

**MINUTES**  
**January 8, 2009**  
**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE**  
Pittsburg Yacht Club, 3 Marina Boulevard  
City of Pittsburg

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Pittsburg, California, by Chair Rainey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Rainey.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

As part of the roll call, Mayors introduced themselves stating whether this was their first term as Mayor or how many terms they have served as Mayor of their community. The notes below represent the number of terms or whether the Mayor is directly elected (DE).

Mayor Davis, Antioch (DE1)  
Mayor Taylor, Brentwood (DE3)  
Mayor Pierce, Clayton (4)  
Mayor Hoffmeister, Concord (3)  
Mayor Arnerich, Danville (3)  
Mayor Potter, El Cerrito (2)  
Mayor McDonald, Hercules (1)  
Mayor Tatzin, Lafayette (5)  
Vice Mayor Menesini, Martinez  
Mayor Trotter, Moraga (1)  
Mayor Rios, Oakley (2)  
Mayor Severson, Orinda (1)  
Mayor Horton, Pinole  
Mayor Parent, Pittsburg (4)  
Mayor Harris, Pleasant Hill (2)  
Mayor McLaughlin, Richmond (DE)  
Mayor McNeil, San Pablo (1)  
Mayor Wilson, San Ramon (DE6)  
Vice Mayor Rainey, Walnut Creek

**1. Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2008, meeting held in Brentwood**

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Conference meeting of December 4, 2008, held in Brentwood with a correction under the roll call to reflect that Newell Arnerich is the Mayor (versus Vice Mayor) of Danville.

**2. Presentation: Delta Vision Task Force recommendation**

Phil Isenberg, Chair of the Governor's Delta Vision Task Force and former member of the State Assembly, presented an in depth presentation on the Delta Vision Task Force Strategic Plan

including findings of the study, the identified goals for the Delta and the near term and longer term next steps proposed in the study. A lengthy question and answer period followed the presentation.

3. **Announcement of Upcoming Conference Appointments:**

- (a) **Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG):** Due to the retirement of Walnut Creek Councilmember Gwen Regalia and Richmond Councilmember John Marquez, the two Conference appointments to ABAG are vacant. Both positions are two-year terms which expire on June 30, 2009. Pending filling of the positions, Alternates Julie Pierce (Clayton Mayor) and Janet Kennedy (Martinez Councilmember) will serve.

Appointments for the unexpired terms listed above will be made at the February 5, 2009, Conference meeting. Nominations should be sent to the Executive Director at admin@ccmayors.com no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

Chair Rainey announced that appointments for the above positions would be filled at the February Conference meeting.

4. **Conference Appointments:**

- (a) **Conference 2009 Chair:**

The Conference Chair for 2009 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. Brentwood Mayor and current Conference Vice Chair Bob Taylor has been nominated. This is the only nomination received.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to apply Conference policies and **elect Brentwood Mayor Taylor as Conference Chair for 2009.**

Mayor Taylor thanked the Conference delegates for selecting him as Conference Chair stating he was available to assist the Conference which represented 19 cities and towns serving 900,000 residents and businesses.

- (b) **Conference 2009 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. Two nominations were received for the position from Hercules Councilmember Ed Balico and Danville Councilmember Karen Stepper

Danville Councilmember Karen Stepper addressed the Conference stating her interest in serving the Conference but stated she would step aside at this time as Hercules Councilmember Ed Balico had stepped aside in recent years so others could be appointed.

Danville Mayor Arnerich proposed the following motion stating his desire that a Danville representative be considered for the position in the future.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to **elect Hercules Councilmember Ed Balico as Conference Vice Chair for 2009.**

- (c) **Contra Costa Transportation Authority Representative:** The two-year term covers the period of February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2011. The position is currently held by Danville Councilmember Karen Stepper. One nomination has been received for the position from Hercules Councilmember Ed Balico.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to apply Conference policies and **elect Hercules Councilmember Ed Balico as Conference representative to the Authority.**

- (d) **Contra Costa Transportation Authority Alternate:** The two-year term covers the period of February 1, 2009, through January 31, 2011. The position is currently held by Hercules Councilmember Ed Balico. One nomination has been received for the position from San Ramon Councilmember Dave Hudson.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to apply Conference policies and **elect San Ramon Councilmember Hudson as Conference alternate to the Authority.**

5. Introduction of newly-elected and re-elected Mayors and Councilmembers and acknowledgement of newly appointed 2009 Mayors.

All 2009 Mayors were introduced earlier in the meeting during the roll call. Chair Rainey requested and all recently re-elected Mayors and Councilmembers stood and were recognized.

Chair Rainey then introduced the following newly-elected Councilmembers and one newly elected Mayor.

Antioch	James Davis, Mayor Mary Rocha Martha Parsons (Appointed)
Clayton	Howard Geller Joe Medrano
El Cerrito	Ann Cheng Greg Lyman
Hercules	Donald Kuehne
Moraga	Howard Harpham Karen Mendonca
Oakley	Jim Frazier
Pleasant Hill	Karen Mitchoff
Richmond	Jeff Ritterman
San Pablo	Arturo Maldonado Cruz Cecelia Valdez
Walnut Creek	Kish Rajan Bob Simmons

6. Chair's Time

Chair Rainey noted that a mayors' reception would be conducted at her home on January 29<sup>th</sup> and the timing was set so individuals could attend the evening guest speaker presentation for the Contra Costa USA event scheduled on the same day. She also reported that the AB32/SB375 briefing scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup> already had over 80 confirmed attendees and only 15 seats were still available.

7. Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) Financial Update

Joel Keller, BART Board member, addressed the Conference referencing the impacts to transit agencies resulting from recent State cuts to State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. He urged that cities consider adopting resolutions urging reinstatement of the transit funding. Mr. Keller also updated the Conference on the hearing held earlier in the day by the BART Board and the status of the ongoing investigation regarding the recent BART police shooting.

8. League of California Cities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative - No Report

9. Mayors' Time – No Items

10. County Supervisor Time

Supervisor Glover echoed BART Board member Joel Keller's comments regarding STA funding and stated he and Amy Worth, as MTC representatives, would also be working to see that Contra Costa projects were considered as federal stimulus projects.

He welcomed the Conference to East County and District 5 and he recognized Supervisors Gayle Uilkema and Mary Piepho and Board Chair Susan Bonilla who were present at the meeting.

11. Public Communications – No Items

12. Recognition of Outgoing Conference Chair

Incoming Chair Taylor recognized and thanked outgoing Conference Chair Sue Rainey for her service as Conference Chair for 2008 (and as Conference Chair for 1978) and presented her with a plaque displaying the pins of each of the Contra Costa County cities and towns.

13. Welcome to Pittsburg by Mayor Nancy Parent

Mayor Nancy Parent welcomed the Conference to the City of Pittsburg and she introduced current and former Pittsburg Councilmembers and Mayors and City staff.

14. Adjourn to February 5 meeting in Danville

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next regular Conference meeting scheduled for February 5, 2009 in Danville.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh  
Executive Director