

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of July 14, 2021

This telephonic/video meeting, held in compliance with Alameda County's shelter in place order, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft using a Zoom software interface.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Ge'Nell Gary
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Dianne Martinez
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Pro Tem Aisha Wahab
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Teddy Gray King
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the June 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Hernandez seconded by Mayor Russo Cutter to approve the June 9, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Ge'Nell Gary provided information regarding a request from United Against Hate, to have the mayors participate in filming a one line comment regarding efforts and concepts to stop the hate in their community. The information will be forwarded to Steven Bocian for distribution.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

John Bauter, Councilmember, City of Emeryville, provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District indicating it recently approved its budget

which includes adding staff funded through through cost recovery. He also noted that it is consolidating specific grant programs and finalizing Regulation 6 Rule 5 concerning Particulate Emissions from Petroleum Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units, and developing an organic sources rule.

Mayor Russo Cutter, commented that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is attempting to fund programs related to community discussions on climate.

Mayor Dutra Vernaci, indicated that the state budget includes \$20M to finance the Bay Area Housing Infrastructure Authority managed through the Association of Bay Area Governments.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Ezzy Ashcraft announced that the Nominating Committee made recommendations on all appointments included in its agenda and opened the floor for nominations. Seeing no nominations, it was moved by Mayor Russo Cutter and seconded by Mayor Mei that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the regional boards. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

a. Regional Board Appointments by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference:

Barbara Halliday, Mayor, City of Hayward, was reappointed as a member of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance Executive Board for the the Eden Area for a full two-year term running through June 2023.

Melissa Hernandez, Mayor, City of Dublin resident, was reappointed as a member of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance Executive Board for the the Eden Area for a full two-year term running through June 2023.

b. Regional Board Appointments by the Alameda County City Selection Committee:

John Marchand, Resident, City of Livermore, was reappointed as a member of the Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission for a full four-year term running through June 2025.

President Ezzy Ashcraft reminded members of the current regional board vacancies included in the Nominating Committee agenda packet.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on legislative action and noted that the Governor has signed SB 129 amending the 2021-22 State Budget,

and that other bills related to broadband expansion and street closures are in committee at this time. She informed members of upcoming League events.

8. Meeting Presentation

Timothy Burroughs, Deputy Executive Director, Alameda County Stopwaste.org and Rachel Beasley, Senior Program Manager, Alameda County Stopwaste.org, provided an update on the implementation of SB 1833 which requires a 75% diversion of organic waste and an increase in edible food recovery by 20%. The bill was passed in 2016 but implementation regulations were approved in November 2020. Rachel Beasley discussed the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance (ORRO) related to SB 1833.

Following the presentation, the speakers answered a question from Mayor Russo Cutter

9. Other Business Matter

a) Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area Federal recognition request, presented by Charlene Nijmeh, Chairwoman, Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Council requested that the Mayors' Conference collectively support its efforts to regain its tribal recognition from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs and Mr. Alan Leventhal provided a brief history of the Tribe.

Charlene answered questions from Mayor Russo Cutter, and Brown.

b) Information regarding East Bay Economic Development Alliance's *East Bay Forward* economic assessment and guide presented by Stephen Baiter, Executive Director

Stephen Baiter provided status update concerning the East Bay Forward program, which is a regional economic assessment and roadmap for advancing a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable economy. The agency has been working on the plan for over four months and approval is scheduled for fall 2021. He requested that cities consider moving some of the strategies identified in the plan to their recovery plan.

c) Request from East Bay Community Energy to have the Alameda County Mayors' Conference nominate two at-large members for its Community Advisory Committee

Steven Bocian provided information concerning the request by East Bay Community Energy to have its Community Advisory Board increased by two at-large members. Mr. Bocian will work with East Bay Energy staff to prepare the appropriate information and bring it back nominations to the membership at a future meeting.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Bocian provided an overview of the status of the September 8 meeting, which will be held at the Oakland Zoo.

President Ezzy Ashcraft asked members to contact Steven Bocian if they have ideas regarding future guest speakers.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director