



**New 2023 Members:**

**Renewing Members**  
Susan Burleson

## **General Meeting Agenda**

**June 16, 2023, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Conducted In-Person and via Zoom

Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

### **I Call to Order and Introductions (New members, Dignitaries) (3 minutes)**

#### **A. Zoom:**

1. All Zoom Attendees will be muted
2. Please rename your Zoom to your first and last name.
3. To ask questions: Raise Hand

### **II Minutes for May (3 minutes)**

- A. Motion to Adopt May Minutes: Motion \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_

### **III Agenda Review (3 minutes)**

- A. Any changes to the agenda?  
B. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Motion \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_

### **IV Shannon Skinner – President (5 minutes)**

- A. General update: All MCDC committees are looking for additional help

### **V Carolina Villaseca – Vice President (3 minutes)**

#### **A. Upcoming Speakers:**

1. **August – Lori Wilson, California State Assemblywoman**
2. **September – Stacey Plaskett, Congresswoman from U.S. Virgin Islands – member of the January 6<sup>th</sup> committee**

- B. If you have a person who would like to come and speak to our club, please contact Carolina Villaseca at (216) 570-1270 or mcvillaseca@yahoo.com

### **VI Today’s Guest Speakers – (15 minutes)**

**Cheryl Sudduth, Moderates an Environmental panel**

**Susannah Meyers, Day of Giving**

### **VII Membership – Elinor Bell, Co-Chair (3 minutes)**

- A. To date, we have 83 members.  
B. Dues are \$20 \$10 for students  
C. Ways to join — Credit Card at <https://www.marshcreekdems.org/all-products> or Venmo MarshCreekDems (3416) or Check sent to Thuy DaoJensen/MCDC, P.O. Box 521, Brentwood, CA 94513  
B. Renewing Members become Members in Good Standing and may vote as soon as dues are paid. New members become Members in Good Standing and may vote 30 days after their dues are paid.

### **VIII Voter Outreach: Linda Smith (5 minutes)**

- A. Farmer’s Market Update – Thanks to Joe Ely and Doug, Liz Fuller, Tamela Hawley, Sue Higgins and Suzanne Cook for staffing our booth.  
1. We need help **July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 12, and Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>**  
2. Ray Cole has volunteered to save our spot at 7:30 each Saturday.

**IX Webmaster – Joe Ely** [www.MarshCreekDems.org](http://www.MarshCreekDems.org) 2651 Visitors this year

**X Social Justice – Ray Cole, Chair** – E-mail Ray at [raycole6s@outlook.com](mailto:raycole6s@outlook.com) to join the committee

A. Initial thoughts

1. Committee should focus on areas where there is the ability to act locally
2. There should be a limited number of areas (with the ability to take on new issues as they arise), the ones listed below can likely be sub-divided into additional categories:
  - a) LGBTQ.
  - b) Homelessness.
  - c) Schools/Education.
  - d) Race related issues (this will overlap with other categories).
  - e) Senior issues.

B. We do not want to duplicate work that existing committees are involved in.

C. Each committee member takes on a category.

D. Committee member involvement would be some or all of the below:

1. Become the subject matter expert on your selected issue and communicate updates to the board.
2. Monitor what is coming before the City Council, County Board of Supervisors, and other local governmental bodies, such as school boards, related to your selected issue.
3. Develop and present recommendations to the board so they can take a formal position.
4. Outreach/liaison to stakeholder groups involved in your issue.

E. There is likely more and the time involved is what you have available, very open ended.

**Issues and Legislation – Bill Nusbaum, Chair (3 minutes) – Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am**

F. Meetings are held via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am. The

G. Topics for Development – Basis for recommendations.

1. Voter suppression
2. Zoning and Growth
3. Ethics Rules for Courts
4. Gun Control
5. Civics in the Classroom
6. Poverty in Contra Costa County
7. Infrastructure of Climate Change
8. Political Homelessness

**XI DPCCC District 3 Update – Carolina Villaseca, DPCCC District 3 Director (3 minutes)**

A. SB345 - Dr. Sara Levin, officer of Contra Costa County Board of Health came to our Marsh Creek Democratic club general meeting and had an ask. She is trying to get SB345 authored by Senator Nancy Skinner to the floor of the assembly for a vote to ensure that California will strengthen its standing as a safe haven and national beacon for protecting every individual's right to an abortion, contraception and gender-affirming care. This bill will provide legal protections for California health care practitioners that provide or dispense medication or other services for abortion, contraception, or gender-affirming care, regardless of their patient's geographic location. It has been approved by the Senate. Please call your Assembly people.

B. Brentwood

- (1) The plan for a Costco in Brentwood passed the planning commission! However, Seeno, is threatening to sue Brentwood due to CEQA! California Environmental Quality Act
- (2) We had over 10K visitors to Brentwood on 7/4 as we hosted a first time drone lights show instead of fireworks. The fire marshal was very appreciative!

**XII Carolina Villaseca, Chair of Publications and Social Media Committee (3 minutes)**

A. **Contact Carolina at** (216) 570-1270 or [mcvillaseca@yahoo.com](mailto:mcvillaseca@yahoo.com).

B. We are continually posting important items on Facebook regarding news and calls to action. Send any call to action to Carolina at [marshcreekdems@gmail.com](mailto:marshcreekdems@gmail.com). Check our Facebook page often for our frequent updates, and post your comments and “likes” whenever you can!

**XIII Swing Left – Doug McClelland (5 minutes)**

- A. Update

**XIV MCDC Movie Event – Co-Chairs Don Smith and Bill Randall (5 minutes)**

**A. Who We Are – A Chronicle of Racism in America**

**B. September 6, 2023 from 6:30 to 9:30 – Trilogy Clubhouse**

C. Movie Trailer [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGsGRSgZbXY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGsGRSgZbXY)

D. Movie followed by discussion led by Bill Randall

E. Thank you to Debbie Randall for donating the Flyer Design

F. Tickets - \$12 - We are limited to 100 attendees

G. Event Costs \$900 – Room Rental - \$400 + Movie License - \$500 for 5 showings

H. To Buy Tickets

- (1) Credit Card at <https://www.marshcreekdems.org/all-products>
- (2) Venmo MarshCreekDems (3416)
- (3) Check sent to Thuy DaoJensen/MCDC, P.O. Box 521, Brentwood, CA 94513
- (4) Cash at our meetings



**XV Treasurer’s Report – Thuy DaoJensen, Treasurer (5 minutes)**

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement**

**June 5 - July 2, 2023**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	<b>BALANCE as of June 5, 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 2,956.91</b>
13-Jun-2023	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$4.55
16-Jun-2023	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
28-Jun-2023	CHECK deposit of (1) membership dues	\$20.00
28-Jun-2023	CASH deposit of (3) membership dues	\$60.00
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,060.58</b>

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**BALANCE as of July 2, 2023: \$ 3,060.58**

**XVI By-Laws Changes – See Attached**

**XVII For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions) (3 minutes)**

A. **2023 Annual Josh Harder Friends & Family BBQ.** We're thrilled to announce that we will be joined this year by two of Josh's colleagues and friends: **Reps. Adam Schiff & Katie Porter!**  
**Saturday, August 26th, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

- (1) [Here's the link to RSVP](#), and I've attached the invitation below.  
 Please consider helping make this event possible by contributing a suggested \$25 per person to help cover costs. We look forward to seeing you there!

**XVIII Adjournment**