

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of March 8th, 2023

This meeting was called to order on March 8th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. by President Lily Mei at the City of Newark David W. Smith City Hall located at 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, California.

1. Roll Call

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Albany	Vice Mayor John Miki
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the February 8th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Bauters and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci to approve the February 8th, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Dave Brown, a former Alameda County Supervisor, updated the mayors on efforts regarding proposed state and regional housing ballot measures.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin informed members that Andrew B. Freimer was appointed the new Metropolitan Transportation Commission Executive Director. He also updated members of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) efforts regarding a proposed regional affordable housing measure and discussed recent actions by the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority.

Mayor Bauters Bay Area addressed members regarding recent Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) proposed regulations for residential water heaters and HVAC systems to limit gas emissions. He stated that if the new standards are approved, they will affect homeowners over time as appliances are replaced.

Mayor Dutra Vernaci addressed members regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). She stated she had a successful trip to Sacramento to meet with State Legislators. She also indicated the new MTC Executive Director agreed to present at the Mayors' Conference. After discussion, it was agreed that the new Executive Director would be the guest speaker for the July 12th, 2023, meeting.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Lilly Mei announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its March 8th, 2023, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Brown that the Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations to recommend Scott Sakakihara, councilmember Union City, as the South Bay representative to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Governing Board.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote and so ordered. Mayor Arreguin abstained

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 the state's legislative activities, including current bills AB557, AB817, and AB1708. She announced that the League is hosting webinars on March 15th, 2023, and March 23rd, 2023.

8. Other Business Matters

No other business matters.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were recommended

10. Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor Michael Hannon, Mayor, City of Newark, introduced the City of Newark elected officials and staff and thanked all involved with coordinating the event. He recognized March 8th as International Women's Day and recognized women's many outstanding efforts and accomplishments.

Mayor Hannon provided a historical review of the effort to plan, fund, and construct the City of Newark's Civic Center, which includes a new city hall, police station, library, and parking lot. He stated that the \$82.7M project was completed on time and under budget and that an Oversight Committee is in place to oversee project revenue and expenditures.

12. Meeting Presentation

President Lily Mei introduced Andy Katz, East Bay Municipal Water District (EBMUD) Board President and Sophia Skoda, East Bay Municipal Water District Finance Director who provided information regarding the status of water and the need for and amount of planned rate adjustment. History discussed. Sophia Skoda discussed EBMUD's history,

current status, and plans for the future, focusing on the need for significant capital improvements needed over the next five years. She discussed the timeframe for a potential rate adjustment and the many factors that necessitate one. She also discussed EBMUD's emphasis on its Water Lifeline program that assists lower-income families.

Sophia Skoda addressed questions from Mayor Marchand.

Mayor Mei announced the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame event.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director