

MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2010
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
Richmond Memorial Convention Center
403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Richmond, California, by Conference Chair Ed Balico. Danville Councilmember Newell Arnerich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

Mayor Pro Tem Rocha, Antioch
Absent, Brentwood
Mayor Stratford, Clayton
Mayor Bjerke, Concord
Mayor Doyle, Danville
Mayor Abelson, El Cerrito
Mayor Valstad, Hercules
Mayor Andersson, Lafayette
Absent, 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
Absent, Walnut Creek

1. Presentation: Renewable Funding and California First Programs

Annie Henderson, Program Director for Renewable Funding, addressed the Conference describing programs for implementing the California First AB 811 program. She reviewed that Renewable Funding is working with the California Communities Joint Powers Authority, an agency created by the League of California Cities and the County Supervisors Association of California, to assist private property owners use property-assessed clean energy (PACE) programs to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects on private property, including residential, commercial and industrial properties. She reviewed how use of the programs can eliminate the chief barriers to clean energy installations by eliminating large upfront costs and financing the improvements through bonds repaid over time via property tax bills.

2. Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2010, meeting held in Pleasant Hill

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2010, meeting held in Pleasant Hill.

3. Chair's Time

Chair Balico announced appointments to the Executive Committee as being Conference Vice Chair and Moraga Councilmember David Trotter, Past Conference Chairs Walnut Creek Mayor Sue Rainey and Brentwood Mayor Bob Taylor, Pleasant Hill Councilmember Michael Harris, and Danville Councilmember Newell Arnerich.

4. League of California Cities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative

League Representative Eric Figueroa updated the Conference on the League's ongoing efforts to gather signatures for ballot initiatives to protect local government revenues. He noted that Conference Chair Ed Balico was also serving as President of the East Bay Division of the League for the current year and he advised that notices announcing the upcoming annual Bocce Ball Tournament would be emailed soon.

5. Mayors' Time: No Items

6. County Supervisor Time

County Supervisor John Gioia stated his appreciation for the information presented in the evening's program and he acknowledged the presence of Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates and State Senator Loni Hancock. He also welcomed the Conference to West County.

7. Public Communications

Lynda Deschambault addressed the Conference urging participation in the Contra Costa County Climate Leaders network and the quarterly workshops provided by the group.

Delgadillo Dominguez, representing the Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization (CCISCO), urged that cities help families save their homes by pressuring lenders to modify loans at reasonable terms, expand resources for home ownership and tenant counseling and increase the supply of affordable housing. He indicated the CCISCO representatives would be available following the meeting to answer any questions.

8. Welcome to Richmond by Mayor McLaughlin

Mayor Gayle McLaughlin welcomed the Conference to the recently renovated Richard Memorial Conference Center and she introduced current and former Richmond Councilmembers and staff.

9. Adjourn to March 4 meeting in San Pablo

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to the next Conference meeting to be held in San Pablo on March 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh
Executive Director