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**BERKELEY-ALBANY YMCA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

*Salas and Collier bring new experience during time of exciting projects*

The Berkeley-Albany YMCA announced the appointment of Edward Salas and James Collier to its Board of Directors.

“The Board and I are excited to welcome our new members. I know Ed and Jim will bring new energy to the YMCA board and new focus in helping us achieve our strategic goals.”

-Fran Gallati, President & CEO

Edward Salas is Senior Vice President of Engineering and Operations for Pacific Gas and Electric Company. He oversees gas and electric strategy, planning, engineering and operations, for both the transmission and distribution systems. Before joining PG&E, Salas worked in the telecommunications industry, domestically and internationally, including positions at Pacific Bell, Telecel (Portugal), Vodafone and AirTouch. Most recently, he served as Vice President of Network Strategy and Planning for Verizon Wireless. Salas holds a bachelor’s degree from California State University at Los Angeles. He has also completed the Harvard Business School’s Executive Program for Management Development as well as the Michigan Business School’s Executive Program.

James Collier is the Chief Operations Officer / Executive Vice President of the Strategic Urban Development Alliance, LLC (SUDA) in Oakland. His career history includes over 20 years of senior and executive engineering management, including serving as Executive Vice President of Manager Technology. Collier holds a bachelor’s degree in Computer Information Systems and a MBA from Harvard Business School, where his training focused on entrepreneurial ventures including commercial real estate development and finance.

Jim also has a history of community service as the founder of “Bike Against the Odds”, an annual East Bay bike event of the Breast Cancer Fund, and serving on the Board of Managers of the Oakland Downtown YMCA.

**About the Berkeley-Albany YMCA**

Since 1903, the Berkeley-Albany YMCA has been supporting healthy lifestyles by reaching out and engaging all those who seek well-being of spirit, mind and body. Through our four locations we work to sustain healthier communities by providing an array of services and opportunities to serve the needs of others including: child care,

Head Start, parent-child programs, teen development, summer camp, youth educational/college preparatory programs, family resources, volunteerism, plus holistic health & wellness programs for all ages and abilities. To learn more, visit [www.baymca.org](http://www.baymca.org)

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