

June 22, 2022

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Governing Board Communication

**TO: MERA Governing Board**

**FROM: Mary Morris-Mayorga, Interim Executive Officer**

**SUBJECT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR MERA GOVERNING BOARD (PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT)**

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Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the Governing Board elect Richard Pearce, Fire Chief of Tiburon Fire Protection District as MERA President and Todd Cusimano, Town Manager of Town of Corte Madera, as MERA Vice President.

Background

Per Article 7.3, Executive Board of the MERA Joint Powers Authority Agreement, “The Executive Board shall be responsible to the Governing Board for the following: “... and nominating officers for the MERA Governing Board (President and Vice President).” The Governing Board then elects these two officers by majority vote.

Due to cancellation of the May 4th Executive Board Meeting, the Nomination of Officers did not take place.

The President represents the Authority, serves as Governing Board Chair and executes any contracts or documents when required by the Rules of Procedure and/or Bylaws. The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the President. Per MERA’s Bylaws, the officers “shall be elected at the annual meeting in May each year”.

The Executive Officer discussed the election of officers with President Pearce and Vice President Cusimano. Both stated that they are happy to serve another term and have agreed to this approach for the election.

At the May 11, 2022 Meeting, the Governing Board voted to continue this item to June.