

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of April 9, 2025

President Marchand called the meeting to order on April 9, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at the Concannon Winery, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore, 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 Robin López
Berkeley	Mayor Adena Ishii
Dublin	Vice Mayor Kashef Qaadri
Emeryville	Vice Mayor Sikhdeep 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 March 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and seconded by Mayor Hannon to approve the March 12, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Mona Favorite-Hill, the East Bay Municipal Utility (EBMUD) District's Senior Community Affairs Representative, announced that EBMUD has issued a Request for Proposals to provide performing arts programming for the California Shakespeare Festival.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), indicating it is studying the potential for a 2026 regional transit bond funding measure to keep transit systems from the "fiscal cliff." She also indicated that Steven Bocian would be distributing information regarding the proposed measure.

Mayor González provided an overview of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), indicating that the agency is trying to determine what changes may be made by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Mayor Ishii indicated she would like to see a future meeting that includes a discussion on homelessness.

## **6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

There were no appointments scheduled for this meeting.

## **7. League of California Cities Reports, Legislation Update**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities, presented information on proposed State legislation, including AB 650, SB 239, and AB 846. She also announced the upcoming League of California Cities, East Bay Division meeting.

## **8. Other Business Matters**

- a) Review and potential action regarding the Executive Committee's discussion on serving wine at Mayors' Conference dinner meetings

Mayor Marchand announced that the Executive Committee approved the language recommended in the April 9, 2025, Executive Committee report, which amends the existing Mayors' Conference Host Memo to include:

"Provide a no-host or hosted wine bar from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and hosted wine at dinner. In case your city has regulations pertaining to the purchase of alcohol, you are encouraged to explore options to allow the serving of wine without violating city regulations. However, if no option is available, a host city may provide hosted wine or no wine at all."

It was moved by Mayor Salinas and seconded by Mayor Hanon that the Mayors' Conference adopt the following language noted above and as stated in the April 6, 2025 Executive Committee agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote and so ordered.

- b) Review and potential action regarding the Executive Committee's discussion on public attendance at Mayors' Conference dinner meetings.

Mayor Marchand presented that the Executive Committee approved a change to the meeting agenda so that the meeting will be adjourned before the start of dinner being served, the host mayor's report, and the guest speaker.

It was moved by Mayor Salinas and seconded by Mayor Hannon that the Mayors' Conference direct the Executive Director to amend the monthly Business Meeting agenda so that the meeting is adjourned before dinner is served, the Host City Mayors'

Report, and the Guest Speaker. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote and so ordered.

**9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters**

Mayor Salinas indicated an interest in discussing the homeless issue raised by Mayor Ishi.

**10. Host City Mayor's Report**

Mayor John Marchand introduced city council members and thanked the staff team for coordinating the event. Mayor Marchand discussed technological advancements from Lawrence Livermore Lab, the Deacon Dave Christmas lights display, and recognition recently received by the City of Livermore, including the Helen Putman Award, Spotlight Award, Certificate of Excellence for its Financial Report, being included in the Twenty Safest Suburbs list, and Twenty Safest Suburbs in the nation, and one of Wallet Hub's top five communities.

**11. Meeting Presentation**

East Bay Municipal Water District (EBMUD) Director Luz Gomez introduced Sam Feldman, Budget Manager for EBMUD, to discuss EBMUD's financial plan for the future. Mr. Feldman provided a brief history and scope of the current EBMUD system. He identified budgetary and operation issues, including the significant efforts that will be required to meet its infrastructure needs and its budgetary outlook. He also outlined the timeline and proposed rate adjustments that may go into effect in July 2026.

Mr. Feldman answered questions from Mayors Smegel, Gonzalez, and Balch.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director