



MARIN   
CONSERVATION  
 LEAGUE

Founded in 1934 by the four trailblazing women who shaped Marin: Carolyn Seeley Livermore, Sepha Evers, Portia Forbes, and Helen Van Pelt.

89 Years of Protecting Marin  
1934 – 2023

# History of Marin Conservation League (MCL)

- The Golden Gate Bridge was being built, and they worried about the increased automobile traffic and privatization of public land.
- Mission was "to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural assets of Marin County for all people"
- Their early projects included working to add acres to Mt. Tamalpais State Park, Drakes Bay Beach, Stinson Beach and Muir Woods.



# MCL Continued a Legacy of Conservation

- Samuel P. Taylor State Park
- Tomales Bay State Park
- Angel Island State Park
- Point Reyes National Seashore
- Olompali State Historic Park
- Marin County Open Space District
- Ring Mountain Open Space Preserve.
- They also added prevented Bolinas Lagoon from being turned into a harbor and stopped Richardson's Bay from being filled.



# MCL's Mission

To preserve, protect and enhance the natural assets of Marin in a changing environment.





# Six Guiding Principles

- Support nature first across all lands and waters.
- Act based on best available science.
- Integrate climate change understanding into our work.



# Guiding Principles

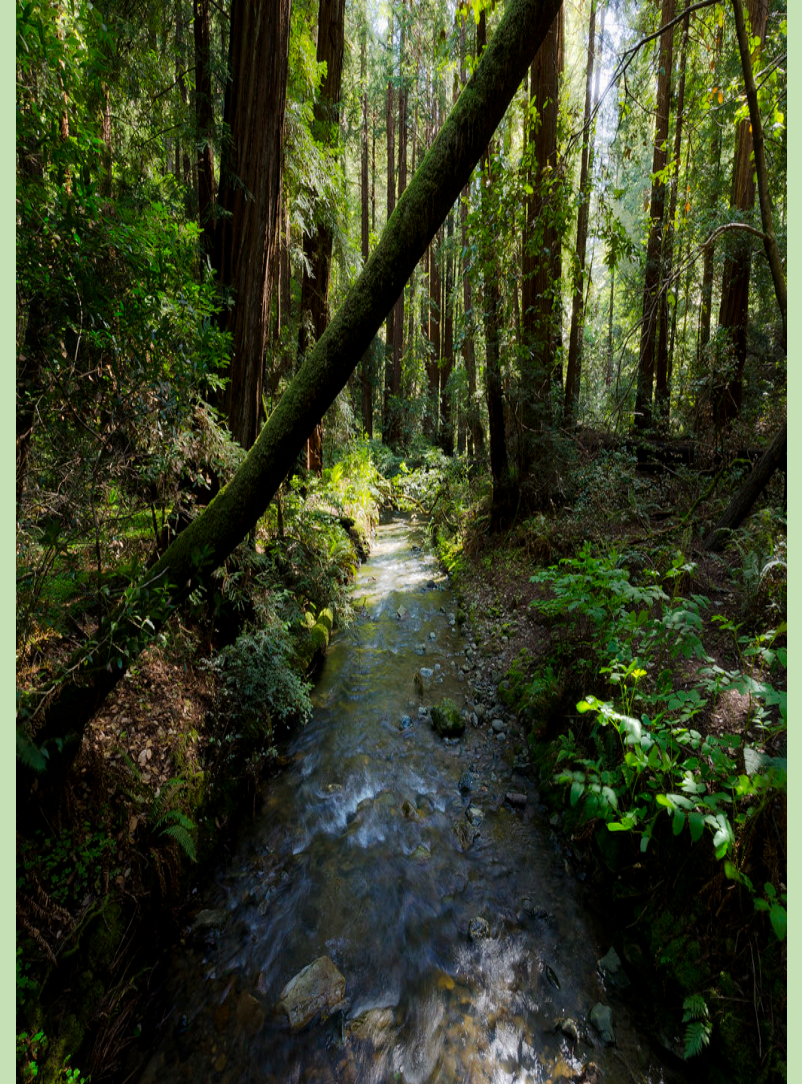


- Work for environmental justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Use diverse approaches for mobilizing action.
- Advocate tirelessly for the environment.



# ROLE

- Serve as both watchdogs and advocates through committees that monitor a broad range of planning and land use issues county-wide to ensure Marin's ecological values are maintained and restored.
- Influence decision makers to ensure that actions are consistent with a healthy environment



# Climate Action Working Group

## Current Issue

- Serves as a Forum for Regional Clean Energy groups
- Currently are Actively Advocating for Electrifying Buildings





# Land use Transportation and Water Committee

## Current Issues

- Land Use is Currently Completing MCL's Sustainable Housing Policy
- Transportation has been focusing on Advocating for a Highway 37 alternative that reduces traffic, allows for Sea Level Rise and includes wetlands restoration.
- Water has been focusing as a Marin Water District Watchdog and Rate Increases.



# Parks and Open Space Current Issues

- Recreation Planning, Trails and Electric Bikes
- Point Reyes Tomales Point Plan
- Water Line to Muir Beach from Muir Woods to Rescue Redwood Creek and Salmon



# Thank You



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