

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of October 9, 2024

President Marchand called the meeting to order on October 11, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the DoubleTree Hotel at the Berkeley Marina at 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley, 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 John Miki
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Michael McCorriston
Emeryville	Mayor Courtney Welch
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Vice Mayor Betsy Smegal Anderson
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Hannon and seconded by Mayor McCorriston to approve the September 11, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Andy Kelly, Principal Government and Community Relations with BART, provided an update indicating BART has reached its ridership targets and that crime has been reduced by 15%.

Carline Au, Head of Planning and Strategy for the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, announced upcoming events, including the East Bay Manufacturing Summit and the East Bay Innovation Awards.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Carol Dutra Vernaci indicated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) working group identified twelve projects for the upcoming plan year, of which one includes an added \$450 million for rail grade improvements in Alameda County.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

Vice President Salinas announced that the Nominating Committee did not have a quorum, and as a result, he opened the floor for nominations. It was moved by Mayor Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor Welch that the membership appoint Mayor Michael McCorriston, Mayor of the City of Dublin, to the East Bay Economic Development Executive Committee as the Tri-Valley Representative for a two-year term through September 2026.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on state legislation, including support positions on three ballot measures, Propositions 4, 5, and 36.

8. Other Business Matters

a). Consider the approval of the attached Resolution 2024-1, a resolution supporting the Alameda County Fire Department's bid for 911 ambulance transport services within the Exclusive Operating Area (EOA).

Alameda County Fire Chief William McDonald and Fremont Fire Chief Zoraida Diaz provided an overview of the Alameda County Fire Department's proposal for this service, emphasizing its range of proposed services extends beyond emergency transport to medical facilities. The East Bay One Health program, which would be implemented as a component of the service package, was also presented.

After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and seconded by Mayor McCorriston to approve Resolution 2024-1, A Resolution of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Expressing the Conference's Desire that the County of Alameda Award the Alameda County Fire Department the County's Emergency Medical Services Contract to Provide Ambulance and Associated Services within the County Exclusive Operating Area (EOA).

b) Consider authorizing Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci to continue as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference appointee on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) through December 20, 2024.

Mayors Ezzy Ashcraft and Dutra-Vernaci provided information regarding this item, and after discussion, Mayor Dutra-Vernaci withdrew her request for an extension to her existing term. Hearing this, Vice President Salinas indicated that Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft will assume the position on December 11, 2024, as currently scheduled.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No future agenda items were recommended

10. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, City of Berkeley, thanked his staff for coordinating the event and introduced Paul Buddenhagen, the city's new City Manager. Mayor Arreguin led a discussion regarding the landscape around homelessness after the United States Supreme Court's Grant Pass decision. He addressed the need for cities to develop a policy regarding homelessness encampments and stressed that it would be beneficial if all Alameda County cities had a coordinated approach to addressing homelessness encampments. He introduced the City of Berkeley Assistant City to the City Manager Peter Radu, who discussed Berkeley's current homelessness programs and a matrix developed that addresses policy and action options. He also discussed the City's recent accomplishments in dealing with homelessness.

11. Meeting Presentation

East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) Board President, Elizabeth Echols, provided information celebrating the EBRPD's 90th anniversary and its current wildfire mitigation efforts. She introduced EBRPD Fire Chief Alieen Thiele and Assistant Fire Chief Karl Haley, who discussed the District's fuel management program, including the Grizzly Peak Strategic Fuel Break Program, the South Park Drive Tree Dieback Project, the Anthony Chabot Roadside Clearance Project, the Diable Fuels Crew, and the Anthony Chabot Park Carbonizer.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director