

# SUMMARY MINUTES (DRAFT)

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 396  
Thursday, December 15 2013  
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, California

## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa, called the special meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order at about 7:08 p.m.

President Luce led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum of the Board was not present.

<b>Representatives and Alternates Present</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Councilmember Desley Brooks	City of Oakland
Councilmember Ronit Bryant	City of Mountain View
Supervisor Cindy Chavez	County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Kansen Chu	City of San Jose
Dep Dir Tamsen Drew, Leg/Gov Affairs	City of San Francisco
Mayor Pat Eklund	City of Novato
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
Councilmember Wayne Lee	City of Milbrae
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Supervisor Eric Mar	County of San Francisco
Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney	City of Oakland
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Count of Contra Costa
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Mayor Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Mayor Harry Price	City of Fairfield
Mayor Jean Quan	City of Oakland
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma
Supervisor Katie Rice	County of Marin
Supervisor Linda Seifert	County of Solano
Dep Dir Joaquin Torres, Econ/Workforce Dev	City of San Francisco
Supervisor Richard Valle	County of Alameda
<b>Representatives Absent</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Supervisor John Gioia	County of Contra Costa
Councilmember Ash Kalra	City of San Jose
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB
Mayor Edwin Lee	City of San Francisco
Councilmember Sam Liccardo	City of San Jose

Councilmember Jake Mackenzie  
Councilmember Joe Pirzynski  
Supervisor Warren Slocum  
Mayor Jerry Thorne

City of Rohnert Park  
Town of Los Gatos  
County of San Mateo  
City of Pleasanton

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Luce reported that this was his last meeting as President. He expressed his appreciation to Board members and staff for the work on Plan Bay Area.

He congratulated President-elect Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton, and Vice President-elect David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma on their election to their respective offices.

The 2014 Growing Smarter Together Awards deadline for submitting nominations is February 12, 2014. A new award category is *Powering Forward—Innovation and Technology Award*. Awards will be presented at the 2014 Spring General Assembly on April 17, 2014.

President Luce welcomed new Board members Wayne Lee, Councilmember, City of Millbrae; Lynette Gibson McElhaney, Councilmember, City of Oakland; Jane Kim, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco, and Greg Lyman, Mayor, City of El Cerrito, Alternate from Cities in Contra Costa County.

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director, reported on the following:

The Rockefeller Foundation named Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco among the first group of 33 cities selected for the 100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge. Cities selected for the Network will receive support to hire and empower a Chief Resilience Officer; support to develop a resilience plan; access to a platform of services to support the implementation of such a strategy; and connection to other Network members to share what works, spotlight success, and advance both global and regional dialogues on urban resilience.

ABAG POWER and Energy Programs submitted a Final Report to the CEC on Nov 27th. The end result was the installation of 193 individual chargers, including 3 DC fast chargers, for a total 340 charge points.

Eight projects were completed within the BayREN's single-family, Energy Upgrade California program, with close to 100 projects in the pipeline. The multifamily program has over 16,000 units undergoing free technical assistance to identify energy efficiency measures.

**6. ABAG CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action on the Consent Calendar was deferred until a quorum was present.

**A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 395 held on September 19, 2013**

Approved the summary minutes of special meeting No. 395 held on September 19, 2013.

**B. Ratification of Committee Appointments**

The Board ratified the following committee appointment.

Joint Planning Committee

None

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board

Cindy Chavez, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara

**C. Ratification of Election Certification—President and Vice President**

The Board ratified the election certification of President-elect Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton, and Vice President-elect Dave Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma, for the term of office beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2015.

**D. Approval of Meeting Schedule for 2014**

The Board approved its meeting schedule for 2014.

**E. Approval of an Agreement with San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to Assess Vulnerability of Housing and Communities and Develop Adaptation Responses**

The Board authorized the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the San Francisco Bay Conservation Development Commission, in the amount of \$75,000, to assess the vulnerability of housing and communities to multiple hazards and develop adaptation responses to increase resilience of housing.

**7. PRESENTATION ON GRAND BOULEVARD INITIATIVE**

Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, introduced Russell Hancock, Co-Chair, Grand Boulevard Task Force, and President and CEO, Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network, who gave a presentation on the Grand Boulevard Initiative, and Corrine Goodrich, Grand Boulevard Initiative Manager.

Hancock described the Grand Boulevard Initiative and its objectives. He spoke about the El Camino Real corridor and the challenges of existing conditions, population and jobs, transportation, Priority Development Areas, and partnerships. He described how the GBI works; studies on complete streets, economic development and infrastructure; infrastructure needs and financing strategies; role of new development; lessons learned; and community involvement.

Members discussed ABAG's early support of the Grand Boulevard Initiative; the San Pablo Avenue project in Contra Costa County; impacts on cities along El Camino Real corridor; Caltrans' highway design manual revision; impact on San Mateo County; impact on the High Speed Rail project; San Mateo County housing production and urban design; the Highway 29 corridor in American Canyon.

A quorum of the Board was present at about 7:52 p.m.

President Luce recognized a motion by Linda Seifert, Supervisor, County of Solano, and seconded by Harry Price, Mayor, City of Fairfield, to approve the Consent Calendar, including ratification of the appointment of Cindy Chavez, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's Governing Board. The aye votes were: Brooks, Bryant, Chavez, Chu, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Lee, Luce, Mar, McElhaney, Mitchoff, Nihart, Pierce, Pine, Price, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Seifert, Torres, Valle. The nay votes were: none. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. UPDATES ON PLAN BAY AREA 2013/2017**

Miriam Chion reported on implementing Plan Bay Area and preparing for Plan Bay Area 2017. She reviewed the timeline for Plan Bay Area implementation and the 2017 Sustainable Communities Strategy update, including a state of the region report and PDA and PCA updates. She described the engagement, background analysis, plan development, and environmental impact report under the SCS update. She described local and state input on initial sustainable communities strategies.

Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, reported on General Assembly delegate engagement, including expanded board and staff member outreach, regular delegate meetings through the 2017 PBA process, and ongoing capacity building and knowledge development.

Members discussed evaluating the Plan Bay Area process, including feedback from cities and counties, elected officials, community members, and General Assembly delegates; changes to the environmental impact report, including public involvement; performance measures in the update and the next SCS; General Assembly delegate involvement and relevance in the SCS process; city and county elected and staff involvement with ABAG; polarization over displacement and equitable development.

The Board recessed at about 8:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened at about 8:50 p.m.

**9. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTING PLAN BAY AREA'S REGIONAL CAP AND TRADE REVENUE ALLOCATION PROCESS**

Paul reported on implementing Plan Bay Area's regional cap and trade revenue allocation process. He presented the draft Bay Area Cap and Trade Funding Framework, including investment principles and program features. He reviewed funding categories, including core capacity challenge grants, transit operating and efficiency program, One Bay Area grants, climate initiatives, and goods movement; the total funding amount is \$3,150,000. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is expected to seek additional feedback over the next month before taking action. He reviewed letters received from organizations regarding the framework. He reported that John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, requested that ABAG take an active role in developing the cap and trade funding categories guidelines and proposed that a meeting between ABAG and the MTC Planning Committee be scheduled to discuss this issue.

Marybelle Nzegwu, Public Advocates, commented on the cap and trade implementation.

Members discussed the cap and trade funding categories, including the core capacity challenge grants; inclusion of the Valley Transportation Authority under core capacity challenge grants; OBAG grant distribution; greenhouse gas credits; climate initiative programs and agricultural lands; affordable and low income housing; air quality and truck retrofits; net zero emissions and affordability; reforestation protocol; health and co-pollutants; development guidelines for housing and transportation; timeline for deciding on criteria and framework; operating costs and capital; MTC and ABAG collaboration on cap and trade and the state process; a joint meeting with MTC regarding each agency's role developing guidelines for cap and trade allocations; funding affordable housing.

**10. UPDATE ON PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS (PDAS) AND PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS (PCAS)**

**A. Approval of Recommended Guidelines for Adding, Removing or Changing PDAs and PCAs**

**B. Recommendation to Accept Removal of San Rafael Civic Center PDA**

**C. Recommendation to Adopt Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor PCA, Office of Education Loma Mar Property PCA, and Suisun Valley PCA**

Chion reported on recommended guidelines for adding, removing or changing PDAs and PCAs, and impact of changes; recommendation to accept removal of the San Rafael Civic Center PDA; and recommendation to adopt three new PCAs associated with OBAG PCA grant process, including the Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor PCA, Office of Education Contra Loma Mar Property PCA, and Suisun Valley PCA.

Members discussed recommendations from the Regional Planning Committee on the guidelines for adding, removing or changing PDAs and PCAs; level of local control over PDAs and PCAs and the Executive Board's role; and PDA removal process.

President Luce recognized a motion by Pierce, and seconded by Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato, to approve the guidelines for addition, removing or changing PDAs and PCAs, with the following amendments and clarifications recommended by the Regional Planning Committee: Regional Planning Committee and Executive Board members will have an opportunity to revisit both PCA and PDA criteria by Summer 2014; all changes to PDAs and PCAs by June 2015 will be considered in the 2017 Plan Bay Area; the distinction between planned and potential development areas will be retained for existing PDAs and applicants for new PDAs will indicate whether proposed areas are planned or potential; and nominations of Priority Development Areas must come from the jurisdiction with direct land use authority over the area. The aye votes were: Bryant, Chavez, Chu, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Lee, Luce, Mar, McElhaney, Nihart, Pierce, Pine, Price, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Seifert, Torres. The nay votes were: none. The motion passed unanimously.

President Luce recognized a motion by Eklund, and seconded by Dave Hudson, Councilmember, City of San Ramon, to accept the removal of the San Rafael Civic Center PDA. The aye votes were: Bryant, Chavez, Chu, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Lee, Luce, Mar, McElhaney, Nihart, Pierce, Pine, Price, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Seifert, Torres. The nay votes were: none. The motion passed unanimously.

President Luce recognized a motion by Pierce, and seconded by Hudson, to adopt the Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor PCA, Office of Education Loma Mar Property PCA, and Suisun Valley PCA. The aye votes were: Bryant, Chavez, Chu, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Lee, Luce, Mar, McElhaney, Nihart, Pierce, Pine, Price, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Seifert, Torres. The nay votes were: none. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma, reported on Committee activities and requested Board approval of Committee recommendations, including the following: review of 2013 state legislative session, particularly about sustainable communities and housing funding, infrastructure financing, Brown Act changes, and budget surplus by Michael Arnold, ABAG Legislative Advocate; discussion on SB 391 (DeSaulnier); discussion about a potential proposition on transportation funding through vehicle license fees; report on establishing legislative priorities for 2014 legislative session, including focusing on SB 375 implementation and lowering the two-thirds supermajority vote threshold; report on the 2014 legislative workshop and reception in February.

President Luce recognized a motion by Rabbitt, which was seconded by Eklund, to accept the committee report.

Members discussed adding the Regional Housing Need Allocation process to the legislative priorities and articulating ABAG's aspects about CEQA reform.

The aye votes were: Bryant, Chavez, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Lee, Luce, Mar, McElhaney, Nihart, Pierce, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Torres. The nay votes were: none. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Vice Chair Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, reported on Committee activities and request Board approval of Committee recommendations, including presentation and review of financial reports for July, August and September 2013; update on report on Diversity and Business Opportunity for FY 2012/13; report on audited financial reports for June 30, 2013; and closed session on public employee performance evaluations.

President Luce recognized a motion by Harrison, which was seconded by Rabbitt, to accept the committee report. The aye votes were: Bryant, Chavez, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Lee, Luce, Mar, McElhaney, Nihart, Pierce, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Torres. The nay votes were: none. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **13. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

#### **14. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Board will be on January 16, 2014.

President Luce adjourned the meeting of the Board at about 10:02 p.m.

Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ezra Rapport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date: December 20, 2013

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