



**ANNOUNCING**  
Monthly Mayors' Conference  
August 5, 2010

*Hosted by the City of Walnut Creek*  
Downtown Walnut Creek Library  
1644 North Broadway  
Oak View Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**6:30 P.M. - Business Meeting**

**Featured Program**

**Cathy Reheis-Boyd**  
President, Western States Petroleum Association  
on the  
**Economic Impacts of the Petroleum Industry on  
Contra Costa County and the Bay Region**

**8:00 P.M. – Dinner**

DINNER RESERVATIONS are made through the City of Walnut Creek  
**RSVP to Lynne Prins at**  
[prins@walnut-creek.org](mailto:prins@walnut-creek.org) or call (925) 256-3505  
Reservation deadline is 12:00 Noon, Friday, July 23  
Dinner will include a buffet @ Maria Maria Restaurant  
located across the street

**DINNER RESERVATIONS:** Two dinners are prepaid for each City (Mayor and City Manager). Others interested in having dinner should call or e-mail the contact listed above and pay for the dinner at the door. Checks are to be made payable to the host City/Town. Individuals will be billed for reservations which are made but not cancelled by the deadline date. **Dinner Cost: \$50.**

**~ ~ SPECIAL NOTICE ~ ~**

**Tours of the new Downtown Walnut Creek Library are being offered. Tours will depart from the Oak View Room at 5:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 5:45 pm, and 6:00 pm.**

## Walnut Creek Downtown Library 1644 North Broadway @ Broadway at Civic Park

Free parking is available after 6pm in the Library garage on a first-come, first-served basis. With limited street parking, the best option is the Broadway Garage, located at 1390 North Broadway for \$.50/hour. Limited parking is available at City Hall also on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Accessibility

- Handicapped parking spots are available in each garage and are clearly marked.
- There are two elevators in the Library garage and one elevator in the Broadway garage
- A drop-off zone is also available outside the Library's front doors at the East entrance.

### From Oakland/SF:

- Take Highway 24 to 680 North
- Exit at Ygnacio Valley Road
- Turn Right off exit
- Turn Right onto N. Broadway
- Turn Left onto Lincoln Street to park at the Library or continue an additional block to park in the Broadway Garage (on the left-hand side)

### From San Jose:

- Take Highway 680 North
- Exit at S. Main Street
- Turn Right onto Newell Avenue
- Turn Left on S. Broadway, the Broadway parking garage will be on your right past Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### From Concord/Sacramento:

- Take 680 South
- Exit at Walnut Creek/North Main Street and go toward N. Main Street
- Go straight, staying Left toward N. Main Street
- Turn Left onto Civic Drive
- Turn Right onto N. Broadway
- Turn Left onto Lincoln Street to park at the Library or continue an additional block to park in the Broadway Garage (on the left-hand side)

**Once inside the Library** – the Oak View Room is on the second floor on the south side of the building. Please be sure to check in at the registration table outside the conference room. There will also be a registration table at Maria Maria for those who go straight to the restaurant.





**CONTRA COSTA**  
COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE  
&  
CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

**August 5, 2010  
Business Meeting Agenda  
6:30 P.M.**

**HOSTED BY THE CITY OF WALNUT CREEK  
Downtown Public Library  
1644 North Broadway**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:

**1. FEATURED SPEAKER:**

**Cathy Reheis-Boyd**  
**President, Western States Petroleum Association**  
on the  
Economic Impacts of the Petroleum  
Industry on Contra Costa County and the Bay Region

**2. Approval of Minutes of the July 1 meeting.**

- 3. Appointment: Airport Land Use Commission:** The Conference appoints two members to the Airport Land Use Commission, each serving four-year terms. Robert Brockman, Brentwood Councilmember has resigned. His term ends May 1, 2012. No nominations were received by the deadline for this position. Nominations can be taken from the floor.

Note: Any mayor or councilmember is eligible for appointment; however, it has been Conference tradition to appointment an elected official from cities that are impacted by the two airports in the County (i.e., the second appointee to the Commission is Pleasant Hill Councilmember David Durant as Pleasant Hill is near Buchanan Field. Byron Airport impacts primarily East County cities.) See attached description of the Commission's purpose.

- 4. Appointment: ABAG Hazardous Waste Management Facilities Allocation Committee:** Sue Rainey, Walnut Creek Mayor, has served on this Committee for several years. She has announced her resignation because of scheduling conflicts. The Committee meets several times per year. (See attached description of the Committee's purpose). No nominations were received by the deadline for this position. Nominations can be taken from the floor.

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5. **Consider adoption of Resolution to Support Proposition 22 on the November 2010 ballot.** This Proposition would further protect local government revenue from State seizure. Members of this Conference strongly supported qualification of this Measure for the ballot. (See attached resolution.)
6. Chair's Time
7. League of California Cities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative
8. Mayors' Time
9. County Supervisor's Time
10. Public Communications
11. Welcome to Walnut Creek by Mayor Sue Rainey
12. Adjourn to September 2 meeting in Danville.

Agenda deadline for the September 2 meeting is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18

October 7: Clayton  
November 4: Hercules  
December 2: Pittsburg

**MINUTES**  
**JULY 1, 2010**  
**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE**  
City of Pinole  
Pinole Senior Center, 2500 Charles Avenue

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in Pinole, California, by Conference Chair Ed Balico. Contra Costa County Supervisor Gayle Uilkema led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

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

**1. FEATURED SPEAKER:**

Dr. Joseph Ovick, Superintendent of the Contra Costa County Office of Education, addressed the Conference discussing the challenges faced by local public agencies, including schools, during the current difficult economic times as well as the current state of affairs of County schools.

**2. Approval of Minutes of May 6 and June 3, 2010 meetings.**

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes for the Conference meetings of May 6<sup>th</sup> held in El Cerrito and June 3<sup>rd</sup> held in Martinez.

3. **Announcement of Upcoming Appointment: Airport Land Use Commission:** The Conference appoints two members to the Airport Land Use Commission, each serving four-year terms. Robert Brockman, Brentwood Councilmember has resigned. His term ends May 1, 2012. Nominations are now open for this vacancy and anyone wishing to apply should file a nomination letter by e-mail to the Conference Executive Director no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

Chair Balico announced the upcoming appointment to the Airport Land Use Commission as highlighted above.

4. **Announcement of Upcoming Appointment: ABAG Hazardous Waste Management Facilities Allocation Committee:** Sue Rainey, Walnut Creek Mayor, has served on this Committee for several years. She has announced her resignation because of scheduling conflicts. The Committee meets several times per year. Nominations are now open for this vacancy and anyone wishing to apply should file a nomination letter by e-mail to the Conference Executive Director no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

Chair Balico announced the upcoming appointment to the ABAG Hazardous Waste Management Facilities Allocation Committee as highlighted above.

5. **Contra Costa Transportation Authority: Update on proposed DMV license fee increase to support local transportation projects**

Contra Costa Transportation Authority Executive Director Randy Iwasaki addressed the Conference delegates and provided an update on the Authority's plans to propose a November ballot measure for a DMV license fee increase to support local transportation projects.

6. **Executive Committee's Report and Possible Recommendation(s) Regarding a Letter from Conference Appointees to LAFCO Pertaining to the Measure F Election in Brentwood**

Executive Director Blubaugh reviewed the background for the matter coming before the Conference. The issue included communications received from the Executive Director of Save Mount Diablo which raised questions and concerns about a letter signed by Helen Allen and Rob Schroder regarding Brentwood's Measure F relating to expansion of the Urban Limit Line. The letter included language that the two individuals represented Contra Costa's 19 cities as the Mayors' Conference appointees on the Local Agency Formation Commission and the letter was signed as LAFCO Commissioners.

Mr. Blubaugh reported that the Conference Executive Committee met earlier in the afternoon to review the matter. Committee members present were Chair Ed Balico, Past Chair Sue Rainey, and at large members Mike Harris (Pleasant Hill) and Newell Arnerich (Danville). He clarified that Committee member Bob Taylor (Brentwood) abstained from the discussions due a potential perceived conflict of interest because the issues dealt with Brentwood and that Committee member and Conference Vice Chair Dave Trotter (Moraga) abstained from the discussions due a

potential perceived conflict of interest because he is a member of the Board of Directors of Save Mount Diablo.

Mr. Blubaugh noted that the Executive Committee received input from LAFCO Commissioners Allen and Schroder, from Save Mount Diablo representatives and from members of the public. Following deliberation, he advised that the Committee had developed a recommendation for the Conference to consider.

Chair Balico summarized the Executive Committee's recommendations (which were also distributed in written format to the Conference delegates and which are included the content of the below adopted motions in bold typeface.)

Ron Brown, Executive Director, Save Mount Diablo, addressed the Conference presenting Save Mount Diablo's concerns over the actions of the Mayors' Conference appointees to LAFCO when they misused their authority. His comments were detailed in correspondence submitted to Conference delegates.

Concord Councilmember and LAFCO representative Helen Allen addressed the Conference reading a letter responding to comments by Save Mount Diablo representatives indicating she wrote the subject letter in response to numerous questions. She stated she understood the letter was misperceived by some and she apologized to all.

Martinez Mayor and LAFCO representative Rob Schroder addressed the Conference clarifying that he did not sign the letter in question with the intent that it be used by either side of the ballot measure nor did he intend that the letter be considered a reflection of the views of the Conference and he apologized for what transpired.

Jeff Rubin, Pinole Community Services Commissioner and Pinole resident, urged that the Conference take strong action and consider a motion to remove Ms. Allen and Mr. Schroder from their LAFCO Board positions.

Peter Murray, Pinole Councilmember, expressed concern with the actions taken by Ms. Allen and Mr. Schroder stating that it is important that LAFCO commissioners remain impartial in all matters and there was a responsibility to the public that all issues stay above reproach.

In proposing the following motion, Danville Vice Mayor Stepper noted that Conference appointees to various agencies do not come back to the Conference before taking votes on various agency business; their votes on the agency boards they serve on are often based on a great deal information that is provided; representatives make the best decisions possible; and they know that their votes do not represent the views of the Conference.

**MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously directing the Executive Director to draft an amendment to the Conference Policies and Procedures statement that the Conference can take positions on actions following discussion and deliberation and that no appointee of the Conference may assert directly or by inference that their individual action is the will of the Conference.** Said motion carried by a unanimous (17-0) roll call vote.

In proposing the following motion, Pinole Mayor Long expressed her concern with the actions of Ms. Allen and Mr. Schroder. She questioned whether there was an appearance of a Brown Act violation because two LAFCO commissioners commented on a potential future LAFCO annexation hearing (and their letter was then agreed to by three additional LAFCO commissioners). She stated, if the Conference did not take action, it could send a message that transparency in government was not needed. She also questioned whether developers had undue influence on the LAFCO commissioners.

MOTION was made and seconded to remove Helen Allen and Rob Schroder as the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference representatives to the LAFCO Board of Directors. Said motion failed by the following roll call vote:

NOES: Antioch, Clayton, Concord, Danville, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga,  
Oakley, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, Walnut Creek  
AYES: Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito  
ABSTAIN: Brentwood  
ABSENT: Orinda, Pittsburg

In making the following motion, Walnut Creek Mayor Rainey noted her comments during the earlier Executive Committee meeting stating she was disappointed in the letter as it was inappropriate. She noted that the Conference has had no formal policy on the specific matter even though most elected officials know the letter should not have been written as it was. Further, she felt that it was appropriate that the Commissioners were put on notice regarding their actions. As part of the vote for the following motion, Danville Vice Mayor Stepper stated she would give the individuals the benefit of the doubt and, while she was disappointed, she did accept their apologies.

**MOTION was made and seconded stating the Conference is disappointed with the actions taken by its appointees to LAFCO for writing a letter stating that they represented the 19 cities on LAFCO as Mayors' Conference representatives, and then outlining possible consequences of a "NO" vote on Brentwood Measure F relating to amending the Urban Limit Line. Unless prohibited by LAFCO or state law, elected officials are free to express opinions on issues. Further, the Mayors' Conference is not in the business of taking issues on individual city matters and especially when pitting one city against another. Further, the only one who can speak on behalf of the Conference is its chair or other designated representative after the matter has been discussed and acted upon by the Conference. The Conference never took a position on Measure F.** Said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Antioch, Clayton, Concord, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Moraga,  
Oakley, Pinole, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon, Walnut Creek  
NOES: Danville  
ABSTAIN: Brentwood, Martinez  
ABSENT: Orinda, Pittsburg

7. Chair's Time – No Items

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

Mr. Figueroa announced that the speaker for the July East Bay Division meeting would be Jim Wunderman.

9. Mayors' Time

Walnut Creek Mayor Rainey reported that the new Walnut Creek Downtown Library would be officially opened on July 17<sup>th</sup> with the August 5<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Conference meeting scheduled at the facility.

Oakley Mayor Anderson announced that Oakley was celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Danville Vice Mayor Stepper announced the ground breaking for the new Danville Veterans Hall.

San Pablo Mayor McNeil announced this would be his last meeting representing San Pablo as its mayor as the Council will be conducting their annual reorganization in July and he anticipated that Vice Mayor Calloway would become their new mayor.

10. County Supervisor's Time

Contra Costa Supervisor Uilkema welcomed the Conference to District 2. She reported that earlier in the day the County Assessor's Office released earlier the new assessed valuation figures. She summarized the changes in the valuations and provided a copy to Executive Director Blubaugh to email to Conference delegates.

11. Public Communications

Tina King Neuhausel, Executive Director, Sustainable Contra Costa, announced and invited everyone to the upcoming 2010 Sustainable Contra Costa Awards Gala on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

12. Welcome to Pinole by Mayor Debbie Long

Pinole Mayor Debbie Long welcomed the Conference to the City of Pinole and introduced current and former Pinole Mayors and Councilmembers and City staff.

13. Adjourn to August 5 meeting in Walnut Creek

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the next regular Conference meeting to be held in Walnut Creek on August 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh  
Executive Director

## **ABAG HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

### **FUNCTIONS:**

- To develop and oversee a regional approach to planning for hazardous waste management facilities within the Bay Area
- To develop and process for allocation of responsibility among participating counties for the siting of hazardous waste management facilities based upon the fair share principle secured by a joint powers agreement.
- To promote local determination of land use
- To provide a forum for review of hazardous waste generation and capacity trends within participating counties.
- To promote hazardous waste minimization by encouraging on-site source reduction, recycling and treatment
- To provide consistency in methodology for the compilation and analysis of hazardous waste generation statistics for participating counties
- To review annually the fair share allocation of siting responsibility for the Bay Area based upon the most current waste generation figures
- To promote regulatory compliance, pollution prevention and resource conservation through the Bay Area Green Business Program
- To identify and implement other source reduction and pollution prevention strategies

**COMPOSITION:** Up to 18 members, including one member representing each participating county, and one member representing the cities within each participating county.

**MEETINGS:** As needed but at least twice per year

## **Airport Land Use Commission**

The Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) was established in Contra Costa County in 1970. The ALUC membership consists of seven members with two members each appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the Mayors' Conference, and airport managers (Buchanan Field Airport and Byron Airport), and the seventh member, representing the general public, appointed by the other six.

This Commission's purpose is to promote the orderly development of compatible land uses around each public airport in the County, in order to safeguard both the interests of the general public and the welfare of inhabitants in the area of the airport. The Commission also encourages the growth of air commerce and protects the airport from the encroachment of non-compatible land uses.

Additional information is available from Lachun Cross, Contra Costa County Community Development Department at [lashun.cross@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:lashun.cross@dcd.cccounty.us) (925) 335-1229.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSITION 22, THE LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010**

WHEREAS, California voters have repeatedly and overwhelmingly passed separate ballot measures to stop State raids of local government funds, and to dedicate the taxes on gasoline to fund local and state transportation improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, these local government funds are critical to provide the police and fire, emergency response, parks, libraries, and other vital local services that residents rely upon every day, and gas tax funds are vital to maintain and improve local streets and roads, to make road safety improvements, relieve traffic congestion, and provide mass transit; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that voters have repeatedly passed measures to prevent the State from taking these revenues dedicated to funding local government services and transportation improvement projects, the State Legislature has seized and borrowed billions of dollars in local government and transportation funds in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, this year's borrowing and raids of local government, redevelopment and transit funds, as well as previous, ongoing raids of local government and transportation funds have lead to severe consequences, such as layoffs of police, fire and paramedic first responders, fire station closures, stalled economic development, healthcare cutbacks, delays in road safety improvements, public transit fare increases and cutbacks in public transit services; and

WHEREAS, State politicians in Sacramento have continued to ignore the will of the voters, and current law provides no penalties when state politicians take or borrow these locally-dedicated funds; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of local government, transportation and transit advocates recently filed a constitutional amendment with the California Attorney General, called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, for placement on California's November 2010 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ballot initiative, Proposition 22, would close loopholes and change the constitution to further prevent State politicians in Sacramento from seizing, diverting, shifting, borrowing, transferring, suspending or otherwise taking or interfering with tax revenues dedicated to funding local government services, including redevelopment, or dedicated to transportation improvement projects and mass transit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference formally endorses Proposition 22, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, a proposed constitutional amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the listing of the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference in support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 and instruct staff to submit a copy of this resolution to campaign offices..

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of August, 2010 by the following vote:

