

MINUTES
February 5, 2009
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street
Town of Danville

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Danville, California, by Chair Taylor. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danville Mayor Arnerich.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

Mayor Davis, Antioch
Mayor Taylor, Brentwood
Mayor Pierce, Clayton
Mayor Hoffmeister, Concord
Mayor Arnerich, Danville
Mayor Pro Tem Abelson, El Cerrito
Mayor McDonald, Hercules
Mayor Tatzin, Lafayette
Mayor Schroder, Martinez
Mayor Trotter, Moraga
Vice Mayor Anderson, Oakley
Mayor Severson, Orinda
Vice Mayor Fujita, Pinole
Mayor Parent, Pittsburg
Mayor Harris, Pleasant Hill
Mayor McLaughlin, Richmond
Mayor McNeil, San Pablo
Mayor Wilson, San Ramon
Mayor Skrel, Walnut Creek

1. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2009, meeting held in Pittsburg

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Conference meeting of January 8, 2009, held in Pittsburg.

2. Presentation: Impacts of Climate Change on the San Francisco Bay

Will Travis, Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, addressed the Conference with a power point presentation demonstrating impacts of climate change on the San Francisco Bay which will necessitate adaptation and proactive steps for its ongoing preservation.

3. **Conference Appointments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG):** Two appointments for representatives to ABAG's Executive Committee are to be selected. The positions will cover the vacancies created by the retirement of Walnut Creek Councilmember Gwen Regalia and Richmond Councilmember John Marquez. Both positions are two-year terms which expire on June 30, 2009. Three nominations were received for the two positions from: Clayton Mayor Julie Pierce, San Ramon Vice Mayor David Hudson, and Hercules Councilmember Joanne Ward

Each of the nominees, Clayton Mayor Pierce, San Ramon Vice Mayor Hudson and Hercules Councilmember Ward addressed the Conference presenting their qualifications for appointment to the ABAG Executive Committee. Following the presentations a roll call vote of the Conference delegates took place with each delegate voting for two candidates. Clayton Mayor Pierce received 17 votes; Hercules Councilmember Ward received 11 votes; and San Ramon Vice Mayor Hudson received 10 votes.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to **appoint Clayton Mayor Julie Pierce and Hercules Councilmember Joanne Ward to the ABAG Executive Committee with terms expiring June 30, 2009.**

4. Chair's Time

Chair Taylor reported on a suggestion discussed at the recent new mayors' reception that the Conference activities be expanded to include legislative advocacy matters. He reported that initial efforts would include soliciting ideas from members about which local issues to focus on for the current year with a more full blown strategy to be developed for 2010.

Chair Taylor also reported on the New Council Orientation program which was conducted on January 31st with 12 new Councilmembers in attendance.

5. League of California Cities Update: No Report

6. Mayors' Time

San Ramon Mayor Wilson reported on the recent U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting which he attended in Washington, D.C. and he encouraged mayors to consider attendance in the future.

Richmond Mayor McLaughlin reported on Richmond's solar thermal rebate program and suggested participation by other cities.

Concord Mayor Hoffmeister suggested that as part of a legislative advocacy program that the Conference consider sending a letter supporting fiscal streamlining through elimination of the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

7. County Supervisor's Time

Supervisor Phiepho welcomed the Conference to District 3 and thanked the Town of Danville for its recent recognition of Pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger. She also reported on the Board of Supervisors' action to approve a tolling agreement relating to tax revenue collection fees and she highlighted that, as part of the upcoming Alamo incorporation election scheduled in March, there are 15 candidates running for the new City Council.

8. Public Communications

Hercules Councilmember Balico and Conference representative to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority called to the attention of Conference delegates the materials which were distributed describing the list of City/County projects approved by the Authority for the Federal economic stimulus funding.

Angelia Ramirez Holmes, representing Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, reviewed the legislative committees which Assemblywoman Skinner has been appointed to and she invited mayors to call upon Assemblywoman Skinner should assistance be needed.

9. Welcome to Danville by Mayor Newell Arnerich

Mayor Arnerich introduced and welcomed recently elected Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan.

Assemblywoman Buchanan addressed the Conference commending the group on the outstanding program. She referenced the ongoing State budget negotiations occurring in Sacramento and she reviewed the legislative committees she has been appointed to.

Mayor Arnerich welcomed the Conference to the Town of Danville and introduced current and former Danville Councilmembers, Mayors and City staff.

10. Adjourn to March 5 meeting in Clayton

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to the next regular Conference meeting scheduled for March 5, 2009 in Clayton.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh
Executive Director