

## MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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## MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
 Hosted by the Town of Fairfax  
 46 Park Road Fairfax, CA

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Kemnitzer  
 Corte Madera: Bailey, Condon, Ravasio  
 Fairfax: Ackerman, Coler, Goddard, Lacques  
 Larkspur: Chu, Haroff, Hillmer  
 Mill Valley: McEntee, Moulton-Peters  
 Novato: Athas, Eklund, Lucan  
 Ross: Kuhl  
 San Anselmo: Colbert, Coleman, Wright  
 San Rafael: Colin, McCullough  
 Sausalito: Cox, Hoffman, Withy  
 Tiburon: Fredericks, Thier

**Ex Officio:** Corte Madera Town Manager, Todd Cusimano; Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy; San Rafael Assistant City Manager Cristine Alilovich; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

**Guests were:** Marin County Board of Supervisors Dennis Rodoni and Damon Connolly; Novato School Board Trustee Shelly Scott; Maureen Middlebrook, Yes on RM3; Detective Scott Jensen; DEA Spec. Agt. Geoff Kolanowski; Dr. Jesse Wade and his staff, Maraijke Grey and Sean Stephens.

**Call to Order**

President Kate Colin called the meeting to order at 6:56p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for March 28, 2018. She began with Two Truths and a Lie as an ice breaker and then then called for public comment.

**Public Comment**

1. Maureen Middlebrook from YES on RM3 – Ms. Middlebrook spoke about Regional Measure 3, an increase in tolls on all of the State-owned bridges, which will be on ballot in June. She stated that Marin pays approximately 3% of the tolls and gets 4% of the revenue. She stated that Marin receives some wonderful projects out of the RM3 funding. She brought some flyers which explain several of the projects and hopes that some Council members will commit their endorsement.
2. Eric Lucan introduced guest Shelly Scott, a Novato School Board trustee

Following Public Comment, President Colin introduced Fairfax Mayor Peter Lacques.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Lacques welcomed everyone to Fairfax. He introduced members of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, Dennis Rodoni, and Damon Connolly and the following members of the Fairfax who were present: Vice Mayor Barbara Coler and Councilmembers Bruce Ackerman and Renee Goddard. He introduced the following Fairfax Town Staff: Town Manager Garret Toy, Chief of Police Chris Morin, Police Sergeant Rico Tarabanza, Town Treasurer Janet Garvin, Finance Director Michael Vivrette, Town Clerk Michele Gardner, Town Attorney Janet Colson, Principal Planner Linda Neal, Building Official Mark Lockaby, Public Works Manager Ben Berto. The guest speakers were

1 Jesse Wade will be talking about veteran services in Marin and will introduce his staff, Sean  
2 Stephens and Maraijke Grey.

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4 Once dinner service was underway, Vice President Withy called on Supervisor Dennis Rodoni to  
5 give a brief presentation.

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7 **4. Presentation:**

8 Pat Eklund, Novato, introduced Detective Scott Jensen and Special Agent Geoff Kolanowski who  
9 presented highlights from the Marin County Sheriff's Office - Marin Major Crimes Task Force Annual  
10 Report for 2017

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12 Agent Kolanowski has been a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for 19 years  
13 and that he has been with the Marin Major Crimes Task Force for 7 years. He also works for the  
14 Town of Windsor. Detective Jensen has been with the Sherriff's Office for 10 years and has been on  
15 the Task Force for 2 years.

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17 Agent Kolanowski discussed the drug Fentanyl, which has been in the news a lot and is extremely  
18 fatal. The Task Force as had a couple of cases in the county. An inmate San Quentin recently got a  
19 hold of some Fentanyl and overdosed.

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21 He discussed technology called Tru-narc, which is a drug testing device about the size of a small  
22 tablet. It has a laser can go through bags, glass, etc. and can determine what is in the container.  
23 Recently, the Task Force had a case where they intercepted a shipment of MDMA from the  
24 Netherlands. Another trend is business being generated from people shipping marijuana and  
25 cannabis out of state.

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27 Agent Kolanowski stated that Windsor traces a lot of cases out of state. One example he provided  
28 was Butane Honey Oil (concentrated cannabis) which sells for a lot of money out of state and  
29 requires the use of butane, which is very explosive, to make the product. They have found the oil  
30 being shipped to Texas, Colorado and Louisiana.

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32 Recently, the Task Force put together a substantial buy program in the Canal to find out where their  
33 networks are. Sellers are getting more sophisticated with social media and communications, so the  
34 Task Force has had to learn new ways to trace the activity.

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36 **Questions:**

37 1. Shelly Scott - What is MDMA?

38 Response: It is a synthetic product used like ecstasy. A lot of times they are making pills with  
39 them. It is commonly known as a rave drug.

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41 2. Pat Eklund, Novato - Do you keep fentanyl away from the police dogs?

42 Response: If we believe we're going into an environment where there might be fentanyl, we  
43 mask up and will not bring in the dogs in order to ensure that they do not have contact with the  
44 drug.

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46 3. Alice Fredericks, Tiburon – What percentage of the situations you find yourselves in involve  
47 youth under the age of 18?

1 Response: A rough estimate would be 15-20%, but they are mandated to report to child family  
 2 services, so a lot of their cases don't necessarily involve juveniles.

### 5. Committee Reports:

6 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Supervisor Damon Connolly reported on several  
 7 regional projects:

- 8 • The Richmond San Rafael Bridge: The eastbound 3<sup>rd</sup> lane for afternoon commute hours will  
 9 be opening on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 10 • The proposed bike lane will cost \$27-28 million. And they are looking at making the moveable  
 11 barrier in to a vehicular lane during peak congestion hours.
- 12 • On March 7, the Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee voted to approve \$100,000 in  
 13 funds to research establishing that third lane
- 14 • MTC is going forward with a bike/pedestrian lane with a moveable barrier to open in late  
 15 2018 early 2019. The study will provide information to guide the Commission and that  
 16 information is expected to be available in 4-6 months.
- 17 • MTC approved committing \$3 million from RM2 funds for the multi-use path, which is a  
 18 critical gap in the North-South Greenway. He stated that TAM has already committee funds,  
 19 and offered thanks to Corte Madera and Larkspur for their support in pulling this together. He  
 20 stated that there is still a \$500,000 shortfall. The City of San Rafael is committed to providing  
 21 \$200,000 and Supervisor Connolly has asked the County to contribution \$150,000 given the  
 22 project's county-wide significance, which leaves a shortfall of \$150,000. Will be looking at a  
 23 variety of sources to fill this gap.

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 25 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments – Pat Eklund, Novato, asked the group to review her  
 26 written report included in the agenda packet. She announced that she attended the MTC meeting  
 27 that took place earlier in the day. Then, she attended the CASA meeting, which is the group that  
 28 MTC put together to discuss ideas for solving the housing problem in bay area. They formed two  
 29 committees: a technical committee and a steering committee.

30 At the meeting of the technical committee, they reported out on six areas where they have reached  
 31 agreement so far. They divided themselves up into 3 aspects: production of housing, protection of  
 32 tenants and preservation of affordability. They are looking at controlling costs through getting rid of  
 33 impact fees, promoting Accessory Dwelling Units, and encouraging more multi-family housing  
 34 developments. They are looking at lessening green building requirements and local jurisdictions  
 35 would not be allowed to be more stringent. They are looking at getting legislation to have landlords  
 36 have just cause for eviction, looking at rent stabilization efforts, and will recommend to MTC that  
 37 MTC grants be conditioned so that locals adopt tenant protection requirements.

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 39 5.c. Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District – Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, reported  
 40 that negotiations for a new high speed ferry fell through so they are on the search again. She  
 41 provided an update on the effect of SMART on the Bridge District's transit services: between 5am  
 42 and 9am in Marin, 20% of all trips are made on Golden Gate Transit. The District carries 20,000  
 43 passengers a day, mostly to and from San Francisco. Comparing year over year, the agency  
 44 experienced a 10.3% decrease in ridership, but that decrease mirrors what they found across the  
 45 country. There has been an increase in solo commuters, and an increase in car trips within Marin,  
 46 which may be due to lower gas prices. There has also been an increase in telecommuting, and the  
 47 County's aging community is using other transit options. Heavy traffic and late buses make  
 48 commuting by bus a less desirable option. While SMART has had an impact on ridership, it has been  
 49 minimal given the noted decline and because most of the bus riders originate south of the SMART  
 50 service.

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 52 5.d. Transportation Authority of Marin - Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, reported that the Innovation  
 53 Workshop is set for June 8, 2018. She also spoke about the Measure A reauthorization which is  
 54 being sought six years before it actually sunsets, primarily because the current funds are tied up in

1 large projects that will be completed around the same time that the Measure would sunset.  
2 Additional local matching funds are also needed to funnel money into local projects. We also need to  
3 consider what programs will address climate change. Measure A funds 72% of transportation  
4 projects in this county. She also noted that if we rely only on Measure A, we only have enough  
5 money to fund current crossing guards through the beginning of the next fiscal year. At the last  
6 meeting, the TAM board voted to put some Measure B funding toward the crossing guard program  
7 until the Measure is renewed.

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9 5.e. MCCMC Legislative Committee - Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, reported that her Legislative  
10 Committee report dovetails into some of the policy questions that Pat Eklund addressed in her  
11 report. She also discussed advocacy for a bill that is not currently within the authorized advocacy  
12 platform. AB 1775 prohibits new oil and gas extraction leases. She asked that MCCMC vote to  
13 support this particular bill and asked for a motion to approve the "Support" position for AB 1775 to  
14 prohibit oil and gas extraction off the California coast.

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16 There was a motion/second (Eklund/Goddard) to approve the request to support AB 1775. The  
17 motion passed by acclamation.

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19 SB 828 – This bill would legislate the planning process in local jurisdictions that is intended to  
20 eliminate wealth, income and racial disparities in all jurisdictions. It requires local jurisdictions to  
21 accommodate to 200% of their current numbers for low and very low income housing. It would  
22 calculate RHNA's using existing methodology but would also ask for additional data: production across  
23 all income levels, use of metrics to show that home rental or purchase cost above affordable to  
24 median income levels, and the rate of growth/decline of median income in the jurisdiction. HCD can  
25 challenge the assumptions of your planning organizations. Prior underproduction will no longer justify  
26 lower allocations and any underproduction in one RHNA cycle will be added to the next for coastal  
27 and metropolitan communities. The Committee voted to oppose this bill.

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29 AB 1759 – The Committee voted to oppose this bill, which requires housing production reports to be  
30 sent to HCD. If minimum production is met, the jurisdiction will be certified. If it can't be certified, the  
31 jurisdiction will not be eligible for allocation of transportation funds from SB 1. She asked that the  
32 group keep an eye on SB 1 because a repeal will likely on the November ballot.

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35 5.f. Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Commission – Dan Hillmer, Larkspur, reported  
36 that there have been some changes to shuttle from Downtown San Rafael to the Larkspur ferry.  
37 SMART will be eliminating some trips because ridership has dropped for the shuttle. The design  
38 work has been completed for the Larkspur extension and the platform foundation is almost complete.  
39 The Anderson drive extension work commenced with the demolition of the old track. As of March 1,  
40 there have been 366,000 passengers, 30,000 bicycles, 1,500 wheelchairs and SMART is exceeding  
41 weekly revenues by \$5,000.

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44 5.g. Pension Reform/OPEB Ad Hoc Committee – Larry Chu, Larkspur, reported that the  
45 Pension/OPEB reform committee met on Monday, but the guest speaker was called out of town and  
46 will be rescheduled for their June meeting. In April, Joe Nation, from the Stanford Institute of  
47 Economic Policy Research, will be their guest speaker. He explained that he thought the group  
48 would end the process in June, but they will take the summer to put the information together and will  
49 try to get the report out by September.

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51 5.h. Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3) – Catherine Way, Larkspur, provided a written report  
52 and the Committee's next meeting will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm.  
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1 Following the conclusion of the committee reports, Mayor Lacques announced that he would like to  
2 thank the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce for provided bartending services. He also thanked Julie  
3 Ashby from Zocalo Catering for providing the evening's organic meal. He then introduced Dr. Jesse  
4 Wade, the guest speaker.

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6 **6. Keynote Speakers:** Dr. Jesse Wade, Readjustment Counseling Therapist, SF Veterans Center  
7 "Veterans, Available Services and Ways to Assist Veterans in Marin"  
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9 Mayor Lacques introduced Dr. Jesse Wade, who is currently pursuing independent clinical license,  
10 and has been working in Marin since the end of 2016.

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12 Dr. Wade thanked MCCMC for having him speak and stated that everyone in the County has given  
13 the program a very warm reception. He explained that his group consists of a team of three people  
14 that have been working hard on behalf of the veterans. He stated that there are 15,000 veterans in  
15 Marin, and that number skews toward the older population.

16 There is a wide range of ages: Age 65-74: 4,600; 34-64: 4,700; 18-33: 1,000. Not all veterans are  
17 broken, but a high percentage of veterans have a service-connected disability.

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19 Dr. Wade introduced the other members of his team:

20 Sean Stephens is the Veterans Service Officer for Marin County and can be reached at (415) 473-  
21 6193. He helps veterans by assisting with the submittal of disability claims, housing and homeless  
22 needs, as well as helping the veterans with whatever they may need. His office is located at 10 North  
23 San Pedro Road in San Rafael. He stated that support from the government makes a big difference  
24 to people who need the support and services.

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26 Maraijke Grey is the coordinator of Veterans Services at the College of Marin and runs the Veterans  
27 Lounge. He explained that when veterans make it to college, she is the contact point. She helps  
28 people figure out what they need, helps them feel supported and encourages them throughout the  
29 process. She can be reached at (415) 485-9410.

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31 Finally, Dr. Wade explained that his office is located in the SF Veterans Center's Stelling location in  
32 San Rafael at 10 North San Pedro Road, but also has an office in San Francisco. He provides  
33 support and readjustment counseling, as well as individual, couples and group counseling. If  
34 veterans make it to his door, he will do everything to help them out and get them the help they need.  
35 He can be reached at (415) 473-7565 or (415) 441-5051.

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37 Wasn't until he served in the military that he went beyond himself. He moved to San Luis Obispo in  
38 2009 and began helping veterans use their GI bill. There is no VA service in Marin County. He is the  
39 only one. Between San Francisco and Santa Rosa, veterans have to travel to receive services. And  
40 now there is someone in San Rafael. He loves his job, and feels he has found his calling.

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42 He asked the group to be aware of how much veterans are affected. This is not just about young  
43 veterans, they are getting older veterans coming to them for support. Younger veterans often keep  
44 busy with family, jobs etc., but then they retire and old problems resurface. Additional agencies serve  
45 veterans in the county, but people most often reach out to the full time veterans services. For  
46 example, Health and Human Services will reach out to them for advice or referrals.  
47 They have active groups such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, American legion, etc. There may be  
48 lots of resources, but people often don't know what's available until they come in.

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50 He spoke briefly about the Yountville shooting and asked how do you make sense of this?  
51 He wants to communicate that it is never easy to deal with tragedy. Try and realize that people who  
52 are hurting don't want to hurt, but don't know what else to do.

1 For Yountville, the veteran that committed the act did not know what else to do. He encouraged the  
 2 group to remember the humanity. They are human and can respond to compassion. Don't close off  
 3 the door. You may extend a hand, but they may not reach back.  
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5 There are a large number of veterans who are aging.  
 6 Dealing with veterans issues is never easy, but realize that we're there to help.  
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8 Ways to help in Marin:

- 9 • More funds
- 10 • More shelter
- 11 • More resources
- 12 • Awareness and referral to the agencies and organizations in the county
- 13 • Be creative – what can you offer that might support veterans in need or who are looking for  
 14 support: jobs, education, 2<sup>nd</sup> chances, acknowledgment of service.  
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16 In conclusion:

- 17 • We welcome community connections
- 18 • Wants to be aware of how we can know or understand the counties' needs
- 19 • This is our home – not just where we work or pass through on the 101
- 20 • We welcome all opportunities to work with others to support Veterans and those in Need
- 21 • Passion, commitment, ability – that is who is doing this work.  
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23 They work closely with local law enforcement, so they definitely have their contact information if  
 24 needed. The people who are the most challenging to help are the ones who are interacting with law  
 25 enforcement and in the Courts. They are working on getting a list of names of homeless vets in each  
 26 community so they can work to get them housed, since he still has HUD/VA matching vouchers to  
 27 help house veterans.  
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29 In conclusion, Dr. Wade asked the group to not believe the hype coming out of Washington  
 30 regarding service. He and his team are here for you in this county.  
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32 President Colin thanked Mr. Wade for his presentation and proceeded to the Business Meeting.  
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## 35 **7. BUSINESS MEETING**

36 7.a. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Revised MCCMC By-Laws

37 This item was continued from the February 28, 2018 agenda. Sloan Bailey, Corte Madera, thanked  
 38 the subcommittee that helped prepare the amended by-laws: Ray Withy, Kate Colin, Larry Chu, Pat  
 39 Eklund and Stephanie Moulton-Peters. Mr. Bailey stated that the amended by-laws are comprised of  
 40 some modest revisions based on an amalgamation of policies, writings in the committee  
 41 assignments and complications when it came to voting procedures. The group made about 8-10  
 42 changes described in the redline version.  
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44 He stated that the group considered the possibility to provide for a written proxy, but upon further  
 45 consideration, it was not included in the final version, primarily because written proxies are strongly  
 46 disfavored.  
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48 One final change: we have a policy where we do not allow people who are declared candidates to be  
 49 a featured speaker within 6 months of election. This has been supplemented to include speakers  
 50 who are proponents of a ballot measure when it is within 3 months of the election. This policy will  
 51 now be in our written by-laws. Additionally, the word "featured" was inadvertently left out of the final

1 version and he asked that the final version be amended to include the word “featured”. If a candidate  
2 or proponent wanted to speak during public open time, that would be allowed.

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4 There was a motion/second (Eklund/Moulton-Peters) to approve the Amended By-Laws, as  
5 amended to include the word “featured” in two places in Article VII, Section 5, Meetings to read as  
6 follows:

7       Section 5.       Within six months prior to an election a declared candidate for public office shall not  
8                           be a *featured* speaker at a MCCMC meeting. Within 3 months prior to an election, a  
9                           representative of any ballot initiative shall not be a *featured* speaker at a MCCMC  
10                          meeting.

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12 The motion passed by acclamation.

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15 7.b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Letter Received From Marin County Department of  
16 Finance Requesting that the MCCMC City Selection Committee Make an Appointment to a Newly-  
17 Formed Board, the Marin Countywide Oversight Board to Be Effective July 1, 2018.

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19 President Colin announced that a letter was received from the Marin County Department of Finance  
20 requesting that the MCCMC City Selection Committee make an appointment to this new Board. They  
21 are consolidating the former redevelopment agencies of Novato, San Rafael and the County of Marin  
22 into one group. She asked for nominations from the floor and seeing none, asked for letters of  
23 interest to be submitted prior to the next meeting.

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25 7.c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Letter Received From Marin Local Agency Formation  
26 Commission (LAFCO) that the MCCMC City Selection Committee Make an Appointment to LAFCO,  
27 Ahead of Carla Condon’s (Corte Madera) End of Term on May 31, 2018.

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29 President Colin announced that a letter was received from the Marin County Department of Finance  
30 requesting that the MCCMC City Selection Committee make an appointment to LAFCO to replace  
31 Carla Condon, whose term is expiring. Carla Condon nominated Bob Ravasio, Corte Madera, for  
32 the LAFCO seat. President Colin advised the membership that if there are any others interested in  
33 being considered for the appointment, to please submit a letter of interest prior to the next meeting.

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35 7.d. Review of Draft Agenda for April 25, 2018 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of Larkspur.

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37 There were no changes to draft agenda

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39 7.e. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the February 28, 2018  
40 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera.

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42 There was a motion/second (Withy/Lucan) to approve the minutes as read. The motion passed by  
43 acclamation.

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46 **Adjournment**

47 President Colin thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:31p.m. to  
48 the next regular meeting scheduled for April 24, 2018 hosted by the City of Larkspur. The  
49 meeting was adjourned in memory of Deputy Ryan Zirkle