

**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 7, 2010**  
**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE**  
Contra Costa Country Club  
801 Golf Club Drive, Pleasant Hill

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Lafayette, California, by Conference Chair Robert Taylor who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

Mayor Davis, Antioch  
Mayor Taylor, Brentwood  
Mayor Stratford, Clayton  
Mayor Bjerke, Concord  
Mayor Doyle, Danville  
Mayor Abelson, El Cerrito  
Mayor Valstad, Hercules  
Mayor Andersson, Lafayette  
Mayor Schroder, Martinez  
Mayor Chew, Moraga  
Mayor Anderson, Oakley  
Mayor McCormick, Orinda  
Mayor Long, Pinole  
Mayor Evola, Pittsburg  
Mayor Mitchoff, Pleasant Hill  
Mayor McLaughlin, Richmond  
Mayor McNeil, San Pablo  
Mayor Wilson, San Ramon  
Mayor Rainey, Walnut Creek

■ **Presentation – Congressman John Garamendi**

Congressman Garamendi addressed the Conference highlighting his meetings throughout the day with Contra Costa County leaders regarding transportation issues and stating he now has a greater sense of the transportation priorities for the region. He encouraged the Mayors to contact him with issues that he should be aware of.

1. **Presentation: Jim Wunderman, President and CEO, Bay Area Council**

Jim Wunderman addressed the Conference about the efforts by Repair California to develop two State-wide initiatives calling for a California Constitutional Convention to recommend comprehensive changes to the State Constitution focusing on the four areas of: (1) budget

process, (2) fiscal relationships of state and local government, (3) the management of Sacramento, and (4) the electoral process (term limits, initiative process, etc.).

During the question and answer period several Mayors and Congressman Garamendi expressed their support for the efforts underway to call a California Constitutional Convention to address the dysfunction in Sacramento.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2009, meeting held in Lafayette

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Conference Minutes of the December 3, 2009, meeting held in Lafayette.

3. **Conference Appointments:**

(a) **Conference 2010 Chair:**

The Conference Chair for 2010 is to be selected at this meeting. Conference by-laws provide that any Mayor or the current Vice Chair of the Conference may be nominated. Hercules Vice Mayor and current Conference Vice Chair Ed Balico has been nominated. This is the only nomination received.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to apply Conference policies and elect Hercules Vice Mayor Ed Balico as Conference Chair for 2010.

(b) **Conference 2010 Vice Chair:**

The Conference Vice Chair is to be selected at this meeting. Conference by-laws provide that any Mayor or Councilmember may be nominated. Three nominations were received for the position from Pleasant Hill Councilmember Michael Harris, Danville Councilmember Karen Stepper, and Moraga Councilmember David Trotter

Pleasant Hill Councilmember Michael Harris, Danville Councilmember Newell Arnerich (for Councilmember Stepper), Danville Councilmember Karen Stepper and Moraga Councilmember David Trotter each addressed the Conference presenting brief statements supporting the appointment to the Vice Chair position.

An initial roll call vote of the Conference was conducted with eight delegates supporting the appointment of Councilmember Trotter, seven delegates supporting the appointment of Councilmember Stepper, and four delegates supporting the appointment of Councilmember Harris.

A second roll vote of the Conference was conducted with ten delegates supporting the appointment of Councilmember Trotter as Vice Chair and nine delegates supporting the appointment of Councilmember Stepper as Vice Chair.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Moraga Councilmember Dave Trotter as Conference Vice Chair for 2010.

(This motion was made following the public communications section of the meeting.)

- (c) **East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee:** The remaining portion of the two-year term of recently deceased Danville Councilmember Mike Shimansky is to be filled at this meeting. Walnut Creek Councilmember Robert Simmons is the only nomination received for this vacancy.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to apply Conference policy and appoint Walnut Creek Councilmember Simmons to the East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee for the term ending December 31, 2010.

- (d) **Contra Costa County Elections Citizen Advisory Committee:** This position, vacated by the death of Danville Councilmember Mike Shimansky, is to be filled at this meeting. There is no defined term for this appointment; the Committee meets once annually. No nominations were received for this vacancy.

San Ramon Mayor Wilson nominated Brentwood Mayor Bob Taylor to the Committee. Mayor Taylor accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Brentwood Mayor Taylor to the Contra Costa County Elections Citizens Advisory Committee.

#### 4. Chair's Time

Chair Taylor deferred his time to Contra Costa Supervisor Gayle Uilkema and Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Boardmember. Uilkema addressed the Conference emphasizing the need for cities to be aware of workshops which will be scheduled in the near future by BAAQMD relating to changes in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) air quality thresholds based on AB32. She also reviewed that best practices information was available at [www.coolplan.org](http://www.coolplan.org).

5. League of California Cities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative.
- Consideration of a Resolution in Support of Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Act—an Initiative to Provide Additional Protection of Local Funds

Eric Figueroa addressed the Conference recommending adoption of the above resolution.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adopt a Resolution in support of Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Act – an initiative to provide additional protection of local funds.

#### 6. Mayors' Time

San Ramon Mayor Wilson announced that a letter has been prepared by the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority urging federal legislators' support of funding for the region's interoperable communication needs. He urged that all Mayors sign the letter.

Chair and Brentwood Mayor Taylor introduced and welcomed Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner to the Conference meeting.

Martinez Mayor Schroder reported on the Contra Costa/Martinez Project title “The Sustainable Health Action Plan.” He summarized that, in cooperation with the City of Martinez and the Martinez School District, the Wellness City Challenge Team will be collaborating and conducting research on solutions for the growing epidemic of youth obesity and diabetes.

Lafayette Mayor Andersson reported on the recent passing of long-time Lafayette Councilmember Ned Robinson.

Richmond Mayor McLaughlin reported on the February Conference meeting to be held in Richmond.

Concord Mayor Bjerke reported that environmental documents for the Concord Base Reuse Project would be available for public review in the near future and urged that cities review the documents given the regional significance of the project.

#### 7. County Supervisor Time

County Supervisor Susan Bonilla welcomed the Conference to District 4 and stated her appreciation for Mr. Wunderman’s comments on state reform.

#### 8. Public Communications

Clayton Councilmember Pearce reported on the successful meetings held earlier in the day between transportation leaders and Congressman Garamendi.

Bay Area Rapid Transit District Boardmember Gail Murray announced a new program wherein BART is providing free BART tickets to active military members who are on leave.

#### 9. Recognition of Outgoing Conference Chair

On behalf of the Conference, Incoming Chair Ed Balico recognized Chair Bob Taylor for his service to the Conference during the last year and he presented Chair Taylor with a plaque depicting the pins of the nineteen Conference cities.

#### 10. Welcome to Pleasant Hill by Mayor Karen Mitchoff

Mayor Mitchoff welcomed the Conference to Pleasant Hill and she introduced current and former Pleasant Hill Mayors and Councilmembers and City staff.

11. Adjourn to February 4 meeting in Richmond

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next Conference meeting to be held in Richmond on February 4, 2010. The meeting was adjourned in memory and recognition of the longtime service of former Lafayette Councilmember Ned Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh  
Executive Director