



General Meeting Agenda

March 20, 2022

Conducted via Zoom

Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

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

- A. We regret that this meeting is being held exclusively via Zoom. Our usual meeting room is unavailable because of carpet installation. Next month, we plan to resume in-person meetings, with Zoom option.
- B. All Attendees have been muted.
- C. Please rename your Zoom to your first and last name.
- D. At the end of the presentations, our speaker will take a few questions.
 - 1. Use Chat, or click Reactions and Raise Hand.

Since February 11

New Members:

Justin Brown, Vicki Gordon, Larry Pepper

Renewing Members:

Barbara Chambers, Gary Chambers, Lynn Champion, Terry Eldridge, Annette Lewis, Antonio Martinez, Anne Whatley

II Minutes for February

- A. Motion to Adopt Minutes: Motion _____ 2nd _____

III Agenda Review (3 minutes)

- A. Any changes to the Agenda:
- B. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Motion _____ 2nd _____

IV Shannon Skinner - President

- A. Update
 - 1. Report on CalDem primary election endorsement meeting, which was held virtually on the weekend of March 6 (A list of Democratic candidates for statewide office is enclosed.)
 - 2. MCDC endorsement committees and process
 - (a) The Endorsement Committee is working to finalize the MCDC endorsement questionnaire.
 - (b) At our April 10 General Meeting, each candidate seeking MCDC endorsement for the June 7 primary may give a 3-minute talk regarding his or her qualifications and reasons for running for office. To date, three of the four Democratic candidates for Clerk (Devlin Murphy, Vicki Gordon, and Kristen Connelly) have requested our endorsement. Floy Andrews has requested MCDC endorsement for Assessor. Members will be able to ask a few questions of each candidate following the candidate's presentation. Candidates will make their presentations one at a time, while the others remain in a waiting room.

V Yolanda Mendrek – Vice President (3 minutes)

- A. Update on Future Presentations
 - 1. **April 10 (note that this meeting will be held on the second, rather than the third, Sunday of the month because of Easter):**
 - (a) Gun Control: Paula Hawthorn, Ph.D., will speak on current gun control initiatives, with emphasis on The Brady Campaign. (30 minutes)
 - (b) As noted previously, candidates seeking MCDC endorsement for the upcoming primary will each have an opportunity to speak briefly and answer a few questions from members. (15-20 minutes)

2. **May 15:** East Contra Costa County Mental Health Issues – Gigi Crowder, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Contra Costa, will speak on area efforts to address the mental health needs of residents and the unhoused.
3. Update on the Enhancements to EC Fire Protection Capabilities – Yolanda will contact Brian Helmick (Summer – maybe July).
4. Ben Therriault – Running for County Sheriff – Wait until Endorsement Forum in August or September.

VI Guest Speaker: 2:20 – 2:50 (Introduced by Shannon Skinner)

- A. Brentwood Chief of Police, Tom Hansen will address how the Police Department and Sherriff handle mental health crises and are working to reduce local crime.

VII Membership – Linda Smith and Doug McClelland (3 minutes)

- A. **2022 Membership – 71 Members** as of March 10
 1. 47 members in Feb of 2021
 2. 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 their dues are paid.
- C. New members become Members in Good Standing and may vote 30 days after their dues are paid.

VIII Voter Outreach – Linda Smith (3 minutes)

- A. **Brentwood Farmer’s Market** at Bank of America Corner most Saturdays
 1. Volunteers needed – 8 to 11
- B. **Postcard/Letter Writing –**
 1. 500 postcards were sent to register Black voters in Texas.
 2. Letter writing to Swing States is continuing.

IX Swing Left Director – Doug McClelland (3 minutes)

- A. Swing Left Update

X Issues Committee – Bill Nusbaum (3 - 5 minutes) – Meetings first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am.

- A. Next Meeting - **Sat. April 2nd** at 11:30 am via Zoom

XI Communications – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)

- A. Posting on Facebook regarding important news and call to action. Send any call to action to Carolina at marshcreekdems@gmail.com

XII Precinct Task Force –Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes) Update

- A. Precinct Captains – Carolina Villaseca, Harry Thurston, Linda Smith, Thuy DaoJensen, Marcita Enis, Doug McClelland, Audrey Wright, Troy Christensen, Jennifer Baker, and Gary Chambers
- B. Precinct Captains and Buddies are needed for all of our cities.

