

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of May 9, 2018

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Libby Schaaf, City of Oakland, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Pauline Russo Cutter. The meeting was held at the Oakland Zoo's, Landing Café, located at 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland, California.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Alameda	Vice Mayor Malia Vella
Albany	Mayor Peggy McQuaid
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Pro-Tem Elisa Marquez
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
Pleasanton	Mayor Jerry Thorne
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the April 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Bauters to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 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

President Russo Cutter provided an update on the San Francisco Bay Area Air Quality District indicating that it is hosting a series of informational workshops on AB 617, including funding opportunities and air pollution control efforts, with the next workshop scheduled for May 10, 2018 in the City of Dublin. She also indicated that the Oakland International Airport is planning to expand, and it is seeking opportunities to meet in communities to receive input. If interested contact the District or President Russo Cutter.

6. 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 including information on Propositions 68 and 69 that will be on the June 5, 2018 ballot. She also discussed the proposed Tax Fairness and Accountability Act of 2018 and indicated that the League will be forming a committee to oppose the pending initiative. She indicated the Bocce tournament was a success, that May 18, 2018 was the deadline to RSVP for the July 22, 2018 Oakland A's game and that there will be a League division meeting on May 24, 2018 that will include a speaker from Eden Housing.

Mayor Marchand requested that the Executive Director prepare a resolution opposing the proposed Tax Fairness and Accountability Act of 2018 for consideration at the June 13, 2018 meeting.

7. Host City Mayor's Report

Libby Schaaf, Mayor, City of Oakland, welcomed attendees to the Oakland Zoo and introduced Dr. Parrot, President and CEO who said he has been with the Oakland Zoo for 35 years and that he is excited about its recent expansion, a portion of which will open in July of this year. He indicated that the Conservation Society of California, a non-profit corporation, manages and operates the Oakland Zoo, which has 80,000 members from many communities and 800,000 to 900,000 visitors annually. The recent expansion includes 56 new acres of activities and now the zoo is approximately 100 acres. The new expanded area is intended to reflect California's unique biodiversity and includes a veterinary hospital, restaurants, a gondola and exhibits. The exhibits will open in July of this year.

Mayor Schaaf indicated that the City of Oakland is booming, that there is considerable residential and commercial development occurring, that crime has been reduced with the use of police force down by 72%. This year the City will break records with the construction of 3,700 housing units and two commercial towers. One of the towers will be occupied by Blue Cross Blue Shield. She thanked the mayors who attended the premeeting on homelessness and indicated she will continue to fight to address this issue. She thanked all for attending this meeting.

8. Other Business

a) Approval of the Annual Financial Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

It was moved by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Nagy to approve the Annual Financial Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2017. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no requests for future agenda items

10. Meeting Presentation

President Russo Cutter introduced Nick Chaset, Chief Executive Officer of East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) and indicated that its new program will be launching in June 2018. Mr. Chaset provided an overview of the East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) and indicated an interest in learning how to work better with local officials and communities. He provided a brief history of the development of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), which was facilitated originally through state legislation passed more than seventeen years ago in the wake of an energy crisis. The first Bay Area CCA was formed in Marin County and these agencies are focused on allowing cities to have more control of its energy supply. Currently, every Bay Area county, except Solano County, has or will have an active CCA.

Mr. Chaset indicated that EBCE will buy electricity and send it over utility lines owned by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) with the intent of giving customers options regarding cost and source, including sustainable options. They are planning to offer three rate options with "Bright Choice" the default that has cleaner energy and lower rates than current PG&E rates, "Brilliant 100," which will be 100% carbon-free energy and remaining with PG&E as the third option. Rates will be approximately 1.5% lower than current rates but the net reduction is about 0.8%. Individual cities can elect the rate default for their communities and customers can adjust the rate option to meet their individual needs.

He thanked Alameda County for helping get his company started and indicated that it currently has nine employees located in the City of Oakland with plans to increase employees in the near future. He indicated that a business plan is currently being prepared, that's its call center is now open and that it is working on applying for a grant to electrify school busses.

Mr. Chaset addressed questions from attendees and indicated that June 7, 2018 is EBCE's launch event which will be held at the San Leandro Tech Center. He invited members to attend and welcomes the opportunity to meet with city representatives.

11. Appointments to Regional Boards, and Call for Applications and Election of Mayors' Conference Officers

It was moved by Mayor Bauters and seconded by Mayor Marchand to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Barbara Halliday and Trish Spencer to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board commencing July 1, 2018. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Arrequin and seconded by Mayor Nagy to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Trish Spencer and Carol Dutra-Vernaci to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance Executive Committee commencing July 1, 2018. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Nagy and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Casper Knoop, City of Newark resident to the Alameda County Transportation Commission, Independent Watchdog Committee effective immediately upon approval by the ACTC. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Schaaf and seconded by Mayor Arreguin to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Barbara Halliday as the President for the Alameda County Mayors' Conference effective immediately. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor McQuaid and seconded by Mayor Schaaf to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Al Nagy as the Vice-President for the Alameda County Mayors' Conference effective immediately. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci presented outgoing President Russo Cutter with a gift in recognition for her work as President of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian

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