

MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2009
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek Drive
City of Clayton

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Clayton, California, by Chair Robert Taylor. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clayton Police Chief Dan Lawrence.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2009, meeting held in Danville

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Conference meeting held on February 5, 2009, in Danville.

2. **Presentation: Bill McCammon, Executive Director,
East Bay Regional Communication System Authority (EBRCSA)**

San Ramon Mayor Wilson introduced the matter by reviewing history where the Tri-Valley Cities and Mayors began to seek federal funding for upgrading to their radio system which ultimately led to formation of the EBRCS joint powers authority and joint efforts to seek funding for the region's communication system.

Bill McCammon, EBRC SA Executive Director, presented the featured program reviewing the progress for formation and organization of the JPA as well as the system design considerations, the recommended technologies being pursued, and the progress to date for purchase and installation of infrastructure. Mr. McCammon then reviewed the estimated cost and funding for the ultimate system and the work being completed by the Authority's consultant to further develop infrastructure costs, operational and maintenance costs and subscriber unit replacement costs. He also reviewed the revenue options that were being considered by the Authority (with more details available at the Authority's website at ebrcsa.org).

General questions and answers followed the presentation with Mayors expressing their appreciation to the Authority for their leadership, including Mr. McCammon and the Conference representatives (Bill Shinn, H. Abram Wilson, and Leonard McNeil) and alternates (Will Casey, Robert Taylor, and Cindy Silva).

3. **Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Committee: Extending terms for two members and one alternate to June 30, 2011 (from June 30, 2009).**

Executive Director Blubaugh introduced the item clarifying that at the last meeting the Conference appointed two new members to the ABAG Executive Committee replacing retiring Councilmembers. In addition, one vacant alternate position is scheduled to be appointed by the Conference in April. Rather than holding another election within four months, Executive Director Blubaugh recommended that the three terms be extended.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to **approve extending the terms of office for two ABAG Executive Committee members (Julie Pearce and Joanne Ward) and one alternate (to be appointed in April) to June 30, 2011.**

4. **Announcement of Upcoming Conference Appointment: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Alternate Members:** Due to the appointment of Clayton Mayor Julie Pierce to the full member position, the Alternate position is now vacant. In addition, the term of office for the second Alternate position held by Martinez Councilmember Janet Kennedy will expire on June 30, 2009. Nominations are now being accepted for both the vacant position and for the position held by Councilmember Kennedy (with the new term beginning July 1, 2009). Nominations should be sent to the Executive Director at don@ccmayors.com no later than 5:00 p.m., March 18, 2009. Appointments for both positions will be made at the April 2, 2009, Conference meeting.

Executive Director Blubaugh announced that nominations were being accepted for the two ABAG Alternate Member positions and nominations would be accepted as noted.

5. Chair's Time

Chair Taylor announced that the upcoming Conference meeting programs have been scheduled.

April - Walnut Creek - Union Pacific Railroad
May - Hercules - State Controller John Chiang
June - Orinda - State Lt. Governor John Garamendi
July - Congressman Jerry McNerney
Date yet to be set: Newly-elected Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan

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

League Representative Eric Figueroa addressed the Conference encouraging that Conference delegates continue to provide examples of how State budget decisions were impacting individual cities. He also announced the upcoming East Bay Division Bocce Ball tournament scheduled for March 19, 2009, and he indicated emails would be going out soon regarding updates on the federal stimulus package.

7. Mayors' Time: No Reports

8. County Supervisor's Time

Supervisor Bonilla updated the Conference on the upcoming Board schedule to consider and adopt a very difficult 15-month budget. She recognized Supervisor Mary Piepho who was present and she welcomed the Conference to District 4.

9. Public Communications

State Senator Mark DeSaulnier introduced his District Director and announced that their new District offices were located at 1350 Treat Blvd., Suite 240, Walnut Creek.

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan also introduced her new District Director and noted her San Ramon office was located at 2694 Bishop Dr., Suite 275, San Ramon.

Orinda Councilmember and Conference representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Amy Worth reported that the federal stimulus funding for City infrastructure improvements was available to spend. Additionally, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority would be providing special resources to cities to assist in implementation of their projects. She further noted she had distributed information regarding the 511 Traffic, Transit, Rideshare, and Bicycling Information Program.

Moraga Mayor Trotter reported that the Moraga Town Council has hired its new Town Manager and he hoped to introduce him at the next Conference meeting.

Clayton Mayor and Conference representative to the Association of Bay Area Governments Julie Pierce highlighted that one of the tasks of the Regional Planning Committee is to study how communities will respond to recovery efforts after emergencies to put things back together, including business and housing recovery efforts.

10. Welcome to Clayton by Mayor Pierce

Clayton Mayor Pierce welcomed Contra Costa Times Editorial Page Editor Dan Hatfield and Times Publisher David Rounds. Mayor Pierce then welcomed the Conference to the City of Clayton and introduced current and former Clayton Councilmembers, Mayors and City staff.

11. Adjourn to April 2 meeting in Walnut Creek

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to the next regular Conference meeting scheduled for April 2, 2009 in Walnut Creek.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh
Executive Director