

Alameda County Mayors' Conference

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

October 9, 2024

6:30 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel at the Berkeley Marina

[200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley, CA](#)

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of September 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes*
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Public Comments and Other Announcements
 - a) Request from the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission for Alameda County cities to light up green on Veterans Day*

-----Break for Dinner -----

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
East Bay Economic Development Alliance Executive Committee	Tri-Valley	Vacant	Mayor McCorriston	October 2024	September 2026

*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 Caygill, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities
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 (EAO)*
 - b) Consider authorizing Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci to continue as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference appointee on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission through December 20, 2024
9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters
 - a) November 13, 2024, David Swing, Executive Director, East Bay Regional Communications Systems
10. Host City Mayors' Report
 - a) Mayor Jesse Arreguin – Discussion regarding the landscape around homelessness after the United States Supreme Court's Grant Pass decision*

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11. Meeting Presentation

Presenter: Elizabeth Echols, Board Chair, East Bay Regional Park District

Presentation Topic: East Bay Regional Park District 90th anniversary and wildfire mitigation efforts

12. 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

- A. Request from the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission for Alameda County cities to light up green on Veterans Day
- B. September 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- C. Report from Chief William McDonald, Alameda County Fire Department and Resolution 2024-1
- D. Proposed Alameda County Mayors' Conference resolution 2024-1
- E. Alameda County TWG Encampment Prioritization Packet

Executive Director's Report

Item 6 – Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

Please see the Nominating Committee agenda packet for applications, information regarding these appointments, and the current listing 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 listed on this agenda.

Item 8a – 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 (EAO)

Alameda County is currently reviewing bids to provide ambulance services in Alameda County's Exclusive Operating Area. The Alameda County Fire Department has submitted a bid for consideration and is requesting the Mayors' Conference support its proposal through the adoption of a resolution. Representatives from Alameda County Fire will attend the October 9, 2024, meeting to provide a summary of its proposal. Attached to this agenda is a report from Alameda County Fire regarding the matter.

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RECOMMENDATION – Review the attached resolution 2024-1 and take appropriate action. If the resolution is approved, the Executive Director will transmit it to the Board of Supervisors and appropriate Alameda County Agencies.

Item 8b – Consider authorizing Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci to continue as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference appointee on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission through December 20, 2024

The Mayors' Conference, at its meeting of January 11, 2023, reappointed Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as a Commissioner representing Alameda County cities for an approximate term of two years coinciding with her term as Union City Mayor. At the same January 11, 2023, meeting, the Mayors' Conference appointed Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft to assume the final two years of the MTC commissioner seat effective at the conclusion of Mayor Dutra-Vernaci's term as Union City Mayor.

The City of Union is expected to certify the November 5, 2024, election at its December 10, 2024, city council meeting. Mayor Dutra-Vernaci is not a candidate for reelection, and therefore, her term as mayor will end on December 10, 2024. Because in January 2023, it was uncertain when the election would be certified, the appointment letter to MTC stated that Mayor Dutra-Vernaci's term on MTC would expire on December 31, 2024.

Due to Mayor Dutra-Vernaci's extensive experience with a number of critical MTC projects, she has requested that she continue to serve as an MTC Commissioner through December 20, 2024, which would allow her to vote on a number of these MTC projects.

The MTC enabling ordinance stipulates that *"a commissioner appointed as a public officer vacates his or her commission seat upon ceasing to hold public office unless the appointing authority consents to the completion of the term of office."* Therefore, even though she is representing Alameda County cities, she is not required to be a public official if the appointing body, i.e., the Alameda County Mayors' Conference, acting as the Alameda County City Selection Committee, consents to the representation.

The Mayors' Conference bylaws state that members must be a mayor of a city in Alameda County. As such, Mayor Dutra-Vernaci will no longer be a member of the Mayors' Conference after December 10, 2024, and if she were to continue on the MTC, she would be doing so as a citizen representative, not as an elected official or a member of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci has discussed her request with Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, and she is agreeable to the requested term extension.

RECOMMENDATION – Consider authorizing Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to be the Alameda County cities representative as a MTC commissioner through December 20, 2024, after which time the MTC commissioner seat will transition to Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft on December 21, 2024, until December 2027.

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Guest Speaker Bio

Speaker - Elizabeth Echols, Board Chair, East Bay Regional Park District

Director Echols has had an extensive career in public service, with over 20 years in public policy roles. She was appointed by former Governor Jerry Brown to serve as the Director of the Independent Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission. Her recent policy work has focused on environmental protection, climate change, and wildfire prevention and mitigation. Director Echols has a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Yale and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Host City
September 11, 2024	Fremont
October 9, 2024	Berkeley
November 13, 2024	Union City
December 11, 2024	Emeryville
January 8, 2025	Pleasanton

Meeting information is available at www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org