

Alameda County Mayors' Conference

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

February 11, 2026

6:30 p.m.

UC Berkeley Anchor House

[1950 Oxford Street, 13th Floor, Berkeley, CA](#)

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes*
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Public Comments and Other Announcements
5. Member Reports on Regional Boards and Activities
6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

Board Name/ Appointment	District	Incumbent	Applicant(s)	Start	End
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	N/A	Mayor Salinas	Mayor Salinas	4/1/2026	4/1/2028

*Applications submitted for appointment are included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet, which also includes a listing of current regional board vacancies.

7. League of California Cities' Report, Legislative Updates, and Actions
 - a) Samantha Brightman, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities, is unavailable to attend this meeting.
8. Other Business Matters
 - a) Cancellation of the November 11, 2026, Alameda County Mayors' Conference Meeting
9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters
 - March 11, 2026 – Sarah Chavez-Yoell, Pacific Gas & Electric
 - April 8, 2026 – Bonitas House/ Community Assessment and Tracking Program
 - May 13, 2026 – Autonomous vehicles
10. Adjournment

*Denotes report included below or attached material. Regional board applications are included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet

Note: The Mayors' Conference or the Alameda County City Selection Committee may act on any subject posted on this agenda, including nominations from the floor for regional boards.

Attachments

January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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After Meeting Dinner Events

a) Host City Mayors' Report

Adena Ishii, Mayor, City of Berkeley

b) Guest Speaker Meeting Presentation

Presenter: Margot Kushel, Professor of Medicine at the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative

Presentation Topic: Insights on homelessness in the Bay Area

Guest Speaker Bio

Margot Kushel, MD, is a Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, Division Chief of the Division of Health and Society, and Director of the UCSF Action Research Center for Health and the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative. She is a practicing general internist at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Her research focuses on the causes and consequences of homelessness, with the goal of preventing and ending homelessness and ameliorating the effects of homelessness on health. She is the Principal Investigator of the California State Study of People Experiencing Homelessness (CASPEH) and of numerous NIA-funded studies on homelessness among older adults.

Executive Director's Report

Item 6 – Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

Please refer to the Nominating Committee agenda packet for applications, information regarding these appointments, and the current list of vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION – Meeting as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee, review the applications included with the Nominating Committee packet, consider the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, and if appropriate, approve the appointments to the regional agencies and Mayors Conference officers listed on this agenda.

Item 9(a) - Consideration to cancel the November 11, 2026, Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting

The November 11, 2026, Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting falls on Veterans Day, creating a conflict for the host city and some attendees. In response, a survey was conducted to determine the availability of mayors for a rescheduled meeting on November 18, 2026. The survey indicated that at least six mayors who responded to the survey have a conflict or potential conflict that would prevent them from attending a meeting on that date. As such, due to concerns about a lack of quorum, it is recommended that the November 11, 2026, meeting be cancelled. The listing of host cities will be moved forward by one month, with the City of Albany hosting the December 9, 2026, meeting.

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Host City
February 11, 2026	Berkeley
March 11, 2026	Union City
April 8, 2026	Emeryville
May 13, 2026	Hayward
June 10, 2026	Piedmont
July 8, 2026	Pleasanton

Meeting information is available at www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of January 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Salinas on January 14, 2026, at the City of Fremont Downtown Event Center, 3500 Capital Avenue, Fremont, California.

1. Roll Call

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Peggy Mcquaid
Berkeley	Mayor Adena Ishii
Dublin	Mayor Sherry Hu
Emeryville	Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur
Fremont	Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Betsy Smegel Andersen
Pleasanton	Mayor Jack Balch
San Leandro	Mayor Juan González
Union City	Mayor Gary Singh

2. Approval of the December 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the December 10, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay EDA, announced the upcoming East Bay Innovation Awards event on March 26, 2026, and encouraged members to register. He also highlighted the East Bay Economic Development Outlook event scheduled for May 14, 2026, in San Ramon.

Mona Favorite Hill, East Bay Municipal Water District, announced it is offering private water service line repair insurance through Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) and indicated SLWA may contact customers regarding coverage options.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), stating that it recently held a special meeting to discuss the formation of a special district for the distribution of sales tax revenue if the Connect Bay sales-tax ballot initiative is successful. A kickoff event for gathering signatures is scheduled for January 23, 2026. She also discussed the commute and travel patterns discussed in a recently presented MTC report.

Mayor Gonzalez provided an update from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, encouraging mayors to publish the air quality impact of burning wood during the winter months.

Mayor Ishii provided an update on the Homelessness Task Force, including the City of San Diego's Safe Parking Sites program.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

No appointments were scheduled for this meeting.

7. League of California Cities Reports, Legislative Updates, and Actions

Samantha Brightman, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities (League), provided an update on statewide legislative matters concerning the League and Governor Newsom's proposed budget.

8. Other Business Matters

No other business was scheduled for this meeting.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

Mayor Ishii recommended inviting the Alameda County Community Assessment and Tracking (CATT) for a presentation.

Mayor Hammond recommended inviting Pacific Gas & Electric to discuss low-income incentives and programs that lessen the impact on seniors and other low-income residents.

Mayor Salinas encouraged mayors to wear some gear from their city's public safety operation to the February 11, 2026, meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian

POST MEETING NOTES

1. City of Fremont Mayor Raj Salwan provided the host city mayor's report. He welcomed members to the City, introduced council members and staff, and discussed the City's focus on new developments, citing news releases and other sources. He highlighted the City's position as a national leader in California manufacturing. He discussed the expansion of existing and new businesses. He noted that Fremont is now home to seven of the ten largest AI server manufacturers, making it the manufacturing hub in North America. He also discussed Grubhub's autonomous delivery services, the Fremont Tech Center, the status of Downtown commercial areas, and the arrival of H Mart. He discussed new community parks, a community center, police staffing, programs to assist the unhoused population, and affordable housing efforts.
2. Dana Brechwald, Assistant Director for Climate Adoption, provided an overview of the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan and discussed its implementation.
3. Allison Chan, Political Director at Save the Bay, presented on the agency's efforts to address rising tides. She showed photos of the impact of these rising tides, indicating they will become more frequent and last longer. As a result, she encouraged the mayors that now is the time to start planning. She recognized that doing this is a considerable effort, but that with careful and consistent planning, progress can be made.