

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of April 11, 2018

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Pauline Russo Cutter. The meeting was held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Palm Pavilion located at 4501 Pleasanton Avenue in the City of Pleasanton.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Trish Spencer
Albany	Mayor Peggy McQuaid
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Dublin	David Haubert
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Pleasanton	Mayor Jerry Thorne
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the February 15, 2018 and March 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Halliday and seconded by Mayor Nagy to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2018 and March 14, 2018. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

There were no public comments.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci provided an update on the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

It was moved by Mayor Bauters and seconded by Mayor Nagy to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Barbara Halliday to the Alameda County Oversight Board commencing immediately upon approval by the membership. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Russo Cutter indicated that there is also an alternate position available for the Alameda County Oversight Board and in response, it was moved by Mayor Bauters and seconded by Mayor Nagy to appoint Carol Dutra-Vernaci to the Alameda County Oversight Board as an alternate member commencing immediately upon approval by the membership. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Russo Cutter announced regional board openings as follows:

- J ACTC Independent Watchdog Committee - Two positions currently open;
- J Association of Bay Area Governments – Accepting applications for two positions until May 1, 2018. Appointments scheduled for May 9, 2018;
- J East Bay Economic Development Alliance – Accepting applications for two positions until May 1, 2018. Appointments scheduled for May 9, 2018
- J San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (Alternate Position) – Accepting applications until June 5, 2018. Appointment scheduled for June 13, 2018.

7. League of California Cities Report and Legislative Updates and Actions

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities, provided an update on current state legislation, encouraged members to contact their state representative regarding bills being followed by the League and indicated that the legislature is considering a number of bills related to homelessness. She also provided information on Propositions 68 and 69 that will be on the June 2018 ballot, informed members that April 18, 2018 is the League's legislative action day, which will include an opportunity to meet state legislators, and that League's Bocce tournament will be held on April 26, 2018 in Fremont.

8. Meeting Presentation

The mayors introduced their police chiefs who were in attendance. President Russo Cutter introduced Gregory Ahern, Sheriff, Alameda County, Mark Koller, Police Chief, City of Hayward and Jeff Tudor, Police Chief, City of San Leandro who will participate in a panel discussion on the Urban Shield program and thanked the police chiefs for attending the meeting.

Sheriff Ahern provided an overview of Urban Shield, a program he started and funds with approximately \$1.5 million annually. He discussed the main components of the program, its detailed evaluation process, use of over 6,000 volunteers, visitors from around the world who observe it, its focus on teaching citizens how to protect themselves and the focus on training a wide range of individuals including, police officers, firefighters, emergency preparedness personnel, and representatives from outside agencies.

Sheriff Ahern outlined the vendors involved with the program, the focus of the roundtable exercises, the use of dogs, and robots, and an earthquake simulator, hazmat training and other aspects of the Urban Shield program. He indicated that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors indicated its interest in having a different

look to the program, but he is unsure what that will be and is committed to working with the Board of Supervisors on this matter.

Chief Koller explained he supports the program for many reasons including a broad range of training activity like tactical operations, unified command and logistics training, and creating an opportunity to respond to many independent event scenarios. He recognized the dedication of his staff and volunteers and the large amount of organizational planning required to make the program a success and stressed that the program's focus is to deescalate not escalate situations and to help people think under pressure.

Jeff Tudor indicated he participated in the program in 2007 and 2008. He discussed its benefits and how it has helped agencies work together, which has not always been the case. He indicated that the program provides EMS members with the "flow" that helps them address high pressure situations, that many disaster preparedness coordinators participate in the program and that he gets positive feedback about the program from the community.

Panel members addressed questions from the audience related to community outreach, opportunities for demonstrating support, planning collaboration with local police departments, the amount of full-time staffing dedicated to the program and the program's status all of which were addressed by the panel.

President Russo Cutter indicated that members need to make sure mayors stay involved and informed regarding the program and encouraged direct communication with program staff and police chiefs.

9. Other Matters

President Russo Cutter informed the members of the information concerning Proposition 68 that was included in the agenda packet and indicated she welcomed comment. There were not commenced.

President Russo Cutter presented potential changes to the meeting agenda that include switching the "Host City Introductions and Report" item with the "Meeting Presentation" item and indicated that the change will occur next month to see if it improves the overall timing of agenda items.

10. Host City Introductions and Report

Jerry Thorne, Mayor, City of Pleasanton welcomed attendees, thanked the panel for its presentation and introduced City of Pleasanton councilmembers and staff. A PowerPoint presentation was made by Pamela Ott, City of Pleasanton Economic Development Director which provided information on "Visit Tri-Valley", which promotes tourism and travel in the cities of Danville, Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. She indicated that travel and tourism is a \$1.5 trillion industry that also generates many jobs. The current program has an estimated budget of \$2 million,

which is funded with an assessment on every hotel room in the Tri-Valley. She played a short video on the topic and provided information on current promotions.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no recommendations concerning future agenda items.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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