

MINUTES
MAY 7, 2009
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
City of Hercules
Hercules Community Center
2001 Refugio Valley Road

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in Hercules, California, by Chair Robert Taylor. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Hercules Police Department Explorer Post Color Guard.

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
Mayor Fujita, Pinole
Mayor Parent, Pittsburg
Vice Mayor Mitchoff, Pleasant Hill
Mayor McLaughlin, Richmond
Mayor McNeil, San Pablo
Mayor Wilson, San Ramon
Mayor Skrel, Walnut Creek

1. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2009, meeting held in Walnut Creek

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Conference meeting held on April 2, 2009, in Walnut Creek.

2. PRESENTATION: **Honorable John Chiang, Controller, State of California**

State Controller John Chiang addressed the Conference discussing the current and upcoming challenges in managing California's payments and meeting its payment obligations given reduced State revenues resulting from the current extreme economic recession.

2. **Regional Water Quality Control Board Proposed Clean Water Permit:**

Don Freitas, Executive Director of the Contra Costa Clean Water Program, highlighted the proposed changes in the municipal discharge permit and reviewed the call for action requested of all cities to voice opposition to the changes at a meeting of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board in Oakland on May 13, 2009.

Sand Potter, El Cerrito Mayor and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board staff member, acknowledged the importance of the changes in the permit and encouraged all cities to actively support pending legislation (SCA 18 (Liu) and SB310 (Ducheny)) which would amend how fees are assessed for clean water programs.

3. **2009 Conference Advocacy Program:**

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Executive Committee's Proposed Advocacy Program for 2009 as distributed with the agenda.

4. **Recent Board of Supervisor Budget Action Prompts Letter from District Attorney to Police Chiefs re Matters That Will Not Be Considered for Prosecution:**

Chair Taylor introduced the matter questioning whether the Conference wished to coordinate a response to the District Attorney and Board of Supervisors regarding the District Attorney's proposed actions.

County Supervisor Uilkema addressed the Conference welcoming all to the City of Hercules and Supervisorial District 2. She also recognized Board Chair Bonilla and Supervisor Glover who were also present at the meeting. Supervisor Uilkema reviewed the background for the Supervisors' budget actions relative to the District Attorney's Office. She reported that a Board subcommittee and the District Attorney (DA) will be meeting to discuss the DA's letter. In the meantime, the actions identified in the DA's letter are on hold. Supervisor Uilkema concluded her remarks by presenting a brief update on County actions.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously that no action be taken at this time on the agenda matter but that the item be included on the next few Conference agenda's for an update.

5. **Chair's Time**

Chair Taylor announced that several upcoming Conference meeting presentations have been rescheduled because the presenters have announced their candidacy for the expected 10th Congressional District vacancy. He clarified that the Conference's programs were not intended to serve as a political forum and, therefore, each of the presenters would be invited following the election.

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

Eric Figueroa reported that the State Finance Department has proposed borrowing of local government funds pursuant to Proposition 1A to balance the State budget. He urged that all city representatives educate their local legislators on the consequences to their agencies of such actions.

7. Mayors' Time

Concord Mayor Hoffmeister challenged all Mayors to participate in a Healthy Program Cook-Off scheduled on July 23rd in Todos Santos Park, Concord, to promote healthy lifestyle menus in local restaurants.

Moraga Mayor Trotter introduced newly-appointed Moraga Town Manager Mike Segrest. He also announced the recent passing of three-term Moraga Councilmember and three-term Mayor, Mike Majchrzak.

El Cerrito Mayor Potter announced the recent passing of El Cerrito Maintenance Supervisor Bruce King who had worked with many cities as he served as El Cerrito's representative to the County Clean Water Program.

8. County Supervisor's Time

Supervisor Uilkema's comments were included under Item 4 above.

9. Public Communications: No items

10. Welcome to Hercules by Mayor Joe Eddy McDonald

Mayor McDonald welcomed the Conference to the City of Hercules and he introduced current and former Hercules Councilmembers and City staff.

11. Adjourn to June 4th meeting in Orinda

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. in memory of Town of Moraga Councilmember Mike Majchrzak. The next regular Conference meeting is scheduled for June 4th in Orinda.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh
Executive Director