



**CONTRA COSTA**  
**COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE**

**ANNOUNCING**  
**Monthly Mayors' Conference**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

***Hosted by the Town of Danville***  
**Town Meeting Hall**  
**201 Front Street**

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

***Will Travis***  
***Executive Director***  
***San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission***  
Mr. Travis will address the Conference on the impacts of climate change on the San Francisco Bay

**8:00 P.M. – Dinner:**

Following the business meeting, dinner will be served next door to the Town Meeting Hall at the Bridge's Restaurant. Please check in at the Town Meeting Hall.

DINNER RESERVATIONS are made through the Town of Danville  
**RSVP to Marie Sunseri, City Clerk** at  
[msunseri@ci.danville.ca.us](mailto:msunseri@ci.danville.ca.us) or call (925) 314-3401.

With your RSVP, specify your dinner entrée choice of either:

Fresh Salmon

Chicken

Vegetarian

Reservation deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 30.

**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.**

**DIRECTIONS TO THE DANVILLE TOWN MEETING HALL:**

From I-680 (North or South): Take the Diablo Road exit. Turn west on Diablo Road. At second stoplight turn left on Front Street. Travel 1 ½ blocks to two public parking lots on right side (just prior to the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street).



**February 5, 2009  
Business Meeting Agenda  
6:30 P.M.**

**HOSTED BY THE TOWN OF DANVILLE**

**Town Meeting Hall  
201 Front Street**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:

1. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2009, meeting held in Pittsburg
2. **Presentation:**

**Will Travis, Executive Director  
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission**

**Mr. Travis will address the Conference on the  
impacts of climate change on the San Francisco Bay**

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 (attached) were received for the two positions from:

**Clayton Mayor Julie Pierce  
San Ramon Vice Mayor David Hudson  
Hercules Councilmember Joanne Ward**

**Action:** Conference rules require a majority vote by those delegates present.

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4. Chair's Time
5. League of California Cities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative
6. Mayors' Time
7. County Supervisor's Time
8. Public Communications
9. Welcome to Danville by Mayor Newell Arnerich
10. Adjourn to March 5 meeting in Clayton

Agenda deadline for March 5 meeting is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 18th

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

March:	Clayton
April:	Walnut Creek*
May:	Hercules*

\*Note the meeting location change for these two meetings.

**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

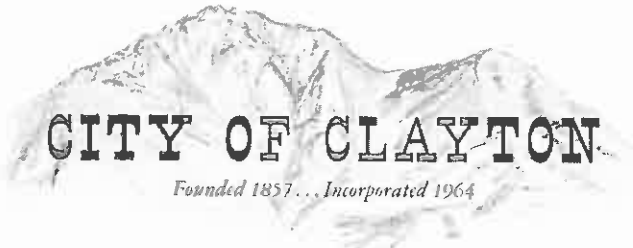
Mayor Nancy Parent welcomed the Conference to the City of Pittsburg and she introduced current and former Pittsburg Councilmembers and Mayors and City staff.

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



# CITY OF CLAYTON

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WILLIAM R. WALCUTT

December 19, 2008

Dear Mayors,

I wish to ask for your support of my appointment as the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference representative to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. I have served as the alternate to Gwen Regalia for several years and ask for your support and appointment to the seat she so ably held on our behalf.

There have been many changes to our collective membership this past year. The retirement of Gwen Regalia leaves an experience gap on the ABAG Executive Board from Contra Costa. As Gwen's alternate I participated in many of the key issues discussed by ABAG. I have also served on ABAG's Regional Planning Committee (RPC) since 2000. One of our current assignments is to act as the regional disaster response board, preparing for how our Bay Area will recover long-term after a disaster. As a subcommittee of the RPC, I also served on the Housing Methodology Committee to revise the methodology for assignment of RHNA numbers.

As the Chair of the Contra Costa Shaping Our Future planning effort several years ago, I believe I have a good understanding of the challenges of our diverse communities. As a 16-year member on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), I also clearly understand our local and regional transportation issues. As transportation and land-use are being ever more closely linked for funding, I can and will make sure our priorities are understood. As ABAG embarks with Projections 2009 and regional planning, I want to be sure that Contra Costa's voice is clearly represented and articulated.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the issues with me, please call me at home at 925-672-3238 or on my cell phone at 925-518-4446. Thank you for your support.



Julie Pierce  
Mayor, City of Clayton



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**CITY OF SAN RAMON**

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November 24, 2008

Contra Costa Mayors Conference  
Attn: Don Blubaugh, Director  
1867 Ygnacio Valley Rd. #370  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Dave Hudson as the Contra Costa Mayors Conference representative to the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Dave is completing his twelfth year on our City Council and has been actively involved over the years gaining knowledge and understanding of the many issues facing our County. He currently serves on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, the Central Contra Costa Transportation Authority, the Southwest Area Transportation Committee, the Hazardous Materials Commission, Iron Horse Trail Advisory Committee, Open Space and Conservation Advisory Committee, and as the liaison to the East Bay Regional Parks District and the East Bay Municipal Utility District from the City of San Ramon.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Abram Wilson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

H. Abram Wilson  
Mayor, City of San Ramon



## CITY OF HERCULES

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January 16, 2009

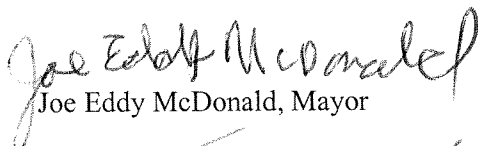
Mr. Don Blubaugh  
Executive Director  
Contra Costa Mayor's Conference  
1839 Ygnacio Valley Road # 370  
Walnut Creek, Ca 94598

It is with great pleasure that we request your support for Hercules City Council Member Joanne Ward for the ABAG Executive Committee position. This is an important position for Contra Costa County, and here are some compelling reasons that Council Member Ward is an excellent nominee for the position:

- ❖ Council Member Ward is very familiar with planning, funding, and implementing transit-oriented development projects. The City of Hercules is working on such a project on its waterfront which will bring a ferry and Capitol Corridor train station to the region.
- ❖ Council Member Ward has been very active in the development of Priority Development Area (PDA) and Priority Conservation Area (PCA) projects. In fact, the City of Hercules has two PDAs and a PCA and is currently working with ABAG and the other stakeholders on strengthening the connection between PDAs/PCAs and the planning and funding of projects in the PDAs and PCAs.
- ❖ Council Member Ward is on the WestCAT Board of Directors – a role that ensures that transit is an integral part of transit-oriented development, PDAs and PCAs, and serves the community and the region fully. Recently, WestCAT started the Lynx service to San Francisco, which is very popular and has “standing room only” on several of the peak period routes.
- ❖ The City of Hercules has a very strong and active affordable housing program. As the former Mayor, Ms. Ward has worked hard to strengthen the relationship between affordable housing, land use, and transportation.
- ❖ Ms. Ward has many years of public service experience, both as an employee at the City of Oakland, and as an elected official. She is starting her third term on the City Council. As a retiree, she has the time and energy to commit to service on the ABAG Board.

Thank you for considering a vote for Joanne Ward for the ABAG Executive Committee. We think she would be an excellent choice.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Eddy McDonald, Mayor

  
Kris Valstad, Vice Mayor



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Western Contra Costa  
Transit Authority

January 15, 2009

Contra Costa County Mayors Conference  
c/o Don Blubaugh, Executive Director  
1839 Ygnacio Valley Road, #370  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Dear Contra Costa Mayors and Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to support WestCAT Board Member Joanne Ward for the ABAG Executive Committee position. Board Member Ward has been in the forefront of transportation and transit issues for many years. Additionally, her work on the Hercules City Council – and as immediate past Mayor – has been in the areas of transit oriented development, the designation of Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) in the City, and in the area of affordable housing.

Board Member Ward's experience as an elected official and as an employee of a public agency, make her uniquely qualified for this position on the ABAG Board. As a retiree, she has the time and energy to commit to this appointment on the ABAG Board.

We strongly urge you to consider and vote for Joanne Ward for the ABAG Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maureen Powers, Chair  
Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT)