

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of March 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Melissa Hernandez on March 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Albany Community Center at 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany, 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 John Miki
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Courtney Welch
Fremont	Councilmember Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Oakland	Mayor Sheng Thao
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown

2. Approval of the February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Welch and seconded by Mayor Marchand to approve the February 14, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

BART representative Henry Symons provided a system update, including the agency's Safe Routes to BART program.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

No reports were provided.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

Vice President Hernandez announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendation on the applications included in its March 13, 2024, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Hannon and seconded by Councilmember Salwan that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Mayor Mark Salinas to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for a full two-year term beginning April 13, 2024. The motion was approved by a roll call vote with Mayors Ezzy-Ashcraft, Salinas, Marchand, Hannon, Thao, Brown, Councilmember Salwan, and Vice President Hernandez voting in favor of the motion and Mayors Miki, Wech, and Cavanaugh voting against the motion.

The membership also indicated an interest in reviewing the existing bylaws concerning the priorities for appointments to county and regional boards.

7. Other Business Matters

Vice President Hernandez presented a plaque to Nicole Almauger, City Manager for the City of Albany, for her service as the 2023 Chair of the Alameda County City Managers' Association.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

Steven Bocian announced that Nick Chaset, CEO of AVA Community Energy, will be the speaker at the April 13, 2024, meeting, and Phong La, Alameda County Tax Assessor, will present at the May 8, 2024, meeting.

9. 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 pending state legislation and League activities, including proposed bills addressing the implementation of SB 1383 related to organic composting requirements, SB 915 pertaining to the regulation of autonomous vehicles, and AB 817 regarding meeting teleconferencing requirements. The next League East Bay Division meeting will be in the City of Alameda and California Attorney General Rob Bonta has been invited to be the guest presenter.

10. Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor John Miki thanked all involved in coordinating the event, including city staff and the caterer. His presentation provided a brief history of the City of Albany. The presentation also covered the development and use of the University of California's University Village graduate student housing development, Solano Avenue activity and impact on the community, and the proposed reuse of Golden Gate Fields, which he anticipates will involve a multi-city and agency planning process. Mayor Miki also highlighted the City's CERT program, its Housing Advisory Commission, youth representation on city committees and commissions, the positive impact of Measure P1 pertaining to City sidewalk repairs, and its free composting program.

11. Meeting Presentation

Hanna Malak, CEO of Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region, provided an overview of the agency's current activities, stating that March is Red Cross month. He discussed the Red Cross mission, highlighted that 90% of its service comes from volunteers, that it provides services nationally and internationally to over 60,000 disasters annually, and that it provides a response every eight minutes. Mr. Malak outlined its training and certification programs, including CPR, AED, and first aid, the importance of its blood donor programs, its emphasis on addressing diversity, the agency's work with armed forces, and climate change's impact on its service levels. Mr. Malak also provided an overview of its phone apps and noted that they are moving its offices from Oakland to San Leandro.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director