

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 412  
Thursday, March 17, 2016  
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, California

## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, called the meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order at about 7:10 p.m.

President Pierce led the Executive Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum of the Executive Board was present at about 7:10 p.m.

### **Representatives and Alternates Present**

### **Jurisdiction**

Councilmember Annie Campbell Washington	City of Oakland
Supervisor Cindy Chavez	County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Julie Combs	City of Santa Rosa
Supervisor Damon Connolly	County of Marin
Councilmember Jim Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Mayor Pat Eklund	City of Novato
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Councilmember Abel Guillen	City of Oakland
Vice Mayor Pradeep Gupta	City of South San Francisco
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Councilmember Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Councilmember Charles "Chappie" Jones	City of San Jose
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Count of Contra Costa
Councilmember Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Councilmember Raul Peralez	City of San Jose
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma
Supervisor Linda Seifert	County of Solano
Mayor Jerry Thorne	City of Pleasanton

### **Representatives Absent**

### **Jurisdiction**

Supervisor Candace Andersen	County of Contra Costa
Mayor Jack Batchelor	City of Dixon
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Mayor Edwin Lee	City of San Francisco
Supervisor Eric Mar	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Nathan Miley	County of Alameda
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Vice Mayor Greg Scharff	City of Palo Alto
Supervisor Warren Slocum	County of San Mateo

Dir Nicole Wheaton, Leg and Gov Affairs      City of San Francisco

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individual gave public comment: Ken Bukowski on regional merger discussion.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no member announcement.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pierce reported on the following:

On Sunday, May 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., is the opening of 2.5 miles of new Bay Trail in Sonoma County at Sears Point. The Sonoma Land Trust has completed a major wetland restoration and public access project along the edge of San Pablo Bay.

On Friday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m., a 4-mile section of Bay Trail between Sunnyvale and Mountain View will be reopened after months of construction with an improved trail surface for bicyclists and pedestrians. Google has independently financed this \$2 million project with the support of over 14 public agencies and organizations.

Complimentary Bay Trail maps sets have been distributed. These were revised to reflect the 345 complete miles of the 500 that are planned.

Executive Board representatives and alternates are reminded to submit their annual Statement of Economic Interest, Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700, to the Clerk of the Board by April 1, 2016.

Under Item 6.D., The Executive Board is requested to consider the adoption of Resolution No. 03-16, Authorization to Apply for Funds and Enter into a new Contract Agreement with the USGS to Provide Support for the Bay-Delta Science Conference and the State of the Estuary Conference.

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was no Executive Director's report.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Pierce recognized a motion by Linda Seifert, Supervisor, County of Solano, which was seconded by Mary Ann Nihart, Councilmember, City of Pacifica, to approve the consent calendar, including Resolution No. 03-16.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Combs, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Guillen, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Batchelor, Campbell Washington, Chavez, Connolly, Cortese, Jones, Lee, Mar, Miley, Pine, Scharff, Slocum, Wheaton.

The motion passed unanimously.

**A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 411 held on January 21, 2016**

The Executive Board approved the Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 411 held on January 21, 2016.

**B. Report on ABAG Contracts between \$20,000 and \$50,000**

The Executive Board received a report on contracts for contract amounts between \$20,000 and \$50,000.

**C. Authorization to Apply for Funds and Enter into a new Contract Agreement with the USGS to Provide Support for the Bay-Delta Science Conference and the State of the Estuary Conference**

The Executive Board approved the ABAG/SFEP application to USGS and authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a new cooperative agreement with USGS on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership for fiscal support for the planning of the Bay-Delta Science Conference and the State of the Estuary Conference.

**D. Authorization to Approve Resolution of Grant Award from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Guadalupe River Watershed Mercury Remediation: Jacques Gulch Restoration Design Project**

The Executive Boards authorized the Executive Director or designee to sign the grant agreement and also approved the resolution on the grant award for \$174,981 from the State Water Resources Control Board.

**E. Authorization to Release Construction Bid Package and Execute Contract for San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project**

The Executive Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract on behalf of ABAG/SFEP with a qualified contractor submitting the lowest bid for San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project. The awarded contract will not exceed \$2 million.

**7. REPORT ON ABAG/MTC MERGER DISCUSSIONS**

President Pierce reported on the ongoing work of Management Partners and the joint meetings of the Administrative Committee and the MTC Planning Committee on January 22 and February 26. There will be a special joint meeting of the ABAG Administrative Committee and the MTC Planning Committee on March 25. The State Assembly Selection Committee on Bay Area Regional Planning will have a hearing on April 8. An analysis of options will be presented at a special joint meeting of the ABAG Administrative Committee and the MTC Planning Committee on April 22. Following the merger study and decision will be a study of governance and implementation.

Members discussed outreach sessions conducted as part of the merger study; developing an implementation plan; MTC Resolution 4210 regarding funding for ABAG.

[The Executive Board next took up Items 11 and 12.]

**8. REPORT ON PROPOSED ABAG HOUSING ACTION AGENDA**

Duane Bay, ABAG Assistant Planning and Research Director, reported on a proposed ABAG Housing Action Agenda and give a brief report on the recent ABAG/MTC Housing Forum.

Members discussed examples of housing trust funds; potential revenue sources; competition with other regional and local trust funds; Regional Housing Needs Allocation goals; displacement; best practices.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Mary Ann Nihart, Councilmember, City of Pacifica, which was seconded by Abel Guillen, Councilmember, City of Oakland, to accept the staff report on the ABAG Housing Action Agenda.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Campbell Washington, Chavez, Combs, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Guillen, Gupta, Jones, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Batchelor, Cortese, Lee, Mar, Miley, Pine, Scharff, Slocum, Wheaton.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **9. UPDATE ON LOCAL INPUT TO THE PLAN BAY AREA**

Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, and Mark Shorett, ABAG Senior Planner, reported on input from local planning departments and city councils regarding the current Plan Bay Area update.

There was no discussion.

## **10. UPDATE ON NEW HEADQUARTERS AT 375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO**

Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, reported on the status of the new ABAG/MTC/BAAQMD Bay Area MetroCenter at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco.

Kenneth Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel, reported on upcoming authorizations needed to exchange ABAG's real estate interests at 101 8th Street, Oakland for one at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, which was seconded by Leon Garcia, Mayor, City of American Canyon, to delegate to the Administration Committee the power to authorize execution and delivery of all documents reasonably necessary to effectuate the early occupancy of the ABAG unit under the lease and the exchange of ABAG's condominium interest at 101 8th Street, Oakland, for the ABAG Unit, but not limited to the CC&R's, PSA and the lease between ABAG and BAHA.

Members discussed property ownership and new building address.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Campbell Washington, Chavez, Combs, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Guillen, Gupta, Jones, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Luce, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Batchelor, Cortese, Kim, Lee, Mar, Miley, Pine, Scharff, Slocum, Wheaton.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Chair Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, reported on committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of committee recommendations, including the following: approval of minutes of January 21; update on SB 1233; report on new legislation proposed for 2016 legislative session; report on legislative workshop and reception.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Haggerty, which was seconded by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, to approve the committee report.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Campbell Washington, Chavez, Combs, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Guillen, Gupta, Jones, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Batchelor, Connolly, Cortese, Lee, Mar, Miley, Pine, Scharff, Slocum, Wheaton.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Chair Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, reported on committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of committee recommendations, including the following: approval of minutes of January 21; presentation and review of financial report for January 2016; report on payment of membership dues for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; report on line of credit renewal with Bank of the West; closed session on Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Title: Legal Counsel; closed session on Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Title: Executive Director; Public Employee Compensation—Proposed Adjustments to Salary and/or Benefits of Executive Director; Public Employee Compensation—Proposed Adjustments to Salary and/or Benefits of Legal Counsel.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Harrison, which was seconded by Seifert, to approve the committee report.

Members discussed financial report, receivables, and membership dues.

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The aye votes were: Campbell Washington, Chavez, Combs, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Guillen, Gupta, Jones, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Batchelor, Connolly, Cortese, Lee, Mar, Miley, Pine, Scharff, Slocum, Wheaton.

The motion passed unanimously.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Pierce adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board at about 8:59 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on May 19, 2016.

Submitted:

/s/ Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: May 9, 2016

Approved: May 19, 2016

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