



**General Meeting Agenda**  
**January 15, 2023, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**  
Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

- I Call to Order and Introductions** (New members, Dignitaries) (3 minutes)
- A. This month's meeting is being held both at our regular Brentwood Community Center meeting room and on Zoom for the convenience of those unable to attend in person. **Masking is optional (but recommended)**. Our next meeting will be on February 19, 2023 at the same time and location. All Zoom Attendees will be muted. **Zoom link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6304996072?pwd=ZGVhcDZYVVUrQWFMRVd1MEZ5anNMdz09>  
Password: Orange
  - B. If joining via Zoom, please rename your Zoom to your first and last name.
  - C. At the end of their presentations, our speaker will take a few questions. (Use Chat or click Reactions and Raise Hand if on Zoom.)
- II Minutes of November Meeting** (3 minutes)
- A. Motion to Adopt Minutes: Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Because our December meeting was the annual holiday party and no business was conducted, there are no December minutes to be approved.
- 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.
  - B. Election of 2023 MCDC officers will be held at the end of this meeting and will be conducted by Valerie Thurston. Please be sure to stay and vote.
- V Yolanda Mendrek – Vice President** (3 minutes)
- A. Update on Future Presentations:
    - 1. February Speaker: Marivel Mendoza-Matheu will speak on Hijas del Campo (Daughters of the Field), of which she was a founder, about the organization and its work with local farm workers.
    - 2. (Proposed) We hope to have a speaker who is knowledgeable about the January 6 committee reports. (Congressman Garamendi?)
    - 3. (Proposed) We hope to have a speaker on the make-up of the new Congress and what we can anticipate given the new Speaker and the far-right's influence over Congressional activities. (Journalist, Constitutional law professor or attorney?)
    - 4. (Proposed) Speaker on women's choice issues and impact of *Dobbs* decision in other states.
    - 5. (Proposed) Update on important issues in our public schools, including lack of depth in courses on civics.
    - 6. Suggestions from members?

**B. Introduction of today’s speakers:**

1. Colin Coffey, Ward 7 Director of the East Bay Regional Park District. (15-20 minutes)
2. Balerio Reyes, former aide to retired Congressman Jerry McNerney, will speak on his newly formed political consulting firm. (5-10 minutes)

**VI Membership – Elinor Bell, the new Chair of our Membership Committee (3 minutes)**

**A. Current Membership – 106 Members at end of 2022. Six new members since then!**

1. 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.
- C. New members become Members in Good Standing and may vote 30 days after their dues are paid.
- D. Don’t forget: You must be a Member in Good Standing to run for MCDC office or to vote in the upcoming MCDC election of officers.

**VII Voter Outreach – Linda Smith (5 minutes)**

- A. Update on Farmers’ Market – The MCDC Farmer’s Market table will return in March, weather permitting.
- B. Other plans for the year.

**VIII Swing Left Director – Doug McClelland (3 minutes)**

- A. Doug will be retiring as Swing Left Director, and we are seeking someone to take on the role.

**IX Issues and Legislation Committee – Bill Nusbaum (5 minutes)**

- A. Meetings are held via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am. The next meeting will be on Feb. 4, 11:30, on Zoom.
- B. Issues the Committee is currently working on include (1) the sorry state of our public healthcare system and what can be done to improve it, and (2) the impact of climate change on the availability and quality of water in California, for both personal and agricultural use.
- C. We are also continuing our study of how we can help to enhance the teaching of civics in our public schools.

**X Publications and Social Media – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)**

- A. 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!**

**XI Precinct Update – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)**

- A. Carolina’s precinct update report and her report on communications is attached.

**XII DPCCC District 3 Update – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)**

- A. Carolina serves as the DPCCC District 3 Director, and her January report is attached.

### XIII Treasurer’s Report – Thuy DaoJensen (5 minutes)

#### Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement December 5, 2022 - January 7, 2023

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	<b>BALANCE as of December 5, 2022:</b>	<b>\$ 2,558.94</b>
5-Dec-2022	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
7-Dec-2022	CHECK deposit of (2) membership dues	\$40.00
8-Dec-2022	CHECK deposit for (2) membership dues and donation	\$250.00
19-Dec-2022	CHECK deposit for (1) membership dues	\$20.00
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,888.06</b>
Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1076	Plaque from American Trophies and Awards	\$160.45
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 160.45</b>

**BALANCE as of January 7, 2023:                      \$ 2,727.61**

### XIV Secretary’s Report – Connie Harden

- A. The minutes of the November meeting are available on the MCDC website.
- B. **Book recommendations:** *Formidable: American Women and the Fight for Equality – 1920-2020*, Elisabeth Griffith (Pegasus Books, 2022), described by Hillary Clinton as “an essential history of the struggle by both black and white women to achieve their equal rights.” Also: *The January 6 Report - Findings from the Select Committee to Investigate the Attack on the U.S. Capitol, With Reporting, Analysis and Visuals by the New York Times* (The New York Times, 2023). And, just released: *The Riders Come Out at Night: Brutality, Corruption and Cover-Up in Oakland*, Ali Winston and Darwin BondGraham (Simon & Schuster, 2023). Described by the New York Times as a case study of corruption and reform within the Oakland Police Department.

### XV Election of officers for 2023 – Valerie Thurston

- A. Candidates:
  - 1. President: Shannon Skinner
  - 2. Vice President: Carolina Villaseca
  - 3. Treasurer: Thuy DaoJensen
  - 4. Secretary: Connie Harden

### XVI For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions) (3 minutes)

- A. Awarding of door prize, induction cooking device and one copy of the first two books recommended today by Connie.
- B. Zoom chats take place at 10 am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.
- C. Report by Elected Officials in attendance.

### XVII Adjournment

## DPCCC District 3 Director's January Report

Presented by M. Carolina Villaseca

- 1) Councilmember Tamisha Torres-Walker won her re-election by not 3 but 4 votes! Thank you to Chuck Carpenter, Sue Hamill and Edi Birsan who went to be observers on her behalf.
- 2) Councilmember Susannah Meyer was voted in as Vice Mayor of Brentwood City Council. We will continue to support Councilmember Jovita Mendoza and Suzannah Meyer during their continuing terms, and we will work to find a candidate to challenge Joel Bryant for mayor.
- 3) Trustee Dr. Jag Lathan was voted in as Vice President of the Antioch School Board. We need to support Antonio Hernandez from now until his re-election in 2024. We have an opportunity to seat 2 more Democrats.
- 4) Trustee Stephanie Rogers-Williams was voted in as president and Trustee. Dr. Thuy DaoJensen as clerk of the Brentwood Union School Board. Both Trustee Rogers-Williams and Trustee DaoJensen are up for re-election in 2024.
- 5) Trustee Yolanda Mendrek was named President and Trustee. Dr. Tamela Hawley was named Clerk of the Liberty Union High School Board. Both Trustees will be up for re-election in 2024.
- 6) Anissa Williams has rotated into the Vice Chair position on Oakley's City Council, which means in 2024 she'll be mayor.
- 7) We have an opportunity to seat 3 Democrats and help Anissa make major strides, e.g., banning oil/gas.
- 8) Discovery Bay - we have an opportunity to find 2 candidates for the Board of Directors to have Dems serve for the first time ever.
- 9) We need to re-elect Lynell Fuller in 2024 for the Oakley School Board and possibly find 1 more Dem candidate to run against Sherry Seat (NPP).
- 10) Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District - according to their website, they don't have a secretary and everyone else's terms expired in 2020 or 2022 but there were no elections. I need to make some phone calls. I'm sure we have some opportunities there.
- 11) Knightsen Board of Directors - There will be 2 seats up in 2024. Opportunities!
- 12) Byron School Board - Now that we have Trustee Lucy Rodriguez seated, we have an opportunity to seat 2 more in 2024.
- 13) TBD - Ironhouse Sanitary.

Saludos,

M. Carolina Villaseca

# Precinct Committee: Year in Review

## Precincts

- We found candidates to run for city council and school boards. We hope to continue finding candidates for 2024!
- We created electronic slate cards to support the candidates we endorsed and sent them out to candidate districts. We're definitely doing this again!
- We sent close to 40,000 e-mails in support of candidates in Antioch, Brentwood, Byron, and Discovery Bay. We could use some help to cover more precincts. It's not difficult and we can train you!
- We helped candidates get endorsements and funding for their campaigns including additional funding for Tamisha Torres-Walker's recount (Congratulations! Again!).

## Communications

We grew in Facebook exponentially in:

- views (117%)
- active engagement (200%)
- 48 new members of Facebook who helped our engagement.
- We averaged between 2-5 posts per week.
- We posted between 104 – 260 posts per week.

We grew on Twitter. Brand new account!

- 13 new followers
- About 1 new post per week