

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 |
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| 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.