

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 28, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Lena Tam

Location: San Lorenzo Library  
395 Paseo Grande  
San Lorenzo, CA 94580  
Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/84684430209>

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## Summary/Action Minutes

### **I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Alameda County Budget Overview**

Melanie Atendido, Deputy County Administrator, County Administrator's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on an overview of the Alameda County Budget.

The County's budget totals \$4.6 billion, with \$385million for unincorporated services (up 3.1%). The County has limited revenue authority due to Prop 13 and Prop 218. State and federal cuts, and \$11B shifted away since 1993 via Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). Approximately two-thirds (2/3) of funding comes from state/federal aid.

#### **Budget**

- Total County Budget: **\$4.6B**.
- Unincorporated Services: **\$385M** (+3.1% from prior year).
- Major revenue sources: property tax, utility/user taxes, fund balances.

#### **Investments**

- Fire stations (Measure X bonds)
- Affordable housing (Measure A1)
- Solar & energy-saving projects
- Homelessness and justice reform initiatives

#### **Speakers**

Carmen Lopez, Elena Torres, Barisha Spriggs, Warren Cushman, Leo Esclamado and Amanda Chang commented on the County budget.

The Committee directed staff to provide a clearer breakdown of the "other revenues" (\$137.7M, 41% of funding) in the unincorporated services budget.

The County Administrator's Office will highlight countywide and regional services that also benefit unincorporated areas, even if not tracked geographically.

County staff continues to review the My Eden Voice Fair Share for Eden Families report and budget analysis. Supervisor Miley, Supervisor Tam, and the County Administrator's Office to meet with My Eden Voice to discuss the report's findings.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

## **II. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Investing in the Future - FY26/27 Budget & Rates**

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San Kwon Se, EBMUD, Customer Service Field Representative introduced Jim Oddie, newly elected Board of Director for Ward 5, and Sam Feldman, Manager of Budget, East Bay Municipal Utility District, who gave a presentation on East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Investing in the Future - FY26/27 Budget & Rates.

Jim Oddie, Ward 5, commented on the priorities around infrastructure investment, climate resilience, and affordability. EBMUD serves 1.4 million residents with water, 740,000 with wastewater treatment, and maintains 4,200 miles of pipeline along with reservoirs, treatment plants, and pumping stations. Some challenges include aging infrastructure, the need to modernize systems, and adapting to climate change impacts such as wildfire risks and changing water quality.

Budget Manager Sam Feldman outlined current investments, including pipeline replacement, treatment plant upgrades, and partnerships with UC Berkeley to improve predictive maintenance. About 56¢ of every dollar goes to infrastructure, with rates remaining relatively affordable at 2¢ per gallon. A typical single-family bill will rise by about 12¢/day in 2026 and 14¢/day in 2027, while wastewater will increase 8¢/day both years. EBMUD also highlighted its long-standing Customer Assistance Program, which offers discounts to vulnerable households, and encouraged participation in the June 10, 2025, public hearing on rates and the budget.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

## **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: E. Lewelling Boulevard Corridor Improvements – Construction Update**

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Amber Lowe. I'm the deputy director for the Department of Transportation at the Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on an update on E. Lewelling Boulevard Corridor Improvements – Construction Update.

The East Lewelling Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project spans 0.7 miles between Meekland Avenue and Langton Way, to improve safety, walkability, ADA access, and adding a Class IV protected bikeway.

The \$12 million project, funded by an Active Transportation Program grant and local funds, will upgrade sidewalks, curbs, drainage, crosswalks, and driveway access, while also adding a pedestrian path across the railroad. Drainage, grading, and safety are incorporated into the design, and utility poles will be relocated at the end of construction by PG&E and other utilities, though undergrounding is not planned. Construction began on the south side and is progressing in phases, with completion expected in spring 2026.

Most property owners (80 of 84) signed permits to allow driveway and landscaping adjustments at county expense, a few revoked and or declined, meaning they must handle the conform work themselves. The Public Works Agency noted that all work is within the public right-of-way, based on surveys.

Residents raised concerns including loss of parking, shortened driveways, flooding risks, and safety issues during construction. Public Works responded that encroachments into the right-of-way (e.g., curb jumping, sidewalk parking) will no longer be allowed, but on-street parking will remain.

The Committee acknowledged residents' frustrations around communication and transparency. The Committee directed staff to meet with concerned property owners one-on-one. Staff to ensure contractor safety compliance and better communication. This item will be returned to the Unincorporated Services Committee in July 2025 for an update.

#### **IV. ACTION ITEM: Report and Update for the Draft Sidewalk Vending Ordinance**

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Edward Labayog, Assistant Deputy Director, Code Enforcement, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation and draft ordinance on the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance.

The Code Enforcement Division presented the final draft of Alameda County's sidewalk vending ordinance, intended to bring local rules into compliance with SB 946 (2018) and SB 972 (2022). The ordinance establishes a permitting program for vendors, overseen by the Planning Department, with support from Code Enforcement, Environmental Health, and the Sheriff's Office. Vendors must maintain ADA compliance, follow buffer rules near intersections, driveways, and businesses, and display visible permits. Liability insurance and business licenses will be required, and food vendors must also obtain an Environmental Health permit. Enforcement is limited by state law to warnings and escalating administrative fines, with stronger actions, like food confiscation are reserved for severe violations.

Code Enforcement would act as the lead agency for enforcement, in collaboration with Environmental Health and the Sheriff's Office.

#### **Speakers**

Chuck Meadows, Warren Cushman, Jorge Espinosa, Gary Slate, Peter Rosen, Keith Barros, Mel Speed and Dan Davini commented on the Draft Sidewalk Vending Ordinance.

A motion was made by Supervisor Tam and seconded by Supervisor Miley to support the Draft Sidewalk and unanimously approved the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance. The item will to the Board of Supervisors on July 10, 2025.

#### **V. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update on Behavioral Health & My Eden Voice Collaboration - *Discuss actionable steps for Alameda County Behavioral Health Department and My Eden Voice to improve service delivery in unincorporated areas* – Continued to a future meeting.**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned to June 25, 2025.

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