

# SUMMARY MINUTES (DRAFT)

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 407  
Thursday, July 16, 2015  
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 recognized and welcomed Barbara Halliday, Mayor, City of Hayward, who attended for Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne; and Jeffrey Cristina, Mayor, City of Campbell, who attended for Palo Alto Mayor Greg Scharff.

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

A quorum of the Executive Board was present.

<b>Representatives and Alternates Present</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Supervisor Candace Andersen	County of Contra Costa
Mayor Jack Batchelor	City of Dixon
Councilmember Desley Brooks	City of Oakland
Supervisor Cindy Chavez	County of Santa Clara
Supervisor Julie Christensen	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Damon Connolly	County of Marin
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Mayor Jeffrey Cristina	City of Campbell
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Eklund	City of Novato
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Mayor Barbara Halliday	City of Hayward
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Councilmember Dan Kalb	City of Oakland
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
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
Councilmember Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Councilmember Raul Peralez	City of San Jose
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton

<b>Representatives Absent</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco	City of San Jose
Councilmember Jim Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Councilmember Pradeep Gupta	City of South San Francisco
Councilmember Charles "Chappie" Jones	City of San Jose
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB

Mayor Edwin Lee	City of San Francisco
Supervisor Nathan Miley	County of Alameda
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma
Supervisor Linda Seifert	County of Solano
Supervisor Warren Slocum	County of San Mateo
Dir Nicole Wheaton, Appointments	City of San Francisco

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no member announcement.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pierce reported on the following:

On the Consent Calendar is the adoption of Resolution No. 05-15.

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was no Executive Director's report.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Pierce noted a correction to Item 6.A., summary minutes of the Executive Board meeting on May 21, 2015, i.e., the header information on pages 2 through 6 should read "ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 406, Thursday, May 21, 2015."

President Pierce recognized a motion by Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor, City of San Ramon, which was seconded by Jack Batchelor, Mayor, City of Dixon, to approve the Consent Calendar, including adoption of Resolution No. 05-15 and approval of the Summary Minutes of May 21, 2015, as corrected.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Christensen, Connolly, Cristina, Eklund, Garcia, Halliday, Harrison, Hudson, Kalb, Luce, Mackenzie, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Cortese Davis, Gupta, Haggerty, Jones, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Miley, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert, Slocum, Wheaton.

The motion passed unanimously.

**A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 406 held on May 21, 2015**

The Executive Board approved the Summary Minutes of May 21, 2015, as corrected.

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

With Executive Board consent, ABAG will transmit the 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. 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.

**D. Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the California Department of Water Resources for the San Francisco Bay Region IRWM Prop 84 2015 Implementation Projects: "Bay Regional Climate Change Preparedness Program"**

The Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 05-15 designating an authorized representative to submit the application and execute a grant agreement with the State of California for the San Francisco Bay Region IRWM Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation Projects.

**E. Ratification of Application to US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 National Estuary Program Funding**

The Executive Board approved the annual ABAG/SFEP application for funds under the National Estuary Program and authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a new cooperative agreement or amendment with EPA on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to provide technical, public involvement and administrative support in implementing the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). The agreement term will be through September 30, 2016.

**F. Authorization to Release Bid Advertisement and Execute Construct 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 firm submitting the most responsive and cost effective proposal.

**G. Approval to Accept *Placemaking in the Bay Area* and to Include Placemaking in Plan Bay Area 2040 as a Component of Priority Development Area Implementation**

The Executive Board accepted the report, *Placemaking in the Bay Area*, and included placemaking in Plan Bay Area 2040 as a component of Priority Development Area implementation.

**H. Ratification of an Amendment with the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority for Accounting Support Services**

The Executive Board ratified the amendment for ABAG to provide WETA accounting support services for fiscal year 2015-16 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$127,000.

**7. ADOPTON OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-15 FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT FOR CRITICALLY NEEDED ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP POSITION**

Brian Kirking, ABAG Information Services and Human Resources Director, reported on the post-retirement employment for a critically needed San Francisco Estuary Partnership position and recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-15 approving the request to make an allowable exception to the CalPERS 180 prohibition on post retirement work for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, which was seconded by Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor, City of San Ramon, to adopt Resolution No. 06-15.

There was no member discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Christensen, Connolly, Cristina, Eklund, Garcia, Halliday, Harrison, Hudson, Kalb, Luce, Mackenzie, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Cortese Davis, Gupta, Haggerty, Jones, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Miley, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert, Slocum, Wheaton.

The motion passed unanimously.

**8. REPORT ON PLAN BAY AREA 2040 REGIONAL FORECAST APPROACH**

Cynthia Kroll, ABAG Chief Economist, reported on the Plan Bay Area 2040 Regional Forecast Approach, including a review the regional forecast; past population and employment projections; employment forecasts; regional population forecast; regional economic forecast; household-income forecast; regional commute and housing demand; and regional housing control total.

Members discussed the impact of the drought on housing figures; age distribution of population; in-commuting, commute housing estimate, and regional housing control total; commuting between counties; next RHNA cycle; multiple inhabitant dwellings and household size; local jurisdiction urban water management plan.

There was no public comment.

**9. REPORT ON ABAG BUDGET DISCUSSION AT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING ON JUNE 24, 2015**

President Pierce reported on the ABAG budget discussion at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting on June 24, 2015 and the action taken in light of the audit to extend ABAG's planning budget for six months at which time it is to be revisited. An *ad hoc* committee is meeting to discuss efficiencies and collaboration between ABAG and MTC and will have more information by the September meeting.

Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director, commented on the distinction between a merger and regional planning collaboration of cities and counties, and that of a

transfer of ABAG's planning unit to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; ABAG's role and work with cities and counties in land use planning; collaboration and cooperation between ABAG and MTC; discussion of regional land use planning to include cities and counties; the *ad hoc* committee process; the MTC action to extend the ABAG budget.

Members discussed ABAG's role in land use planning; land use planning and transportation planning; the transfer of ABAG's planning function to MTC; collaboration between regional agencies; the impact of a transfer on ABAG staff members; city and county representation on ABAG; past attempts at merging ABAG and MTC; calling for a meeting of the ABAG General Assembly; representation of cities on the *ad hoc* committee; state legislation regarding ABAG funding; the ABAG and MTC funding agreement; ABAG's responsibilities under SB 375; legislative process needed to pull ABAG's planning function; cooperation between ABAG and MTC; representation of elected officials in the One Bay Area process; redundancies and conflicts resolved through merger and efficiencies outside of collaboration; local control and land use planning; mission creep by MTC; bifurcation of MTC and ABAG functions; the MTC action on a six month budget for ABAG's planning work; ABAG's represented employees; reasons supporting merger, including constitutions of councils of governments and saving taxpayer monies and no loss of jobs; the Plan Bay Area process through diverse opinions and peoples; the ABAG planning budget amount; ABAG and MTC's respective institutional roles, governance, and resources; the value of tension between ABAG and MTC; local support for Plan Bay Area; importance of continuing discussions; organizational operating efficiencies; alternative governance example; legislative process for a merger of ABAG and MTC; city and county representation on MTC; Cortese memo to the Executive Board; ABAG staff report to the Executive Board; communications between ABAG and MTC executive directors; the roles and responsibilities of policy makers and agency directors.

President Pierce stated that both Dave Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, and she intend to move the process along and a report will be made to the Executive Board at its September meeting.

There was no public comment.

#### **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: approval of the minutes of May 21, 2015; briefing on state budget update, update on key ABAG support bills, and recommendations from Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee; report on possible legislation to add COGs and MPOs to the list of agencies allowed to access state-produced datasets; report on unaccompanied children and/or refugee children implications for local government and announcement of a forum on July 24, 2015; and discussion on the legislative workshop and reception for 2016.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Haggerty, which was seconded by Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, to accept the committee report.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Chavez, Christensen, Connolly, Cortese, Cristina, Eklund, Garcia, Haggerty, Halliday, Harrison, Kalb, Kim, Luce, Mackenzie, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Brooks, Carrasco, Davis, Gupta, Hudson Jones, Kissinger, Lee, Miley, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert, Slocum, Wheaton.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **11. 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 the minutes of May 21, 2015; review of financial report for May 2015; report on conditions imposed by MTC on the extension of the interagency agreement; report on payment of 2015-16 member dues; report on renewal of the \$2,000,000 line of credit with Bank of the West; report on staff concurrence with the State Controller's Office report on review of ABAG's administrative and internal accounting controls; and a closed session on Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Executive Director.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato, which was seconded by Mitchoff, to accept the committee report.

There was no discussion.

There was not public comment.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Chavez, Christensen, Connolly, Cortese, Cristina, Eklund, Garcia, Haggerty, Halliday, Harrison, Kalb, Kim, Luce, Mackenzie, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Brooks, Carrasco, Davis, Gupta, Hudson Jones, Kissinger, Lee, Miley, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert, Slocum, Wheaton.

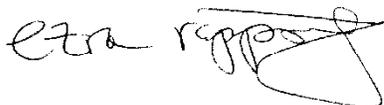
The motion passed unanimously.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

President Pierce adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board at about 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on September 17, 2015.

Submitted:



Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: July 24, 2015

Approved: TBD

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