

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 400  
Thursday, May 15, 2014  
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 7:00 p.m.

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

A quorum of the Board was present.

### **Representatives and Alternates Present    Jurisdiction**

Mayor Jack Batchelor	City of Dixon
Councilmember Desley Brooks	City of Oakland
Councilmember Ronit Bryant	City of Mountain View
Councilmember Kansen Chu	City of San Jose
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Dep Dir Tamsen Drew, Leg/Gov Affairs	City of San Francisco
Councilmember Pat Eklund	City of Novato
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Supervisor John Gioia	County of Contra Costa
Councilmember Pradeep Gupta	City of South San Francisco
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Councilmember Dan Kalb	City of Oakland
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Supervisor Eric Mar	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Count of Contra Costa
Mayor Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Councilmember Joe Pirzynski	Town of Los Gatos
Mayor Jean Quan	City of Oakland
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma
Supervisor Katie Rice	County of Marin
Supervisor Warren Slocum	County of San Mateo
Mayor Jerry Thorne	City of Pleasanton
Dir Joaquin Torres, Econ/Workforce Dev	City of San Francisco

### **Representatives Absent**

Supervisor Cindy Chavez  
Mayor Bill Harrison  
Councilmember Ash Kalra  
Supervisor Jane Kim  
Director William Kissinger

### **Jurisdiction**

County of Santa Clara  
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Mayor Edwin Lee	City of San Francisco
Councilmember Sam Liccardo	City of San Jose
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Supervisor Linda Seifert	County of Solano
Supervisor Richard Valle	County of Alameda

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mimi Steel spoke about the Pledge of Allegiance, the Constitution of the United States, and Plan Bay Area.

There were no other public comments.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato, spoke on training by the Air Resources Board on a Vehicle Miles Traveled tool and recommended a presentation be made to the Regional Planning Committee.

John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, spoke on sustainable communities strategy and greenhouse gas reduction.

There were no other announcements.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pierce recognized Gioia for his service on the Executive Board as he steps down as Executive Board representative from Contra Costa County.

President Pierce reported on the following:

The Bay Trail was selected as the recipient of the 2014 Planning Landmark Award from the American Planning Association, Northern California Section. This prestigious award is given to a project that is at least 25 years old and has had a significant impact on cities or a region over a broad range of time.

This is the 25th anniversary of our SF Bay Trail Project. A series of events to raise awareness and secure funds to complete remaining segments of Trail will be held. Last week, the Bay Trail was featured in Bike to Work Days across the region. Upcoming events including the Rosie the Riveter WWII National Park Rededication & Bay Trail Celebration in Richmond on May 24; and the Hamilton Bay Trail Opening Ceremony on June 26.

The Administrative Committee had a special meeting with the MTC Planning Committee on May 9. The Committee heard a report from MTC Staff on Recommended Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning Grants and Regional Implementation Priorities of \$8.4 million. The Administrative Committee adopted Resolution No. 07-14, approving the staff recommended list of projects and forwarding the list to the Planning Committee of MTC with a recommendation that it also approve the list and recommend funding of the projects on the list by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

### 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Executive Director's Report.

### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Pierce recognized a request by Eklund to pull Item 6.G., Ratification of Contract for Demographic Forecasting Consulting, from the Consent Calendar.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, which was seconded by Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor, City of San Ramon, to approve the Consent Calendar, except Item 6.G., Ratification of Contract for Demographic Forecasting Consulting.

There was no discussion.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Bryant, Cortese, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Gioia, Gupta, Haggerty, Hudson, Kalb, Luce, Mackenzie, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Pierce, Pirzynski, Rabbitt, Rice, Slocum, Thorne, Torres.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Chavez, Chu, Harrison, Kalra, Kim, Lee, Liccardo, Pine, Quan, Seifert, Valle.

The motion passed unanimously.

**A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 399 held on March 20, 2014**

**B. Approval of Transmission of Federal Grant Applications to State Clearinghouse**

The Board consented to ABAG transmitting an attached list of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse. These applications were circulated in ABAG's Intergovernmental Review Newsletter since the last Executive Board meeting.

**C. Ratification of Committee Appointments**

The Board is ratified the following committee appointments.

Regional Planning Committee

Jill Techel, Mayor, City of Napa

Dyan Whyte, Assistant Executive Officer, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Nancy Ianni, Regional Governance/Regional Planning, League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

**D. Adoption of Resolution No. 05-14 Authorizing ABAG to Accept Conveyance of Real Property Interest in ABAG Condominium from the City of Oakland**

The Board adopted Resolution No. 05-14 authorization to accept conveyance of real property interest in ABAG condominium from the City of Oakland.

**E. Adoption of Resolution No. 06-14 Authorizing ABAG to Enter into Contract with the State Coastal Conservancy for a Bay Trail Project Block Grant**

The Board adopted Resolution No. 06-14 authorization to enter into a contract with the State Coastal Conservancy for a \$1 million block grant to develop

individual Bay Trail grant projects that will further development of the San Francisco Bay Trail.

**F. Ratification of Submittal of Proposal to the California Public Utilities Commission for Continued Funding of the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Energy Network**

The Board is ratified the submittal of the proposal to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for continued funding of the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) in 2015 in the amount of \$13,756,510, and to authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into negotiations and execute the necessary agreements for acceptance of the approved funding and implementation of the BayREN program.

Members discussed Item 6.G., Ratification of Contract for Demographic Forecasting Consulting, regarding demographic forecasting and carrying capacity of the Bay Area.

The following individuals provided public comment on Item 6.G.: Aubrey Freedman, Libertarian Party of San Francisco; Mimi Steel; Zelda Bronstein.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Jack Batchelor, Mayor, City of Dixon, which was seconded by Desley Brooks, Councilmember, City of Oakland, to approve Item 6.G., Ratification of Contract for Demographic Forecasting Consulting.

There was no discussion.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Bryant, Chu, Cortese, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Gioia, Gupta, Haggerty, Hudson, Kalb, Luce, Mackenzie, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Pierce, Pirzynski, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Slocum, Thorne, Torres.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Chavez, Harrison, Kalra, Kim, Lee, Liccardo, Pine, Seifert, Valle.

The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Ratification of Contract for Demographic Forecasting Consulting**

The Board is ratified the contract with Analysis and Forecasting, Inc. and Dowell Myers to develop a demographic model for forecasting population growth.

**7. OVERVIEW OF URBANSIM, A LAND USE MODEL**

Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, introduced a presentation on UrbanSim, by Paul Waddell, Professor and Chair of City and Regional Planning Department, UC Berkeley.

Waddell provided an overview of UrbanSim, the land use model for Plan Bay Area. He discussed lessons learned in recent applications and explained the possibilities of addressing policy and investment questions and their impact on land use patterns.

Members discussed existing data and sensitivity to policy and policy across jurisdictions; local government data update and model availability; aesthetic values and view corridors and coastal zone limitations; service capacity and funding;

individual choice impacts; proforma data updates; policy effectiveness analysis or post hoc evaluations.

The following individuals provided public comment on Item 7: Mimi Steel; Fred Volkton.

**8. PDA IMPLEMENTATION—REDWOOD CITY DOWNTOWN**

Chion introduced a presentation on a PDA Showcase of Redwood City Downtown Priority Development Area by Aaron Aknin, Director of Community Development, City of Redwood City, who presented recent trends, challenges, and opportunities in the city's Downtown Priority Development Area.

Aknin described the Downtown Redwood City construction boom and current development near the Caltrain station; and reviewed lessons learned regarding private and public investment, public input, clear and compelling vision, plans and codes, building height, density, setbacks, lot coverage, minimum lot sizes, parking, open space, regulations, aesthetics, and certainty versus flexibility.

The following individuals provided public comment on Item 8: Peter Singleton; Jim Bitter.

Members discussed Redwood City council design choices and city infrastructure.

**9. PRESENTATION ON HOW WE TALK ABOUT PLAN BAY AREA 2017**

Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, described what went well and what did not go well in the process that led up to adoption of the first Plan Bay Area in 2013. He discussed what a more thoughtful and responsive way to talk about Plan Bay Area 2017 might look like, one that better serves the needs of our member jurisdictions, delegates and the public.

Paul reported on lessons learned from meetings to discuss Plan Bay Area 2017, including what worked and what did not go well; talking about Plan Bay Area; putting human needs first; and opportunities, recommendations, and goals.

Members discussed public meetings, facilities and town halls; transparency, responsiveness and civility; Marin County delegates meeting; elected officials involvement; public engagement and communications; disseminating information; acronyms and jargon; scale of communications, general plans, and available local funds; understanding planning and state mandates; workshop format and specific community dialogue.

The following individuals provided public comment on Item 9: Fred Volkton; Mimi Steel; Aubrey Freedman; Peter Singleton; Charles Cagnon; James Bitter; Chris Pareja; Merri Mitchell

**10. 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: legislation proposed for 2014 Legislative Session, as follows: SB 1021 (Wolk), School Districts: Parcel Taxes, Support; AB 1179 (Bocanegra), Strategic Growth Council, Support; AB 1793 (Chau), Community Development: Affordable Housing, Watch; AB 2145 (Bradford), Electricity:

Community Choice Aggregation, Oppose; AB 2282, Building Standards: Recycled Water Infrastructure, Watch; AB 2280 (Alejo), Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities, Support; SB 1077 (DeSaulnier), Vehicles: Mileage-based Fee Pilot Program, Support; SB 1184 (Hancock), San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission: Sea Level Rise—Regional Resilience Strategy, Watch; SB 1260 (DeSaulnier), Local Government: Affordable Housing, Watch; bills previously considered, including: SB 1 (Steinberg); SB 792 (DeSaulnier), Regional Entities San Francisco Bay Area, Oppose; SB 1014 (Jackson), No Interest; AB 1537 (Levine); AB 2008 (Quirk); and a briefing on cap and trade proposals; and discussion on AB 2493 and HR 29, Governor's May Revise, and local government.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Haggerty, which was seconded by Hudson, to accept the committee report.

Members discussed SB 792.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Bryant, Chu, Cortese, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Gioia, Gupta, Haggerty, Hudson, Kalb, Luce, Mackenzie, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Pierce, Pirzynski, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Slocum, Thorne, Torres.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Chavez, Harrison, Kalra, Kim, Lee, Liccardo, Pine, Seifert, Valle.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, reported on Committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of Committee recommendations, including the following: approval of minutes of March 20, 2014; presentation and review of financial report for March 2014; report on actions to improve identification and verification of diversity amongst ABAG's contracted services; and a closed session for public employee performance evaluation of Executive Director.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Mitchoff, which was seconded by Hudson, to accept the committee report.

There was no discussion.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Bryant, Chu, Cortese, Drew, Eklund, Garcia, Gioia, Gupta, Haggerty, Hudson, Kalb, Luce, Mackenzie, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Pierce, Pirzynski, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Slocum, Thorne, Torres.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Chavez, Harrison, Kalra, Kim, Lee, Liccardo, Pine, Seifert, Valle.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Closed Session at about 9:40 p.m.

## **12. CLOSED SESSION**

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**A. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation  
Government Code Section 54956.9(a)**

Communities for a Better Environment and The Sierra Club v. Metropolitan  
Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments, et al.,  
Alameda County Superior Court Case No.: RG-13692189.

The Board returned to Open Session at about 9:50 p.m.

**13. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

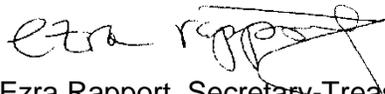
There was no report out of Closed Session.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Pierce adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board at about 9:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on July 17, 2014.

Submitted:



Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 23, 2014

Approved: July 17, 2014

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