

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of April 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Arreguin on April 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the City of San Leandro Senior Community Center at 13909 E. 14th Street, San Leandro, 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
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Emeryville	Mayor Courtney Welch
Fremont	Councilmember Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Oakland	Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Salinas and seconded by Mayor Hannon to approve the March 13, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Dee Rosario, East Bay Regional Parks Director, announced the East Bay Regional Park Fest events scheduled for May 11, 2024, at Lake Chabot Regional Park.

Mayor Cavanaugh announced the City of Piedmont Food Fest on April 20, 2024.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

President Arreguin provided an update on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), indicating work continues on the proposed affordable housing bond for the November 2024 ballot.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Arreguin announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendation on the applications included in its April 10, 2024, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Salinas that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Mayor Karla Brown to the Alameda Local Area Formation Commission for a full four-year term beginning April 7, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Other Business Matters

President Arreguin summarized the Executive Committee's discussion on reviewing the priorities for appointments to county and regional boards and requested Steven Bocian provide background on this subject. The revised priorities will clarify the priority for a mayor from a city with rotating mayors when the appointment occurs while the applicant is a mayor and a reappointment is sought while the applicant is a city councilmember. The revised language will be placed on the May 8, 2024, meeting agenda for consideration of approval.

8. 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 the proposed AB 2943 targeting organized retail theft. Samantha also announced that the next East Bay Chapter meeting will be on April 25, 2024, at the Alameda Yacht Club and that registration for the annual Bocce Ball tournament is open.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

Steven Bocian announced that Phong La, Alameda County Tax Assessor, will present at the May 8, 2024, and Larry Goldsband, Executive Director, San Francisco, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, will present at the June 12, 2024, meeting.

It was suggested that the Mayors' Conference schedule representatives from the Alameda County Fire Department to discuss EMS and from the East Bay Leadership Council.

10. Meeting Presentation

Nick Chaset, Chief Executive Officer of AVA Community Energy, provided an overview of the agency's current activities and the future of public, renewable energy, and sustainable development in Alameda County and San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Chaset outlined the agency's name change, its governance structure and jurisdiction, its role in providing electrical power, the sources and purchasing agreement for power, including renewables, and plans for the future.

Mr. Chaset answered questions raised by mayors Brown, Marchand, and Salinas concerning current customer rates, reasons for option out, and use of power for the PG&E Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

11. Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor Juan Gonzalez thanked all involved in coordinating the event, including city staff and the caterer. His presentation provided an overview of recent infill developments and activities in the city, including repurposing the Bay Fair Mall, development planning on an underutilized Kaiser Hospital site, and new multi-family housing developments. He discussed how the city uses innovation and metrics to evaluate and improve performance. He also discussed the power of kindness and how it can help elevate the community. He recognized several local individuals who have displayed kindness and described how their actions have benefited the community.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director