

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of January 12, 2022

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 Preston Jordan
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
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 December 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci seconded by Mayor Halliday to approve the December 8, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. (Mayors Jordan, Schaaf, and Gray King absent for vote)

3. Reconfirmation of Alameda County Mayors Conference Resolution 3.21 Adopting Findings for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings

It was moved by Mayor Cutter seconded by Mayor Mei to approve Resolution 3.21 adopting findings to continue virtual meetings. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. (Mayors Jordan, Schaaf, and Gray King absent for vote)

4. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

5. Public Comments and Other Announcements

No public comments

6. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin updated members on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) 2023 to 2031 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and its Plan Bay Area 2050 indicating that the RHNA numbers are now final and cities are beginning their housing elements. He also indicated that ABAG endorsed the Bay Adapt platform.

Mayor Halliday said the Alameda Countywide Oversight Board is scheduled to meet virtually on January 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Cutter indicated that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has adopted a rule that factors social justice for the first time.

7. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

No appointments were scheduled for this meeting. President Ezzy Ashcraft informed members of the current vacancy table included in the agenda packet.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), reported that the legislature is in session and that the Governor has released his budget, which includes funding for housing, infrastructure, drought resistance, other important city matters.

9. Meeting Presentation

Jessica Fain, Planning Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), provided a PowerPoint on the result of the Bay Adapt Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay Area, an initiative to protect people and the natural and built environment from rising sea levels. Zachary Wasserman, current BCDC chair, provided opening comments, and Larry Goldzad, BCDC Executive Director, provided commentary and answered member questions. Jessica indicated that the regional strategy includes five categories, nine actions, and 21 tasks for one strategy. Implementing the strategy will require many changes, including a coordinated and collective effort from all governmental agencies. She also provided information regarding the process used to develop the report, the agencies that were part of the outreach process, an overview of Bay Adapt participants, and potential impacts of rising sea levels. She requested members consider an endorsement of the Bay Adapt Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay.

BCDC staff answered questions and comments from Mayors Halliday, Cutter, Arreguin, Gray King, Schaaf, Bauters, Jordan, and Hernandez.

10. Other Business Matter

- a) Consideration of a request to adopt a letter or resolution of support for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Bay Adapt study.

It was moved by Mayor Cutter and seconded by Mayor Halliday authorize the transmittal of the letter of support to the BCDC included in the agenda packet with an amendment to the final paragraph as follows:

The Alameda County Mayors' Conference supports the Bay Adapt Joint Platform and look forward to working with BCDC and all of Bay Adapt's stakeholders to ensure that the entire Bay Area thrives in the face of rising sea levels.

The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Dutra Vernaci expressed an interest in a presentation regarding the proposed formation of a Joint Powers Agency for vegetation management and wildfire prevention in the East Bay hills.

Mayor Bauters expressed an interest in dialogue and presentation on the benefits and establishment of a regional trauma recovery center in Alameda County. Mayor Bauters will contact Steven Bocian with contact information.

Mayor Arreguin expressed an interest in a presentation on the mental health crisis occurring with the homeless and those involved in street activities. Mayor Schaaf indicated that receiving information about the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (caAIM) program would benefit this discussion. Regarding this matter, Steven Bocian will contact Scott Coffin, Chief Executive Officer with Alameda Alliance for Health. Dr. Mark Gahly or Dr. Erica Pan are also potential options for this discussion.

Mayor Halliday indicated an interest in a presentation regarding the national opioid settlement and available funding and uses for cities.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director