coming. This forum would do the other half of what was started five years ago.

Pe/mb pat eklund/matt brown

7.c. committee to revise bylaws

List of all of the committees we have, please send corrections to Rebecca

7d. draft agenda

7e. Pat/denise approved as corrected

7f. Information minutes of city selection committee

Supervisor katie rice was selected to serve on the California coastal commission

7g. selection of vice president

Joan/alice move to close nominations

Denise athas/sbailey to approve

President:

Pat/kate

Sbailey: friendly amendment to have the motion take effect after the conclusion of the meeting

Joe burns so moved

End meeting

6. Adjournment

8:54