

# Alameda County Mayors' Conference

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

September 13, 2023

6:30 p.m.

The Emery Apartments

[4510 Hubbard Street, Emeryville](#)

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of July 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes\*
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Public Comments and Other Announcements
  - a) Pa'tanisha Pierson, Councilmember, City of Brentwood, and Port Chicago Task Force member, regarding an update on the Port Chicago 50 exoneration efforts
5. Member Reports on Regional Boards and Activities
6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications\*

Board Name/ Appointment	District	Incumbent	Applicant(s)	Start	End
<b>A. Regional Board Appointments by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference:</b>					
Alameda County Commission on Aging	North	Vacant	Denise McCowan	July 2023	June 2027
East Bay Regional Park District, Park Advisory Committee	N/A	Vacant	Corina Lopez	Sept. 2023	Sept. 2025

\*Applications submitted for appointment will always be included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet, which also includes a listing of current regional board vacancies.

7. Other Business Matters
  - a) Intention to call a meeting of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive/ Legislation Committee to discuss membership dues, reimbursement for dinners, and financial administration\*
8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters\*
9. League of California Cities' Report, Legislative Updates, and Actions
  - a) Samantha Caygill, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities
10. Host City Mayors' Report – City of Emeryville
11. Meeting Presentation  
Presenter: Dr. Philip Fine, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)  
Presentation Topic: Overview and update on BAAQMD's status and initiatives.
12. Adjournment

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\*Denotes report included below or attached material. Regional board applications are included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet

**Note:** The Mayors' Conference or the Alameda County City Selection Committee may act on any subject posted on this agenda, including nominations from the floor for regional boards.

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Item 6 – Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

Please see the Nominating Committee agenda packet for applications, information regarding these appointments, and the current listing of vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION – Meeting as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee, review the applications included with the Nominating Committee packet, consider the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, and take action regarding appointments to the regional agencies listed on this agenda.

### **Item 7. – Intention to call a meeting of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive/Legislation Committee on October 11, 2023, to discuss membership dues, reimbursement for dinners, and financial administration**

The Executive Director requests a meeting of the Executive/Legislative Committee on October 11, 2023, to review the amount of funding reimbursed to cities for hosting monthly meetings. Adjusting the amount reimbursed would likely result in an increase in Mayors' Conference annual dues. In addition, the Executive Director will present information to the Executive/Legislative Committee concerning potential changes to responsibilities and practices for the financial administration of the Mayors' Conference.

RECOMMENDATION – This item is informational, and no action is needed.

### **Item 8 – Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters**

The following presenters are confirmed for future meetings:

- October 11, 2023, Jessica Fain, Director of Planning, SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- November 8, 2023, Panel of local university and college officials
- December 13, 2023 – Yesenia Sanchez, Sheriff, Alameda County

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## **Presentation Topic**

Philip Fine will provide an overview and update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, including the District's work on AB 617 implementation in Alameda County and other regulatory initiatives.

## **Guest Speaker Bio:**

Dr. Philip Fine serves as the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer for the Air District, one of the preeminent air quality management agencies in the United States. As Executive Officer for the Air District, Dr. Fine is responsible for all agency functions and activities, including policy and rule development, enforcement, permitting, technology development, planning, grant allocation, administration, and engagement with communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution to address environmental justice concerns.

Dr. Fine joined the Air District from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he served as Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy, a presidentially appointed position. In this role, he led the Office of Environmental Justice through a period of unprecedented attention, action, and growth, including the implementation of President Biden's Justice40 initiative.

Prior to his term at the U.S. EPA, Dr. Fine served for 15 years at the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Southern California, the last five years in the position of Deputy Executive Officer for the Planning, Rule Development, and Area Sources Division.

Before joining the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Dr. Fine was a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. There he taught courses and conducted extensive research on particulate pollution, air monitoring technologies, and exposure assessment.

Dr. Fine received his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology in Environmental Science & Engineering, and his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and Materials Science & Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

## CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Host City
September 13, 2023	Emeryville
October 11, 2023	Pleasanton
November 8, 2023	Hayward
December 13, 2023	Piedmont
January 10, 2024	Livermore
February 14, 2024	Alameda

Meeting information is available at [www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org](http://www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org)

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of July 12, 2023

This meeting was called to order on July 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. by President Jesse Arreguin at the Masonic Homes of California located at 34400 Mission Boulevard, Union City, 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 Aaron Tiedemann
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Councilmember Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the June 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Mayor Salinas introduced the summer intern working in the mayor's office.

Elizabeth Ames, BART Director, discussed the new BART funding provided by the state and indicated her interest in having BART work with agencies toward consolidating transit agencies and implementing customer convenient services.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

No reports were provided.

## 6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Arreguin announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its July 12, 2023, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Bauters that the Alameda County

Mayors Conference accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the following appointments:

Barbara Price was reappointed as a member of the Alameda County Commission on Aging representing District North for a full four-year term through July 2027.

Mayor Mark Salinas, Hayward, was reappointed as a member of the East Bay Regional Communication System Authority for a full two-year term through July 2025.

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

**7. Other Business Matters**

No matters were raised

**8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters**

No recommendations were made

**9. League of California Cities Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), could not attend the meeting.

**10. Host City Mayors' Report**

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Mayor of Union City, introduced the City of Union City elected officials and staff and thanked all involved in coordinating the event, including the Masonic Homes of California support team. Mayor Dutra-Vernaci discussed the vision for the City of Union City, focusing on the role of the Station District and the Intermodal Station.

She discussed the goal of generating housing, jobs, transit, and community and the significant infrastructure that is occurring to facilitate the goal. She emphasized the role of partnering with local agencies, the 20 years of planning, and the \$160M investment in developing the Union City Intermodal Station, which will act as a critical hub for East Bay transportation and transit.

**11. Meeting Presentation**

President Jesse Arreguin introduced Andrew B. Fermier, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)/ Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), to discuss Plan Bay Area 2050, including its implementation and focus on sustainability in transit and housing. He also discussed efforts to save transit service in the Bay Area, the impact of long and short-term transit services, transit agency financial shortfalls, the impacts of SB102 on providing a transit lifeline, and the need to focus on transforming transit by addressing fares, customer service, accessibility, funding, and coordinated services. Mr. Fermier discussed Bay Area mega projects, including the BART Transbay Corridor, Valley Link, and a proposed housing initiative. He also presented information on new housing efforts, including regional housing technical assistance, REAP 2.0, and a proposed 2024 Housing funding measure.

Mr. Fermier addressed questions from Mayor Bauters and Elizabeth Ames, BART Director.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director