



# CALL AND NOTICE

## CALL AND NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

As President of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), I am calling a meeting of the ABAG Executive Board as follows:

### ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NO. 396

Thursday, December 5, 2013, 7:00 PM

Location:

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, California

*The ABAG Executive Board may act on any item on this agenda.*

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The business to be transacted will include:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
6. CONSENT CALENDAR
  - A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 395 held on September 19, 2013
  - B. Ratification of Committee Appointments
  - C. Ratification of Election Certification—President and Vice President
  - D. Approval of Meeting Schedule for 2014

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- E. Approval of an Agreement with San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to Assess Vulnerability of Housing and Communities and Develop Adaptation Responses**
- 7. PRESENTATION ON GRAND BOULEVARD INITIATIVE**
- 8. UPDATES ON PLAN BAY AREA 2013/2017**
- 9. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTING PLAN BAY AREA'S REGIONAL CAP AND TRADE REVENUE ALLOCATION PROCESS**
- 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**
- 11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 13. CLOSED SESSION**
  - A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**  
Title: Executive Director
  - B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**  
Title: Legal Counsel
  - C. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**  
Name of case: *Post Sustainability Institute v ABAG, et al.*
  - D. Conference with Labor Negotiators**  
Agency designated representatives: Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director, and Brian Kirking, ABAG Information Services and Human Resources Director  
Employee organization: SEIU Local 1021
- 14. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**

Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to directly address the ABAG Executive Board concerning any item described in this notice before consideration of that item.

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Agendas and materials will be posted and distributed for this meeting by ABAG staff in the normal course of business.

Submitted:

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Mark Luce  
President

Date: November 27, 2013

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Information

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Information

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Information

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

ACTION. Unless there is a request by a Board member to take up an item on the consent calendar separately, the calendar will be acted upon in one motion.

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

*Attachment: Summary Minutes*

**B. Ratification of Committee Appointments**

The Board is requested to ratify the following committee appointments.

Joint Planning Committee

To Be Announced

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San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board

To Be Announced

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

The Board is requested to ratify the election certification of President and Vice President for the term of office beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2015.

*Attachment: Election Certification*

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

The Board is requested to approve its meeting schedule for 2014.

*Attachment: Meeting Schedule 2014 Proposed*

**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 is requested to authorize 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.

*Attachment: Housing and Communities Vulnerability Assessment*

**7. PRESENTATION ON GRAND BOULEVARD INITIATIVE**

Information. Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, and Russell Hancock, Co-Chair, Grand Boulevard Task Force, will give a presentation on the Grand Boulevard Initiative.

*Attachment: Grand Boulevard Initiative*

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

Information. Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, and Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, will report on implementing Plan Bay Area and preparing for Plan Bay Area 2017.

*Attachments: Update Plan Bay Area 2017; Plan Bay Area 2017 Timeline*

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

Information/ACTION. Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, will report on implementing Plan Bay Area's regional cap and trade revenue allocation process.

*Attachments: Bay Area Cap and Trade; MTC Programming and Allocation Committee Draft Cap and Trade Funding Framework; 6 Wins Coalition letter dated November 1, 2013*

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

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**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**

Information/ACTION. Gillian Adams, ABAG Regional Planner, will report on Priority Development Areas and Priority Conservation Areas.

*Attachments: Update on PDAs and PCAs; Timeline and Guidelines for Adding, Removing or Changing PDAs and PCAs; San Rafael Civic Center PDA; Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor PCA, Office of Education Loma Mar Property PCA, and Suisun Valley PCA*

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

Information/ACTION. Committee Chair David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma, will report on Committee activities and request Board approval of Committee recommendations.

*Attachment: LGO Committee agenda; 2013 Legislative Session Final Status; Legislative Priorities*

**12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Information/ACTION. Committee Chair John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, will report on Committee activities and request Board approval of Committee recommendations.

*Attachment: FP Committee agenda*

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

Title: Executive Director

**B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

Title: Legal Counsel

**C. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

Name of case: *Post Sustainability Institute v ABAG, et al.*

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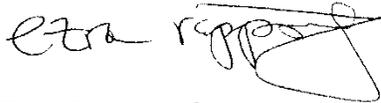
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**14. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Board will be announced.

Submitted:

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Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date: November 27, 2013

# SUMMARY MINUTES (DRAFT)

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 395  
Thursday, September 19, 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 meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order at about 7:15 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 Ronit Bryant	City of Mountain View
Representatives Present	Jurisdiction
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
Supervisor John Gioia	County of Contra Costa
Mayor Pedro Gonzalez	City of South San Francisco
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
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 Pro Tem Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Mayor Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Mayor Jean Quan	City of Oakland
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma
Supervisor Katie Rice	County of Marin
Councilmember Libby Schaaf	City of Oakland
Supervisor Linda Seifert	County of Solano
Dep Dir Joaquin Torres, Econ/Workforce Dev	City of San Francisco
<b>Representatives Absent</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Councilmember Ash Kalra	City of San Jose
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB
Mayor Edwin Lee	City of San Francisco
Councilmember Sam Liccardo	City of San Jose

Supervisor Dave Pine  
Councilmember Joe Pirzynski  
Mayor Harry Price  
Supervisor Warren Slocum  
Mayor Jerry Thorne  
Supervisor Richard Valle

County of San Mateo  
Town of Los Gatos  
City of Fairfield  
County of San Mateo  
City of Pleasanton  
County of Alameda

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Luce welcomed newly appointed Board members: Mary Ann Nihart, Mayor *Pro Tem*, City of Pacifica; Cindy Chavez, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara; Tamsen Drew, Deputy Director, Legislation and Governmental Affairs, Office of the Mayor, City and County of San Francisco; and Jake Mackenzie, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park.

He reported on the following:

Forwarded approved Plan Bay Area to California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Forwarded final RHNA numbers to Housing and Community Development (HCD) which formally accepted approved RHNA numbers.

Marked increase in positive publicity regarding Plan Bay Area, including from some previously critical sources, over past few months.

Placed op-ed pieces in a number major papers in the region to correct misinformation about Plan Bay Area, emphasizing that it is not one-size-fits all; is not top down, but bottom up; does not infringe on local decision making; Is a work in progress, not set in stone.

Received good coverage in the press, on the radio, on TV, and in regional and local newspapers, blogs, and online media for the Bay Trail, including about Kurt Schwabe, the Bay Trail Trekker who circled the Bay in 30 days; and the new Bridge Bay Trail opening for bikes and pedestrians.

Conducted a workshop on “Creating Healthy Communities”, co-sponsored by Kaiser, as part of the Local Government Health and Wellness Forum, which featured best practices to create worksite well ness programs, walkable active communities, and accessible healthy food options.

Announced the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Oakland Marriott City Center which focuses on management and ecological health of San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary.

The term of office for President and Vice President Pierce ends in December and in the Consent Calendar was the Approval of an Election Calendar for President

and Vice President. A Canvassing Committee of three members will be appointed, if needed.

An Approval to Reschedule the Executive Board meeting on November 21, 2013 to December 5, 2013 was placed on the Consent Calendar.

**A. Approval to Reschedule the Executive Board Meeting on November 21, 2013 to December 5, 2013**

Action on the rescheduling of the Board meeting was deferred until a quorum was present.

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director, reported on the receipt of the following grants:

USGS funded Bay Area Population and Housing Earthquake Risk Assessment project involving a collaborative effort with the BCDC Adapting to Rising Tides project.

Consultant input on strategies to be provided through an EPA/FEMA grant for Creating Safe Growth Strategies for the San Francisco Bay Area.

With the Resource for Community Development, a local affordable housing developer, conducting the Affordable Housing and Transit Oriented Development research project, funded by the Ford Foundation, the San Francisco Foundation, and ABAG Financial Services, to survey tenants of affordable units regarding benefits of renting in TOD locations.

**6. ABAG CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Special Meeting No. 393 held on June 20, 2013, and Meeting No. 394 held on July 18, 2013**

Approved the summary minutes of special meeting No. 393 held on June 20, 2013, and meeting No. 394 held on July 18, 2013.

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

Approved transmitting 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. Committee Appointments**

Ratified the following committee appointments.

ABAG Regional Planning Committee

Linda Jackson, Transportation Authority of Marin (replaces Beth Walukas)  
Vu-Ban Nguyen, Urban Habitat (replaces Allen Fernandez Smith)

**D. Approval of Election Calendar—President and Vice President**

Adopted the election calendar for President and Vice President for the term of office beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2015.

**E. Approval of Office Supplies Provider**

Approved the selection of an office supplies provider and directed the Executive Director, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into contract with an office supplies provider for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, beginning in September, with an option to renew for three additional consecutive one-year periods ending June 30, 2017, subject to approval of future agency budgets.

**F. Ratification of Agreement with Urban Resilience Policy**

Ratified the agreement with Urban Resilience Policy and authorized the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Urban Resilience Policy to provide programmatic and technical support to the ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Program.

**G. Adoption of Resolution No. 10-13 Authorizing Entering into an Augmented Agreement with the California Coastal Conservancy for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail**

Adopted Resolution No. 10-13 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an augmented agreement with the California Coastal Conservancy in the amount of \$750,000 to develop and implement various projects for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail.

**H. Ratification of Submittal of Grant Proposal to California State Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Grant Program for Climate Ready-Green Infrastructure Project**

Ratified the submittal of a proposal by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) in response to the California State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Announcement for which applications were due on August 28, 2013. The Climate Ready-Green Infrastructure Project (CR-GIP) proposal combines and builds upon two existing education and outreach efforts to promote the use of green infrastructure measures as a Bay Area climate change adaptation strategy. The proposal is collaboration among SFEP, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The proposed project request is \$165,190.

**I. Ratification of Submittal of Grant Application to California State Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Program for Dredged Sediment Delivery System**

Ratified the submittal of a proposal by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership in response to the California State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Program to develop a conceptual design for a system to deliver dredged sediment to beneficial reuse/restoration sites in the San Francisco Bay/Delta. The estimated cost of the project is \$149,418.

**J. Authorization to Enter into an Interagency Agreement with Alameda County to Provide Technical Resources to the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Authorized the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an interagency agreement with Alameda County to provide staff to assist with permit review for

projects and activities under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board. The new contract is estimated to cost \$791,328. The duration is from September 1, 2013 to September 20, 2018. No ABAG match is required.

**K. Adoption of Resolution 11-13 in support of the City of Union City's Request for an Expedited Approval by the California Department of Finance of the Sale of Former Redevelopment Land within its Intermodal Station District PDA**

Adopted Resolution 11-13 in support of the City of Union City's request for an expedited approval by the California Department of Finance of the sale of land owned by former redevelopment agencies within its Intermodal Station District Planned Development Area.

**7. BRIEFING ON THE BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN**

Paul Helliker, Deputy Director, Delta and Statewide Water Management, California Department of Water Resources, provided a briefing on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The briefing included an overview of areas of California served by water supplies from the Delta, snowpack predictions, Delta islands below sea level and Delta challenges. He reviewed the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's large scale restoration and alternative conveyance components. He commented on the NRDC proposal, reviewed present value benefits and costs, compared the Hetch Hetchy Seismic upgrade project, and reviewed other water investment projects.

Gary Bobker, Rivers and Delta Program Director, The Bay Institute, gave a presentation on the BDCP and the Delta Crisis, which included an overview of the Bay Institute's programs; impacts on species populations and habitats; exports and reverse flows and hydrology. He reviewed key BDCP assumptions and issues with Delta flow, entrainment, habitat restoration, supply reliability, local and regional support, and reducing reliance on the Delta.

Members commented on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan as presented by Mr. Helliker and the issues raised by Mr. Bobker, regarding the five Delta counties and governance, finance, water management, comprehensive state water program, water storage, mitigation, levy restoration, messaging, impacts on agriculture and other resources, alternatives to diversion, conveyance capacity, permit processing and regulatory agencies.

A quorum of the Board was present at about 7:35 p.m.

President Luce recognized a motion by Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, which was seconded by Eklund, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

President Luce recognized a motion by Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato, which was seconded by Dave Hudson, Councilmember, City of San Ramon, to reschedule the Board and Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee and Finance and Personnel Committee meetings from November 21, 2013 to December 5, 2013, and to schedule Board meetings that do not conflict with the annual meetings the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. Members discussed the California State Association of Counties meeting in San

Jose that coincides with the Board meeting in November and the installation of John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, as CSAC president. Members also discussed scheduling Board meetings that do not conflict with meetings of the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties, and polling Board members regarding their attendance at a meeting in December. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed at about 8:55 p.m.

The Board reconvened at about 9:10 p.m.

## **8. REPORT ON PLAN BAY AREA IMPLEMENTATION**

Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, reported on Plan Bay Area implementation, which includes the following focus areas: PDA implementation, open space and farmland, housing production and affordability, and economic development. PDA implementation includes transit corridors, entitlement efficiency, resilience, and regional PDA planning grants. Housing production and affordability includes housing production analysis and policy development, targeting regional resources for affordable housing, and state housing policy coordination. Economic development includes a Bay Area economic prosperity strategy, place-based economic development strategies, business community coordination, and goods movement and industrial land. Open space and farmland preservation includes Priority Conservation Areas, and Bay Trail and Water Trail. He described staff work to be undertaken and asked for input regarding priorities and challenges to PDA implementation.

Members discussed ensuring that the proposed goods movement studies will be done; preparing for and directing staff to report on planning for the next Plan Bay Area update; coordinating media outreach with Board members; preparing an annual report on the performance targets; working with labor organizations on career pathways in economic development; how to engage Governing Board delegates regarding implementation; involving Board members in PDA implementation; local jurisdiction decisions regarding entitlement efficiency and CEQA streamlining; regional discussion of planning along transit corridors.

## **9. UPDATE ON THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK (BAYREN)**

Jerry Lahr, ABAG Energy Programs Manager, and Jennifer Berg, BayREN Program Manager, presented an update on the Bay Area Regional Energy Network programs, including an overview of the purpose of BayREN, its organizational structure, and program offerings. They described the single family retrofit program, multi-family retrofit program, energy codes and standards, and energy efficiency financing.

Members discussed outreach efforts and participation levels.

## **10. 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 a review of legislation considered during the 2013 legislative session and bills that passed out of the legislature to the governor, including AB 48 (Skinner), Firearms: Large Capacity Magazines, support; AB 1229 (Atkins), Land Use: Zoning

Regulations, support; AB 440 (Gatto), Hazardous Materials: Local Agency Clean-up, support; AB 562 (Williams), Economic Development Subsidies: Review by Local Agencies, oppose; AB 662 (Atkins, et al.), Local Government: Redevelopment—Successor Agencies to Redevelopment Agencies, enrolled/support; SB 279 (Hancock), San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, enrolled/support; SB 299 (DeSaulnier), Firearms: Lost or Stolen—Reports, enrolled/support; SB 470 (Wright), Community Development: Economic Opportunity, ordered to engrossing/enrolling; SB 594 (Hill), Use of Public Resources, ordered to engrossing/enrolling; a recommendation that letters be sent to the governor expressing ABAG's positions on these bills; and review of SB 731 (Steinberg), California Environmental Quality Act, and SB 743 (Steinberg), Environmental Quality: Transit Oriented Infill Projects.

President Luce recognized a motion by Rabbitt, which was seconded by Linda Seifert, Supervisor, County of Solano, to accept the committee report.

Member discussed indicating on the legislation report the positions taken by the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Chair John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, will report on Committee activities and request Board approval of Committee recommendations, including presentation and review of financial report for June 2013; report on Diversity and Business Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2012/13 and directing staff to develop policy on greater outreach; and process and schedule for public employee performance evaluation for Legal Counsel.

The committee met in three closed sessions:

Conference with Legal Counsel on anticipated litigation;

Conference with Legal Counsel on existing litigation: *Bay Area Citizens v ABAG, et al.*; *Building Industries Association Bay Area v ABAG, et al.*; *Communities for a Better Environment, et al. v MTC et al.*

Conference with ABAG's designated labor negotiators regarding SEIU Local 1021.

President Luce recognized a motion by Gioia, which was seconded by Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton, to accept the committee report. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Closed Session at about 10:11 p.m.

## **12. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

One case

### **B. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation**

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of cases:

*Bay Area Citizens v. ABAG et al.*

*Building Industry Association Bay Area v. ABAG et al.*

*Communities for a Better Environment et al. v. MTC et al.*

**C. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Agency designated representatives: Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director, and Brian Kirking, ABAG Information Services and Human Resources Director

Employee organization: SEIU Local 1021

The Board returned to Open Session at about 10:23 p.m.

**13. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

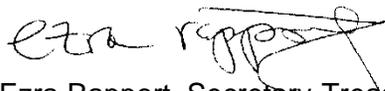
President Luce recognized a motion by Gioia, which was seconded by Hudson, to adopt Resolution No. 12-13 on the formation of joint litigation committee with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission regarding *Bay Area Citizens v ABAG, et al.*; *Building Industries Association Bay Area v ABAG, et al.*; *Communities for a Better Environment, et al. v MTC et al.* Appointed to the committee were Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa; Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton; John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa; and David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma. The motion passed unanimously.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Board will be on December 5, 2013.

President Luce adjourned the meeting of the Board at about 10:25 p.m.

Submitted:



Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date: October 22, 2013

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# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



**ABAG**

Date: November 15, 2013

To: Executive Board

From: Fred Castro  
Clerk of the Board

Subject: **NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA  
GOVERNMENTS**

At the close of the nomination period at noon on Friday, October 11, 2013, only one candidate had filed the necessary nomination petition for the office of President and one candidate for the office of Vice President of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The sole candidate for President was Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton, and the sole candidate for Vice President was David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma.

Pursuant to the Association's *Procedures for Election of the President and Vice President*: "If, at the close of nominations, only one candidate has been nominated for the office of President or for the office of Vice President, then such sole nominee is declared hereby to be elected to such office."

Therefore, I am pleased to certify the following as the Association's President-elect and Vice President-elect for the term beginning January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2015.

President	Julie Pierce Mayor City of Clayton
Vice President	David Rabbitt Supervisor County of Sonoma

## Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to ratify the results of the election of President and Vice President of the Association.

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director  
Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director  
Kenneth K. Moy, Legal Counsel

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## Meeting Schedule 2014 (Proposed)

### General Assembly

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2014

Time: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Oakland Marriott City Center  
1001 Broadway  
Oakland, California

Contact: Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, (510) 464 7955,  
bradp@abag.ca.gov

### Executive Board

Dates: Thursday, January 16, 2014

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Thursday, December 4, 2014—*First Thursday in December*

Time: 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Location: Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 8th Street, Auditorium, Oakland  
*Across from the Lake Merritt BART Station*

Contacts: Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, (510) 464 7933,  
bradp@abag.ca.gov

Fred Castro, Clerk of the Board, (510) 464 7913, fredc@abag.ca.gov

## Meeting Schedule 2014 (Proposed)

### Administrative Committee

Dates: *Meetings Scheduled as Needed*

Contact: Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, (510) 464 7933,  
bradp@abag.ca.gov

### Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee

Dates: *See Executive Board Schedule*

Time: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: ABAG Conference Room B

Contact: Kathleen Cha, Senior Communications Officer, (510) 464 7922,  
kathleenc@abag.ca.gov

### Finance and Personnel Committee

Dates: *See Executive Board Schedule*

Time: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Location: ABAG Conference Room B

Contact: Herbert Pike, Finance Director, (510) 464 7902, herbertp@abag.ca.gov

### Regional Planning Committee

Dates: Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

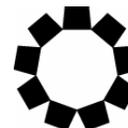
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# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



**ABAG**

Date: November 15, 2013

To: Executive Board

From: Miriam Chion  
Planning and Research Director

Subject: **Ratification of an Agreement with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to Assess Vulnerability of Housing and Communities and Develop Adaptation Responses**

## Executive Summary

In early 2013, ABAG was awarded a \$1 million grant from the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to implement Plan Bay Area which includes incorporating a resilience assessment and strategy into the next Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Pursuant to ABAG's request to the SGC, the grant work plan states ABAG and the San Francisco Bay Conservation Development Commission (BCDC) will jointly undertake the task of assessing the risks climate change impact has on Priority Development Areas and develop a strategy to address them for consideration in the next SCS.

ABAG and BCDC will assess the vulnerability of housing and communities to multiple hazards and develop high level adaptation responses to increase the resilience of housing and communities to these hazards. ABAG has two additional grants to leverage this work effort – an \$80,000 grant from USGS to assess existing housing and community vulnerability to earthquakes and a technical assistance grant from the EPA to assess the vulnerability of high growth areas to multiple hazards and develop strategies to increase the resilience of these high growth areas.

BCDC's portion of this work will be funded with \$75,000 from the SGC grant, which includes the assessment of ABAG's approved Planned Development Areas (PDAs) for vulnerability to sea level rise and storm events and the development of high level adaptation strategies to make the PDAs more resilient.

This joint work effort provides a unique opportunity to assess both existing and planned housing and community vulnerability and develop adaptation responses to increase resilience of existing and planned housing community members in the Bay Area.

## Recommended Action

Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with BCDC to assess the vulnerability of housing and communities to multiple hazards and develop adaptation responses to increase resilience of housing.

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Date: November 27, 2013

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Miriam Chion, Planning & Research Director

Subject: **Presentation on Grand Boulevard Initiative**

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With the adoption of Plan Bay Area, regional agencies are focused on implementing the land use and transportation vision described in the Plan. Most of the housing and job growth in Plan Bay Area is projected to occur in the PDAs along the region's major transportation corridors, including El Camino Real, San Pablo Avenue, and International Boulevard/East 14th Street/Mission Boulevard. As a result, ABAG's implementation efforts will focus on addressing the obstacles to achieving PDA growth and investment along these corridors. The Grand Boulevard Initiative along the El Camino Real in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties provides a successful model for how to promote livable, walkable, and complete communities along a major transit corridor.

Finding common ground and creating collaborations to address planning and development issues and outreach to communities are key elements to the success of the Initiative. Grand Boulevard Initiative co-chair, Russell Hancock, CEO and President of Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network, will provide an overview of the Initiative and discuss two efforts central to moving the Initiative forward: the *Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Financing Strategy* and *Outreach and Engagement* (described in more detail below).

### **About the Grand Boulevard Initiative**

Formed in 2006, the Grand Boulevard Initiative brings together for the first time all of the agencies that have responsibility for the condition, use, and performance of the Corridor, as well as representatives from development, labor, environmental, and health perspectives. Their shared vision is to transform the 43-mile El Camino Real Corridor (State Route 82) along the San Francisco Peninsula into a boulevard that connects walkable, people friendly communities.

Founding sponsors are the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), the City/County Association of Governments of San

Mateo County (C/CAG), Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network, and the San Mateo Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA).

This “coalition of the willing” includes 19 cities, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, two transit agencies, two Congestion Management Agencies, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), MTC, and ABAG. The Initiative is organized as a 46-member Task Force, a Working Committee of city and other government agency staff, and a Community Leaders Roundtable of community and advocacy organizations. Staffing is provided by SamTrans.

The essence of the Grand Boulevard Initiative approach is cooperation among local agencies and promoting bottom-up, collaborative, regional planning, while still allowing each jurisdiction to make decisions regarding the needs of its own community. This new paradigm for regional collaboration has achieved surprising success in the realms of policy development and planning to achieve sustainability, providing a template for retrofitting a suburban arterial street and corridor.

### **Grand Boulevard Initiative Achievements**

The Grand Boulevard Initiative has achieved the following landmarks since its inception:

- Adoption of the Grand Boulevard Initiative Vision and 10 Guiding Principles, which have been endorsed by the members and incorporated into many of the plans along the Corridor.
- Securing \$8.7 million in discretionary grants and \$2.4 million in matching funds to support projects and plans in the Corridor.
- Implementation of a three-year public outreach program, featuring meetings in communities along the Corridor, field trips and outreach events for people who are interested, as well as research to better communicate and present the Initiative which will be implemented in 2014.
- Publication of Existing Conditions Reports in 2006 and 2011 to document the current state of the Corridor.
- Publication of Progress Reports in 2007 and 2013.
- Conducting Grand Boulevard Initiative Awards programs in 2007, 2009 and 2013 to recognize plans and projects that exemplify the Initiative’s Guiding Principles.
- Creation and maintenance of a Grand Boulevard Initiative Website ([www.grandboulevard.net](http://www.grandboulevard.net)) which includes links to and a searchable database of local and regional plans and projects and a library with presentations, videos, and other documents.

### **Grand Boulevard Initiative Implementation Activities**

The Grand Boulevard Initiative has undertaken a number of studies and projects to identify solutions to address the obstacles to achieving its vision of a more livable El Camino Real. These

include a *Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan*, an *Economic and Housing Opportunities Assessment*, a *Complete Streets Program*, and an *Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Financing Strategy*. Since collaboration is a foundation of the Initiative's success, outreach and engagement activities have also been a focus of its work. The *Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Financing Strategy* and activities related to *Outreach and Engagement* are described in more detail below. More information about all of the Grand Boulevard Initiative's activities and recent changes along the Corridor can be found in the *2013 Progress Report* (available at [www.grandboulevard.net](http://www.grandboulevard.net)).

### ***Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Financing Strategy***

Conducted as part of a \$1.1 million U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER II grant, this study evaluates the state of readiness of infrastructure in the Corridor to accommodate future development consistent with anticipated growth projections and local policies. Specifically, it identifies the costs of needed infrastructure improvements to accommodate planned growth, and provides funding and financing strategies to implement the improvements. It sets the stage for multi-jurisdictional infrastructure financing.

### ***Outreach and Engagement***

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation awarded Regional Planning grants in 2009, 2010 and 2011 to conduct community outreach and develop a communications plan and messaging platform. A recently awarded 2012 grant from the Community Foundation will empower elected and appointed officials, planners, and community leaders to engage in civic discourse with residents and the business community about how their communities can grow sustainably and will inform future efforts of the Initiative and local communities. This work is a partnership of Greenbelt Alliance, San Mateo County Health System, Santa Clara County Health Department, VTA, SamTrans, and, most recently, the Local Government Commission.

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Date: November 27, 2013

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Miriam Chion, Planning & Research Director

Subject: **Updates on Plan Bay Area 2017**

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The Bay Area must complete its second Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in 2017. Regional agency staff has taken initial steps to outline the process and timeline for completing the second SCS as well as involving local jurisdictions, stakeholders and ABAG Delegates very early in the process.

### ***1. Moving from SCS Implementation to Plan Bay Area 2017***

The attached document shows the proposed timeline for Plan Bay Area 2017. The scope and timing of the tasks will be informed by input from cities and stakeholders and future discussions at the ABAG Regional Planning Committee and ABAG Executive Board, as well as the self-assessment of the previous effort and advice from the Strategic Growth Council (see below). At this point, work on the next SCS, including coordination with local jurisdictions and background analysis, is expected to kick off in 2015. The tasks for *Plan Bay Area Implementation* (2014) and the *State of the Region Report* (2015) relate to the adopted Plan Bay Area, while the remaining tasks relate to Plan Bay Area 2017.

### ***2. Local and State Input from the Initial Sustainable Communities Strategies***

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is working with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) throughout California on self-assessments of the first round of Sustainable Communities Strategies. By summer 2014, the SGC plans to release a report on lessons learned and suggested improvements for the second round of SCS development. In the Bay Area, ABAG and MTC will be conducting a similar evaluation process in preparation for work on Plan Bay Area 2017.

### ***3. ABAG Delegate Engagement***

Many of the elected officials who are ABAG Delegates have already expressed an interest in being more involved in the next Plan Bay Area process. ABAG staff has begun to reach out to the Delegates to provide more information about ABAG and the key principles embodied in Plan

Bay Area, in an effort to improve communication between regional agencies and local communities. Staff recently met with the Delegates in San Mateo County and is scheduling meetings with the Delegates in the other eight counties. The goal is to continue regular meetings with Delegates throughout the process for developing the next Plan Bay Area.

Attendees at our recent San Mateo Delegate meeting shared a number of helpful questions and comments with staff including:

- *ABAG can help member cities with networking – with each other, state agencies (e.g., HCD) and nonprofits that can help them build parks and housing or provide services.*
- *Want to understand what “CEQA entitlement efficiency” means, how a city qualifies for it and if it is truly a local option (or can developers force jurisdictions to adopt it).*
- *Want to know how to create new PCAs and PDAs now that Plan Bay Area has been adopted and what kind of resources and guidance are available to help them do so.*

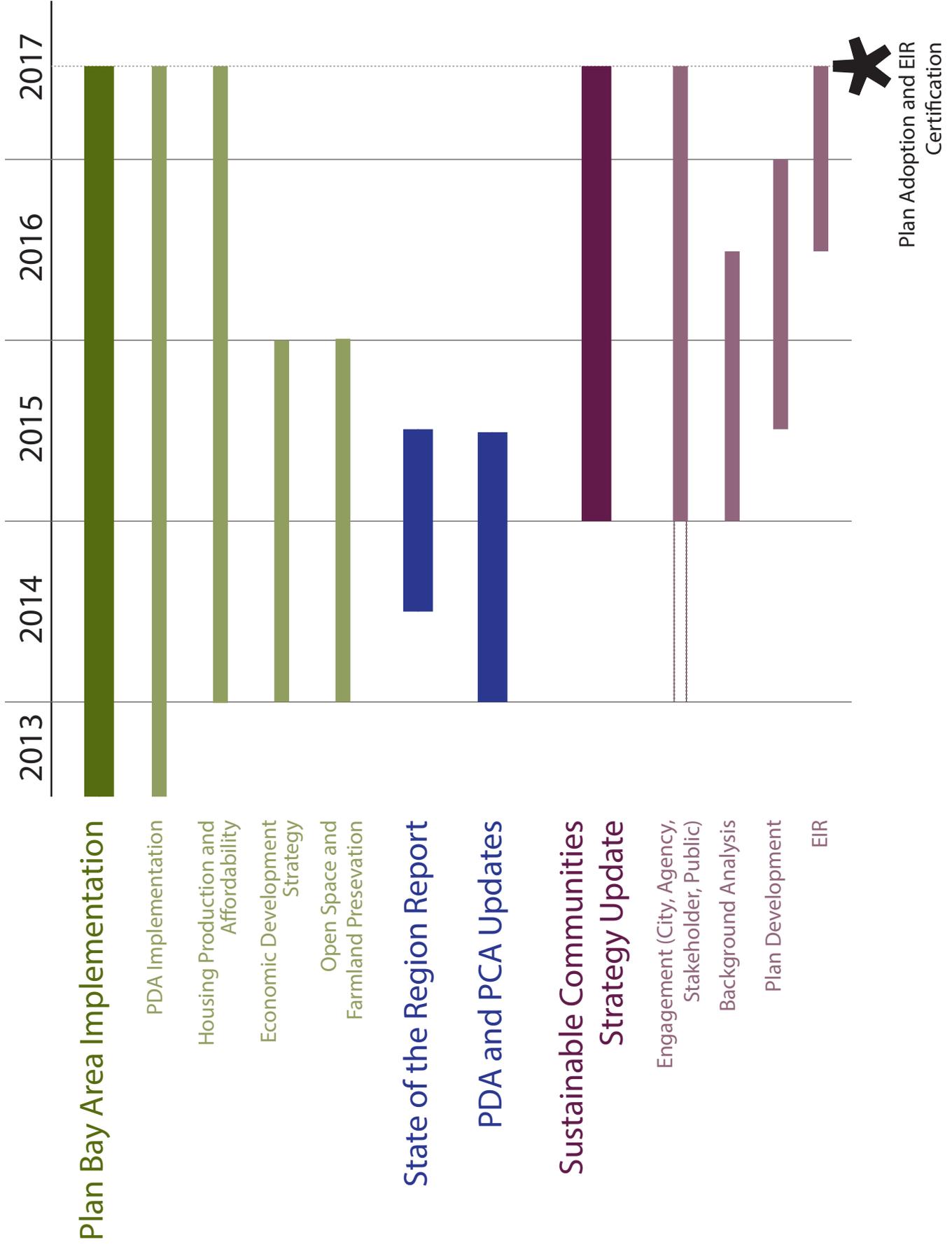
They expressed interest in using the ABAG General Assembly for this kind of small group discussion, as well as including an ABAG 101 beginners track and a mobile device Survey Monkey to solicit feedback. Overall the Delegates were enthusiastic about increased communication/coordination with ABAG and suggested we get together quarterly and that ABAG staff do a similar presentation at a San Mateo City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) retreat.

### ***Discussion Questions***

Staff is seeking the Board’s feedback on what they’re hearing regarding the challenges and opportunities their communities are facing as they implement Plan Bay Area and what kinds of tools and assistance would be most helpful at this time. What kinds of programs, advocacy, and networking would make a difference?

We also know that it is not too soon to begin discussing preparation for the next Plan Bay Area. What additional issues would you like to see staff address as we seek to improve the next round of SCS planning as proposed in the abovementioned timeline for Plan Bay Area 2017? What additional issues, priorities, and performance measures should staff be identifying and researching now to help your local jurisdictions prepare for the next Plan Bay Area?

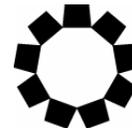
# Timeline: Plan Bay Area Implementation and SCS Update 2017



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**ABAG**

Date: November 25, 2013

To: Executive Board

From: Miriam Chion  
Planning and Research Director

Subject: **Bay Area Cap and Trade Revenue Allocation Process**

## Executive Summary

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, MTC discussed a potential Cap and Trade Revenue Allocation Process with its Programming and Allocations Committee for their input. We have included MTC's memo on this subject in your packet to give you a chance to discuss the issue and provide input to MTC staff before any final action is taken. We also included a letter from the 6 Wins Coalition stating its recommendations on this, a letter MTC included in the packet for its recent Program and Allocation Committee meeting.

Finally, together with MTC staff, ABAG staff will convene a meeting of the Regional Advisory Working Group (RAWG) on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for its input on Cap and Trade Revenue Allocation and will provide a summary of that discussion to the Executive Board on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The RAWG includes local governments, congestion management agencies and stakeholders and was used effectively in the Plan Bay Area process.

## Recommended Action

Executive Board discussion.

## Attachments

1. MTC Programming and Allocation Committee Draft Cap and Trade Funding Framework
2. 6 Wins Coalition Letter

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# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

November 13, 2013

Item Number 3a.i.

## Draft Cap and Trade Funding Framework

**Subject:** Release of Draft Cap and Trade Funding Framework for Public Comment and Review

**Background:** Plan Bay Area included a \$3.1 billion reserve from future Cap and Trade funding. The specific set of expenditures for these funds was to be subject to further deliberation with partner agencies and public input. The investment strategy for the funding was to be consistent with the focused land use strategy outlined in Plan Bay Area. Further, the investment process for project and program selection was to ensure that at least 25% of the Cap and Trade funding benefit disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area.

Attachment A proposes principles and a set of investment categories for Cap and Trade Funding that aligns well with the objectives of Plan Bay Area, with the following focus areas:

Funding Category	Amount (\$ millions)
1. Core Capacity Challenge Grants (Transit Capital Program)	800
2. Transit Operating and Efficiency Program	450
3. One Bay Area Grants	1,050
4. Climate Initiatives	400
5. Goods Movement	450
TOTAL	\$3,150

As outlined in the proposed principles, each investment category should have a strong link to greenhouse gas emission reductions and benefit disadvantaged communities. As an example, the Core Capacity Challenge Grant program is focused on AC Transit, BART, and SFMTA – systems that carry over 80% of the region’s overall transit riders as well as more than three-quarters of the low-income and minority passengers. Each program as it is developed will require evaluation for its benefits to greenhouse gas emission reductions and disadvantaged communities.

Staff is seeking input on this draft funding framework, and will return in December to seek approval following public input and review by MTC’s Advisory Council.

While the Legislature has not yet finalized the funding structure and eligible uses, AB 574 (Lowenthal) seeks to reserve California cap and trade allowance revenue from transportation fuels for transportation-related expenditures, with some portion being subvented to Metropolitan Planning Organizations, including MTC. The eligible projects included in AB574 are broad in scope and generally align well with those identified in the Draft Cap and Trade Revenue Framework.

**Issues:** None.

**Recommendation:** This is an informational item.

**Attachments:** Draft Cap and Trade Revenue Framework  
6 Wins Letter on PBA Cap and Trade to MTC and ABAG

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## **Draft Bay Area Cap and Trade Funding Framework**

### **Cap and Trade Reserve Investment Principles**

1. Cap and Trade Funds must have a strong nexus to Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction
2. Distribution of the estimated \$3.1 billion in available funds will serve to strategically advance the implementation of Plan Bay Area and related regional policies
3. Investment Categories and related Policy Initiatives will be structured to provide co-benefits and opportunities to leverage investments across categories and from multiple sources (public and private).
4. All Investment Categories should include funding that benefits disadvantaged communities. The Committees are defined as MTC's Communities of Concern.

### **Cap and Trade Reserve Funding Categories**

#### **1. Core Capacity Challenge Grants (Transit Capital Program)**

Plan Bay Area identifies a remaining need of \$17 billion over nearly three decades to achieve an optimal state of repair for the region's public transit network. The plan's in-fill and transit-oriented growth strategy relies on a well-maintained transit system to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and other plan performance objectives.

#### **Proposal:**

- Invest \$800 million over the life of Plan Bay Area
- The proposed Core Capacity Challenge Grant Program:
  - a) accelerates fleet replacement and other state of good repair projects from Plan Bay Area, including "greening" the fleet and other strategic capital enhancements
  - b) focuses on BART, SFMTA, and AC Transit – transit operators that carry 80% of region's passengers, account for approximately 75% of the plan's estimated transit capital shortfall, and serve PDAs that are expected to accommodate the lion's share of the region's housing and employment growth
  - c) achieves roughly \$7 billion in total state of good repair investment by leveraging other regional discretionary funds and requiring a minimum 30% local match from the three operators
  - d) participating operators must meet the Transit Sustainability Project's performance objectives outlined in MTC Resolution No. 4060

#### **2. Transit Operating and Efficiency Program**

Plan Bay Area fully funds existing transit service levels at nearly \$115 billion over the three decade period, with an assumption that the largest transit operators achieve near-term performance improvements. However, the plan also identifies the importance of a more robust and expanded public transit network, anchored by expanded local service, as a key ingredient for success of Plan Bay Area's growth strategy. In particular, the plan falls short of the funding

necessary to meet the performance target of growth in the non-auto mode share to 26 percent of all trips.

Proposal:

- Invest \$450 million over the life of Plan Bay Area
- Operating investments and capital investment that create operating efficiencies must be consistent with the recommendations of the Transit Sustainability Project and focus on improving service and attracting riders in the most cost-effective manner
- Operating and capital investments also will be constrained by the availability of cap and trade funds on a predictable, ongoing basis

**3. One Bay Area Grants**

Plan Bay Area invests over \$14 billion in transportation improvements concentrated near high quality transit and higher density housing – through the One Bay Area grant program – focusing on complete streets, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and streetscape improvements. The Plan identifies a remaining need of \$20 billion over the next three decades to achieve a PCI score of 75, the Plan’s adopted performance target for pavement; of this, roughly 45% is for non-pavement infrastructure, critical for complete streets that would serve alternative modes and transit-oriented development that is a key part of Plan Bay Area’s growth strategy. Further, the provision of housing for low and moderate income households in areas that provide access to jobs was identified in Plan Bay Area as critical to sustaining the region’s economic growth and attaining the Plan’s GHG and Housing Targets. To address this need, transit-oriented, workforce housing will also be an eligible use of the cap and trade OBAG funding.

Proposal:

- Invest \$1,050 million to augment the One Bay Area Grant Program
- Congestion Management Agencies will administer the funds as in the OBAG program
- Distribution formula and eligible uses of the funds will be consistent with the OBAG program with the addition of transit-oriented, workforce housing , consistent with the nexus requirements for cap and trade revenue
- Counties can opt to use OBAG funding for workforce housing to leverage additional funding from the private sector and foundations
- Priority Development Area Growth and Investment Strategies will serve as a guide to investment priorities

**4. Climate Initiatives**

The Climate Initiatives Program is a multi-agency program focused on investments in technology advancements and incentives for travel options that help the Bay Area meet the GHG emission reduction targets related to SB375.

Proposal:

- Invest \$400 million for the Climate Initiatives Program over the life of Plan Bay Area, including \$75 million to support the county Safe Routes to School programs
- Investments will be focused on those programs that prove most cost-effective at reducing emissions based on evaluations of the existing programs
- MTC will partner with the Air District, other regional and local partners, and the private sector to build upon successful existing programs and leverage other funds

**5. Goods Movement**

Goods movement investments fall into two categories: (1) projects focused on improving the efficiency of the movement of goods within and through the region, and (2) mitigation projects that reduce the associated environmental impacts on local communities. MTC is currently working with Caltrans and selected Congestion Management Agencies to update the regional goods movement program and to inform the California Freight Mobility Plan. These efforts are identifying goods movement projects as well as the need for mitigations for the localized impacts. These efforts can inform future program development and investment decisions related to goods movement projects.

Proposal:

- Invest \$450 million for goods movement projects over the life of Plan Bay Area
- Leverage existing air quality and transportation funds and seek additional funds to continue to implement BAAQMD and CARB programs aimed at retrofits and replacements of trucks and locomotives including:
  - a) private sector,
  - b) county funding (ACTC committed \$240 million to goods movement in measure B1),
  - c) regional (BAAQMD Carl Moyer funding), and
  - d) reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program.

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November 1, 2013

Amy Worth, Chair, and Members  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Mark Luce, President, and Members  
Association of Bay Area Governments

**Re: Principles for Implementing Plan Bay Area's Amendment on  
Regional Cap and Trade Revenue Allocation**

Dear MTC Chair Worth, ABAG President Luce and Members:

As you prepare to launch the Bay Area's process for setting priorities for Cap and Trade revenue, we write to provide background on the close connection of AB 32 revenues with the needs of disadvantaged communities, and to offer a social and economic justice framework for a Cap and Trade process that will benefit our entire region. Dozens of organizations from around the Bay, including 6 Wins members and allies, stand eager to participate in the process by which the region will determine how best to spend this important new source of funds.

We applaud MTC and ABAG for adopting the amendment proposed by Supervisor John Gioia to ensure transparency and equity in the allocation of Cap and Trade funds in the Bay Area. Plan Bay Area commits MTC and ABAG to conducting "a transparent and inclusive regional public process" for the allocation of AB 32 Cap and Trade revenues in the region and guarantees that "at least 25 percent of these revenues will be spent to benefit disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area."<sup>1</sup> These regional commitments are in line with AB 32's goal of "direct[ing] public and private investment toward the most disadvantaged communities in California and providing opportunities for "community institutions to participate in and benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. "Plan Bay Area also builds on SB 535's requirement that at least 25 percent of Cap and Trade revenues be targeted to "projects that provide benefits to [disadvantaged] communities," with at least 10 percent to projects "located within" these communities.<sup>2</sup>

Cap and Trade revenues provide our region with an important opportunity to allocate funds to a variety of projects that reduce GHG emissions and improve public transit, land use patterns, public health and quality of life.

**To meet the objectives of both state law and regional policy - and to achieve a better Bay Area for *all* our residents - Cap and Trade spending in the Bay Area should be governed by the following principles:**

1. **Ensure Full Transparency and Accountability in Decision Making.** It is critical that MTC and ABAG stay true to Plan Bay Area's commitment to "a transparent and inclusive" regional public process for prioritizing Cap and Trade expenditures. A timeline for decision

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<sup>1</sup> See "Summary of Major Revisions to Draft Plan Bay Area," amendment 48, available at [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/plan\\_bay\\_area/](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/plan_bay_area/).

<sup>2</sup> Health & Saf. Code §§ 38501 (h), 38565, 39713.

making and public participation should be developed promptly in consultation with membership groups and their community members from around the region. Key decision points should be identified, and opportunities for local and regional input should be provided for. Any MTC and ABAG consultations with Congestion Management Agencies, and the outcomes of those meetings, should be made public. Finally, all agencies responsible for carrying out projects funded with Cap and Trade dollars should be held accountable to ensure that promised benefits are delivered, measured and reported.

**2. Prioritize the Needs of Communities Suffering the Greatest Toxic Exposures.** A significant portion of our region's Cap and Trade revenues should be dedicated to reduce emissions and cumulative health risks *in* the communities suffering the greatest exposure to air and other toxic contaminants. The needs of disadvantaged communities should be the first ones addressed in the Cap and Trade revenue expenditures since they are the most heavily and disproportionately burdened by the health impacts of GHGs and co-pollutants, and potentially at risk of further localized burdens as a result of the Cap and Trade system itself. In 2000, diesel PM alone contributed to 2,900 premature deaths compared to 2,000 deaths by homicide.<sup>3</sup> Co-pollutants emitted with GHGs, such as PM 2.5, are responsible for more annual deaths in California than caused by car accidents, murders and AIDS combined.<sup>4</sup> Investing in these communities maximizes the environmental and economic co-benefits, as required by AB 32, by reducing the most hazardous emissions with the greatest human health impact first.

These heavily-burdened communities should play a central role in determining the regional and localized priorities that guide expenditure of this first tier of funds. Expenditures to address these needs should be subject to strict requirements. The funds should be: (a) spent in accordance with a clear plan to address priority community needs (such as a Community Risk Reduction Plan or an updated Community Based Transportation Plan); (b) maximize jobs and other co-benefits for community residents, and (c) ensure that residents are not displaced by the rising land values that are likely to accompany the clean-up of their communities.

**3. Ensure that *all* Cap and Trade Revenue Benefits Low-Income Families Across the Region.** The remainder of Cap and Trade revenues should be allocated region-wide with a focus on ensuring benefits to low-income communities and residents throughout the Bay Area by focusing on community-stabilizing investments such as improved local transit service, reduced fares, and affordable housing. The Investment Plan for Cap and Trade revenues that CARB and the Department of Finance adopted last spring<sup>5</sup> includes funding transit operations and affordable TOD housing as important and appropriate expenditures to implement SB 375. Your analysis of the Equity, Environment and Jobs (EEJ) alternative showed that these investments deliver benefits to *all* Bay Area residents. Building on the OBAG program, these investments should also require local jurisdictions to put in place effective anti-displacement and affordable housing measures as a condition of receiving funds, to ensure that people of all

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<sup>3</sup> Air Resources Board, "Facts about Reducing Pollution from California's Trash Trucks," available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/swcv/consumerfactsheet3.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Environmental Working Group, "Particle Civics," available at <http://static.ewg.org/reports/2002/ParticleCivics.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> Available at [http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/final\\_investment\\_plan.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/final_investment_plan.pdf).

income levels are able to benefit from neighborhood improvements from public investments.

**4. Leverage All Funding to Create Quality Jobs and Economic Opportunity for Those Who Need it Most.** Finally, each dollar of Cap and Trade money spent for any use should carry appropriate policies to ensure that it creates quality jobs and economic opportunities. These policies include: hiring of disadvantaged or underrepresented Bay Area residents; collaboration with local Workforce Investment Boards and community-based workforce programs; where appropriate, utilization of state-certified apprentices on building and construction projects, and paid interns in other industries where feasible; prevailing wages on construction jobs; and living wages with health coverage on permanent jobs.

These policies would not only comply with the mandate of state law that the funds achieve economic co-benefits, but would also advance Plan Bay Area's commitment that MTC and ABAG will "identify job creation and career pathway strategies including local best practices on apprenticeship programs, and local hire and standard wage guidelines," and will utilize these strategies "in the implementation of the current Plan Bay Area."<sup>6</sup> These economic standards should apply as broadly as possible, whether the dollars are spent on direct hiring or are distributed to contractors or subcontractors, to consultants, on marketing and outreach, as incentive payments or through other avenues.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer a principled framework for the upcoming discussion of Cap and Trade priorities.

Sincerely,

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<sup>6</sup> See "Summary of Major Revisions to Draft Plan Bay Area," amendment 69, available at [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/plan\\_bay\\_area/](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/plan_bay_area/).

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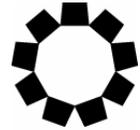
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Date: November 27, 2013

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Miriam Chion, Planning & Research Director

Subject: **Update on Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)**

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ABAG staff will provide an update on several items related to Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs). These items include:

- A. Recommended Guidelines for Adding, Removing, or Changing PDAs and PCAs (Attachment A).
- B. Recommendation to Accept Removal of the San Rafael Civic Center PDA (Attachment B).
- C. Recommendation to Adopt the proposed Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor PCA, Office of Education Loma Mar Property PCA, and the Suisun Valley PCA (Attachment C).

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Date: November 27, 2013

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Miriam Chion, Planning & Research Director

Subject: **Timeline and Guidelines for Adding, Removing, or Changing PDAs and PCAs**

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The ABAG Regional Planning Committee (RPC) will consider this staff proposal at its meeting on December 4, 2013. ABAG staff's presentation to the Executive Board will include a summary of the RPC's comments and recommendations on this proposal.

## **Summary**

During the final stages of developing Plan Bay Area, ABAG staff imposed a moratorium on adding or revising Priority Development Areas (PDAs). This was done to ensure that there was a consistent set of PDAs to incorporate into the final jobs and housing forecasts and to establish eligibility for the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funds.

Applications for new Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) have been open to areas consistent with PCA guidelines in which projects have been proposed for OBAG PCA grant funding, but applications have not been open to other locations. (Agenda item **10-3** of this packet includes proposals for new PCA applications through the OBAG PCA grant program.)

This memo proposes a timeline for accepting applications to add, remove or make changes to PDAs or PCAs. It also includes a more detailed discussion of the process for modifying, adding, or removing PDAs, and the impact that changes will have on Plan Bay Area and OBAG.

## **PDA and PCA Application Timeline**

Now that Plan Bay Area has been adopted, staff would like to establish a period in which local jurisdictions can add, remove, or modify PDAs and PCAs prior to the start of work on the next Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

### *PDAs*

Staff proposes that requests to designate new PDAs, or to modify or remove existing PDAs, be accepted from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. These requests will be based upon existing PDA guidelines and the process described in the next section of this memo.

### *PCAs*

Staff proposes that applications for new PCAs or changes to existing PCAs be accepted from June 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Consistent with Plan Bay Area, staff will develop revised PCA guidelines in advance of this period. These guidelines, as well as a process for review and adoption, will be presented to the ABAG Regional Planning Committee (RPC) for adoption before June.

### **Process for Requests to Add, Remove, or Modify a PDA**

Consistent with our approach in the past, staff would present requests for designation of a PDA to the RPC and their recommendations would be forwarded to the ABAG Executive Board for a final decision. Requests for removal of a PDA would be sent to the Executive Board for acceptance. Modifications to an existing PDA (described in more detail below) would be administered by staff.

From January 2014 to June 2015, requests to add a new PDA or remove an existing PDA will be presented at the next meeting of the RPC and Executive Board following receipt of the request. Thus, these requests will be considered on a rolling basis and jurisdictions will not have to wait until June 2015 for action. Similarly, modifications to a PDA that are administered by staff will be handled as they are received.

The following describes the specific approach that staff proposes to use when adding, removing, or making a change to a PDA.

#### *Adding a New PDA*

To establish a new PDA, a jurisdiction must submit:

- PDA application
- Resolution by the City Council or Board of Supervisors supporting PDA designation.

Staff recommendations will be presented to the RPC, and the RPC's recommendations will be forwarded to the Executive Board for regional adoption.

#### *Removing a PDA*

To remove an existing PDA, a jurisdiction must submit a resolution from the City Council or Board of Supervisors supporting PDA removal. As noted above, removal of a PDA will not impact the adopted Plan Bay Area, but will be incorporated into the next SCS. Removed PDAs will not be eligible for PDA-specific funds. Removal of a PDA will occur once the jurisdiction's request has been confirmed by an action of the Executive Board.

#### *Changes to an Existing PDA*

ABAG staff has identified several situations where a jurisdiction might want to modify an existing PDA, including changing the:

- Boundaries
- Designated Place Type
- Local growth forecast
- Status (i.e., moving from Potential to Planned)

To request a change to an existing PDA, the jurisdiction must submit a revised PDA application that notes the purpose of the revision and provides updated information about the modified PDA. A new resolution is not required, unless ABAG staff determines that the revision constitutes a major overhaul of the PDA. Staff will review the proposed change to ensure that the new PDA would remain consistent with the PDA eligibility criteria.

To change the status of a PDA from Potential to Planned, a jurisdiction must adopt a plan for the area. Anything less than adoption by the City Council or Board of Supervisors is not sufficient to meet this requirement.

These types of changes will be accepted by the ABAG Planning and Research Director and do not need to be approved by the RPC or Executive Board.

#### **Impact of PDA Changes**

The changes to the existing set of PDAs that are adopted by the Executive Board during this period will not affect the adopted Plan Bay Area, but will be incorporated into the land use analysis for the next SCS, to be adopted in 2017.

After a City Council or Board of Supervisors adopts a resolution to remove a PDA designation, the PDA will no longer be eligible for PDA-specific funding, including the current cycle of OBAG funds for fiscal years 2012/2013 through 2015/2016 and PDA planning funds.

Once a new PDA is adopted by the Executive Board, it will be eligible for regional resources for PDAs, such as planning grant funds; planning and capital funds administered by the county Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs); future rounds of OBAG funding, and any other funding sources that depend on PDA designation.

#### **Requested Action**

Staff respectfully requests that the ABAG Executive Board approve the proposed timeline and guidelines for adding, removing, or modifying PDAs and PCAs, consistent with the recommendation of the ABAG Regional Planning Committee.

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# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



Date: November 25, 2013  
To: Executive Board  
From: Miriam Chion  
Planning and Research Director  
Subject: **Removal of San Rafael Civic Center PDA**

## Executive Summary

On September 20, 2013, the San Rafael City Council adopted a resolution to remove the Priority Development Area (PDA) designation for its Civic Center area. A copy of the resolution is attached.

## Recommended Action

Staff respectfully requests that the ABAG Executive Board accept the removal of the Priority Development Area (PDA) designation for the Civic Center area in the City of San Rafael, consistent with the attached City Council resolution.

## Attachment

City of San Rafael letter dated September 20, 2013

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September 20, 2013

Miriam Chion  
Planning Director  
Association of Bay Area Governments  
P.O. Box 2050  
Oakland, CA 94604-2050

**Subject: San Rafael Civic Center Priority Development Area- City action to rescind;  
City File No. P09-008**

Dear Ms. Chion:

This letter is to advise you that on Monday, September 16, 2013, the San Rafael City Council voted to rescind the Priority Development Area (PDA) designation for the Civic Center/Northgate area. This action was made by adoption of Resolution No. 13619. A copy of this resolution is attached for your files/records.

Thank you for the assistance that your staff and you have provided since the Civic Center PDA was initially designated in June 2009. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 415.485.5064 or at [paul.jensen@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:paul.jensen@cityofsanrafael.org).

Sincerely,

Paul A. Jensen, AICP  
CITY OF SAN RAFAEL  
Community Development Director

Enclosure

cc: Mayor Gary Phillips and City Councilmembers  
Nancy Mackle, City Manager  
Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director, Transportation Authority of Marin,  
781 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 160, San Rafael, CA 94901

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**RESOLUTION NO. 13619**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL  
RESCINDING THE CIVIC CENTER/NORTH SAN RAFAEL TOWN CENTER  
PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA (PDA) DESIGNATION  
(P09-008 & P10-002)**

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in coordination with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (collectively, the “regional agencies”) launched a regional planning initiative called FOCUS. The FOCUS process offered the local jurisdictions of the Bay Area the opportunity to designate “Priority Development Areas” (PDA); and

**WHEREAS**, a Priority Development Area is defined as a geographic area close to, along or within transit nodes and connections that is suitable for concentrated growth. In filing the FOCUS application, the proposed Priority Development Area must meet all of the following criteria: (a) within an existing community, (b) near existing or planned fixed transit (or served by comparable bus service) and (c) is planned, or is planning, for more housing. The PDA is a key element of the Plan Bay Area, which promotes concentrating future regional growth around transit to reduce vehicle miles traveled, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 15, 2009, the City Council adopted Resolution 12760, which authorized the submittal of a FOCUS application to designate the Civic Center/North San Rafael Town Center as a PDA. This PDA covers a ½-mile radius surrounding the planned Civic Center SMART station (see Attachment 1). The FOCUS application was pursued as an opportunity for San Rafael to have access to funds and grants that are earmarked for PDAs. In preparation for the arrival of the SMART service, the designation made it possible for San Rafael to be eligible for a planning grant to study the Civic Center SMART station, specifically to study needed infrastructure improvements for bicycle and pedestrian access, parking, security, land use opportunities and design guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the FOCUS application, the local jurisdictions were required to identify a “place type” for the proposed PDA based on the place type categories presented in the MTC *Station Area Planning Manual* (October 18, 2007). Based on the area characteristics, variety of land uses and developed conditions, the FOCUS application identified the Civic Center/North San Rafael PDA in the “Transit Town Center” place type; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the City completed the *Civic Center Station Area Plan* (Station Area Plan), which presents a “vision” for the ½-mile area surrounding the Civic Center SMART station. The Station Area Plan presents a list of recommendations for station access and connectivity, station parking, land use and urban design. While the Station Area Plan recommends studying specific sites for additional housing around the SMART station, the Plan respects the current General Plan 2020 traffic policies, land use capacity and planned transportation improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 20, 2012, the City Council accepted the *Civic Center Station Area Plan* as a “vision” document, which acknowledged the completion of the Plan, the compilations of recommendations in the Plan and the work of the Civic Center Station Area Plan Advisory Committee.

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, following public concern regarding the Civic Center PDA and the recommendations of the Civic Center Station Area Plan, the City Council PDA Sub-Committee directed City staff to respond to a list of community questions. The community questions address information on the Civic Center PDA and its relationship to the affordable housing, Civic Center Station Area Plan, Plan Bay Area and the San Rafael General Plan 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 6, 2013, the City Council held a study session to discuss the responses to the community questions on the Civic Center PDA and to discuss the recommendations of the Civic Center Station Area Plan. Following lengthy discussion and public comment, the City Council directed staff to schedule the Civic Center PDA and the Civic Center Station Area Plan for the regular, September 16, 2013 City Council meeting to consider changes and amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, by separate resolution, the City Council has made revisions to the recommendations presented in the Civic Center Station Area Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby rescinds the Priority Development Area designation for the Civic Center/North San Rafael Town Center by rescinding City Council Resolution No. 12760; and

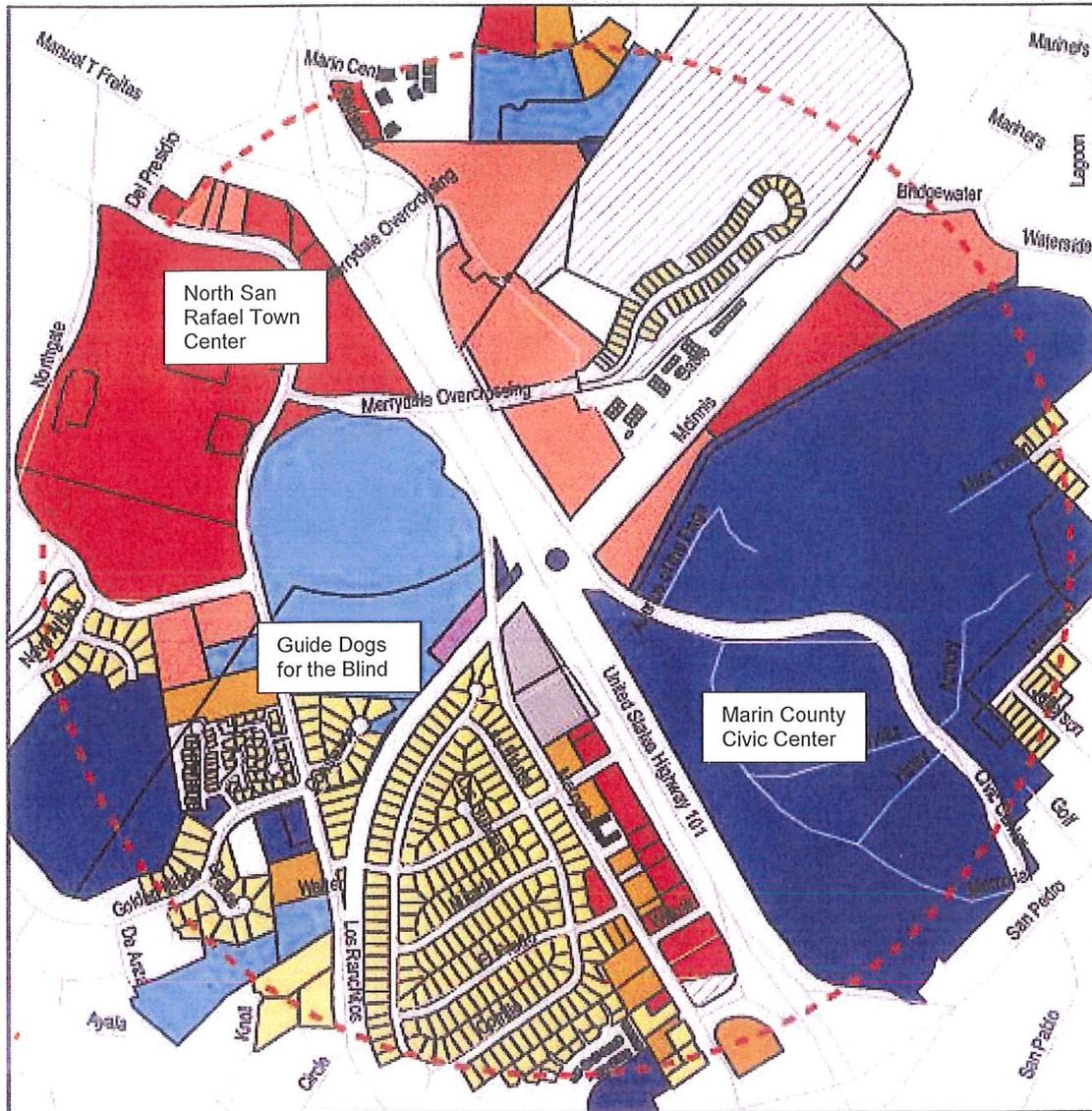
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that although the Civic Center Priority Development Area designation has been rescinded, the City Council directs that the designation be revisited in three years from the adoption date of this resolution, in order to assess the status, criteria and requirements for Priority Development Areas in effect at that time.

**I, ESTHER C. BEIRNE, Clerk of the City of San Rafael**, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Rafael, held on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2013, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Councilmembers:	Colin, Connolly and Mayor Phillips
NOES:	Councilmembers:	Heller and McCullough
ABSENT:	Councilmembers:	None

  
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Esther C. Beirne, City Clerk

Attachment A: Civic Center/North San Rafael Town Center Priority Development Area



Legend

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|---|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|--------------|
|  | Civic Center<br>SMART Station |  | Rural Residential         |  | Industrial   |
|  | 1/2-Mile Radius               |  | Single-Family Residential |  | Agriculture  |
|  | City Boundaries               |  | Multi-Family Residential  |  | Open Space   |
|   |                               |  | Mixed Use                 |  | Public       |
|   |                               |  | Retail Commercial         |  | Quasi-public |
|   |                               |   |                           |  | Vacant       |

# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



**ABAG**

Date: November 25, 2013

To: Executive Board

From: Miriam Chion  
Planning and Research Director

Subject: **Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Applications Associated with  
OBAG PCA Grant Process**

## Executive Summary

As part of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Priority Conservation Area (PCA) grant program, three applications were submitted for new PCAs. These applications accompanied funding proposals for conservation projects within areas not yet designated as PCAs but consistent with the PCA guidelines adopted by the Executive Board. Staff reviewed the PCA applications and recommends that the Executive Board adopt them. Full applications are attached. Other than applications received through requests for PCA grant funding, the PCA application process is not currently open.

The ABAG Regional Planning Committee may take action on this item in advance of the Executive Board meeting. Staff will update Executive Board members of any actions taken prior to its meeting on December 5.

## Background

In May 2013 the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) in cooperation with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) issued a call for proposals focused on the Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs). As part of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program, \$5 million of federal transportation funding was made available from MTC for this program. In addition, SCC contributed \$2.5 million in state resource bond funds to augment the program and match the federal funds. Projects were required to be located in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo or Santa Clara. Multi-county projects were allowed and encouraged. This program complements a PCA program focused on the four North Bay Counties, which is discussed below.

Eligible projects were required to meet screening criteria, address the goals of the PCA program and consist of the following activities: planning; pedestrian and bicycle facilities/infrastructure; visual enhancement; habitat/environmental enhancements; and protection or enhancement of natural resources, open space or agricultural lands. Eligible projects were also required to be in or connect to at least one designated PCA. If the project did not connect to a PCA, the applicant was required to file an application with ABAG requesting PCA designation, if invited to submit a full proposal. Applications

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for PCA designation were required to meet the PCA criteria established in 2007 and used to review all previous PCA applications. Full grant proposals were due on November 15, 2013 and decisions will be made about grant awards by December 20, 2013.

In addition to the regional program, OBAG allocated \$5 million for PCA projects in the North Bay Counties. These funds were evenly distributed between the Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) of Marin, Sonoma, Solano and Napa. Each CMA developed its own guidelines for distributing the funds—including whether or not projects must be within an existing PCA or an area consistent with regional PCA program criteria. Among the four CMAs, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) requested that applicants submit a PCA application to ABAG for projects consistent with its program guidelines but currently outside of a PCA.

### Proposed New Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)

This section summarizes requests for new PCA designations during the OBAG PCA program process. Full applications are included as an appendix to this memo.

#### *Regional PCA Program*

Two projects submitted for funding through the regional program met the program's goals but were not part of a designated PCA. Requests for PCA designation were received from these two proposed projects:

1. Project: **Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor**  
Applicant: Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
2. Project: **Office of Education Loma Mar Property**  
Applicant: San Mateo County Department of Parks

Staff reviewed the PCA applications associated with each project and found that they are consistent with regional PCA guidelines. (The projects within these potential PCAs are under consideration for grant funding. Consideration of PCA designation will occur regardless of the outcome of the grant award.)

#### *Solano County Transportation Authority Program*

One of the projects submitted for funding through the Solano Transportation Agency's PCA program was not in an area currently designated as a PCA, but consistent with the program's objectives. As part of its funding request to STA, the applicant—Solano County—submitted an application to ABAG for the following PCA designation:

Project: **Suisun Valley**  
Applicant: Solano County

Staff reviewed the application submitted by Solano County and found that the Suisun Valley PCA is consistent with the regional PCA guidelines. (STA has selected a project within this proposed PCA for funding.)

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### Recommended Action

Staff respectfully requests that the Executive Board adopt the following proposed Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs): 1) Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor; 2) Office of Education Loma Mar Property; and 3) Suisun Valley

### Attachments

1. Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor PCA Application
2. Office of Education Loma Mar Property PCA Application
3. Suisun Valley PCA Application

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## Priority Conservation Area Designation Nomination Form

Enter information in the spaces provided. E-mail this completed nomination form and attachments requested as part of this form to [MarkS@abag.ca.gov](mailto:MarkS@abag.ca.gov). If e-mailing is not possible, a hard copy of materials can be mailed to Mark Shorett, Association of Bay Area Governments, P.O. Box 2050, Oakland, CA 94604-2050.

### PART 1: AREA INFORMATION

Area Name	Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor
Area Location (city, town, county)	City of Pinole, Contra Costa County
Total Acreage	Approximately 5 acres

Attach a map showing the proposed area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.

### PART 2: NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Lead Nominating Agency/Organization	Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
Contact Person	Benjamin Wallace
Address	5552 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521
Phone Number(s)	925-672-6522
E-mail address	<a href="mailto:ben.wallace@ca.nacdnet.net">ben.wallace@ca.nacdnet.net</a>
Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	Friends of Pinole Creek, Caltrans, City of Pinole, Contra Costa County Flood Control District, East Bay Municipal Utility District

### PART 3: AREA CRITERIA

Provide a description of how the area meets each of the following criteria by addressing the points for each. Limit responses for each criterion to one page, which can be typed within this document or provided as separate attachments.

#### A. *Level of Consensus*

The Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor is a 320' dual box culvert and short stretch of flood control channel located on Pinole Creek at the crossing of Interstate Highway 80. Contra Costa Resource Conservation District is embarking on a project to enhance the area to improve passage for anadromous fish, primarily Steelhead, to upper Pinole Creek. The work involves retrofitting the culverts to make them more passable for fish.

There is broad support for this conservation initiative, including Friends of Pinole Creek, Caltrans, East Bay Municipal Utility District, City of Pinole, Contra Costa Flood Control and Water Conservation District, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and NOAA Fisheries.

Enhancement of this area will complement conservation projects underway at the mouth of Pinole Creek and enable anadromous fish to access quality spawning habitat on protected lands in the upper watershed.

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## *B. Regional Significance*

Fish passage enhancement in this PCA will improve access to 6.8 miles of documented quality steelhead spawning and rearing habitat on the main stem of Pinole Creek, as documented in the Upper Pinole Creek Salmonid Habitat Assessment (EBMUD, 2009) and Lower Pinole Creek Steelhead Habitat Assessment (Hagar Env. Science, 2009). The I-80 within this PCA present the only significant barrier to steelhead migration in Pinole Creek up to the natural falls (partial barrier) located on EBMUD protected lands, approximately 6.7 miles upstream.

Pinole Creek has regional significance as one of only a small handful of viable steelhead runs within San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. Pinole Creek is important to recovery of the Interior San Francisco Bay Diversity Strata of Central California Coast Steelhead as identified by NMFS. The project will contribute to the recovery of this diversity strata by improving access to quality habitat and by increasing genetic diversity and spatial distribution of the population. The project will also contribute to the fulfillment of the following local and regional plans:

- Pinole Creek Watershed Vision Plan, Urban Creeks Council.
- Central California Coast Steelhead Recovery Plan, NOAA.
- Low Effect East Bay Habitat Conservation Plan (2008). East Bay Municipal Utility District.
- CA State Coastal Conservancy, Strategic Plan, 2013-2018. Goal 5 (Enhance Coastal Watersheds), Objective 5E (Improve Fish Habitat).

## *C. Urgency*

Steelhead passage issues were identified in Pinole Creek in 2002, and since then many efforts have been made to support habitat enhancement for this federally threatened species, including salmonid monitoring, habitat assessments, and restoration projects in the upper watershed to reduce sedimentation and improve in-stream habitat. Designation of this area is critical to focusing resources towards fish passage improvements while a strong and broad-based partnership exists, and cooperative efforts are underway to improve habitat.

## RESOLUTION #2013-02

### TO ENDORSE NOMINATION OF PINOLE CREEK *PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA* AND SUPPORT PINOLE CREEK FISH PASSAGE GRANT PROPOSAL

**Whereas**, Pinole Creek contains suitable habitat for anadromous fish spawning and rearing provided adequate fish passage can be achieved below Interstate Highway 80;

**Whereas**, the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), with support from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)—in partnership with congestion management agencies, transit providers, and local governments throughout the Bay Area, have formed the FOCUS program to coordinate conservation and development in the Bay Area;

**Whereas**, the FOCUS program accepts nominations for Priority Conservation Area designations, which, when so designated become eligible for certain financial incentives for conservation, including the Plan Bay Area Priority Conservation Area grant program;

**Whereas**, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District is presently working with Caltrans, Contra Costa Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the City of Pinole, Friends of Pinole Creek, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and other community partners to design and implement a project to improve upstream passage for threatened steelhead on Pinole Creek;

**Whereas**, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District has received generous contributions from Phillips 66, California Natural Resource Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and California State Coastal Conservancy for the Pinole Creek Fish Passage project, and additional funding is required for project construction,

Now therefore, so be it resolved that the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Endorses the nomination of the Pinole Creek Fish Passage Corridor at Interstate Highway 80 as a Priority Conservation Area in the Association of Bay Area Governments' *Focus* program, and
2. Supports the Pinole Creek Fish Passage Grant proposal to the Plan Bay Area *Priority Conservation Area* grant program and agrees to implement the project was awarded.

*Adopted by the Board of Directors on this 21st day of October, 2013, by a vote of:*

Ayes:	4	Skaredoff, Black, Bloomfield, Meadows
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Brumleve

Attest:

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Igor Skaredoff, President, Board of Directors

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## **PART 1: AREA INFORMATION**

Area Name	Office of Education Loma Mar
Area Location (city, town, county)	Loma Mar, San Mateo County
Total Acreage	174

Attach a map showing the proposed area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.

## **PART 2: NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Lead Nominating Agency/Organization	San Mateo County Department of Parks
Contact Person	Dave Holland, Assistant County Manager
Address	455 County Center, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063
Phone Number(s)	(650) 363-1999
E-mail address	<a href="mailto:dholland@smcgov.org">dholland@smcgov.org</a>
Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	Peninsula Open Space Trust

## **PART 3: AREA CRITERIA**

### *A. Level of Consensus*

The San Mateo County Department of Parks is currently in the process of applying for a PCA grant to protect this area, which is adjacent to a nearly 8,000-acre complex of County parkland and could form a vital addition to Memorial County Park. This project is also supported by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), which is providing matching funds for the acquisition. For years, the Loma Mar property has been a top planning priority for POST, not only because of the essential connection it will provide to adjacent parkland, but also for the significant redwood forest on the property.

Approximately 59 acres of the property are designated by Bay Area Open Space Council Conservation Lands Network/Upland Habitat Goals as areas “Essential to the Conservation Goals” due to the presence of natural resources on portions of the property. It is also identified as a proposed trail corridor in the San Mateo County Trails Plan (2001). Lastly, The San Mateo County General Plan (1985) identifies Pescadero Road, which passes through the southern portion of the property, as a scenic corridor that offers many visual and recreational experiences. The Plan recognizes the importance of preserving these vital resources and protecting them from incompatible development, and also discusses the need for consistent temporary corridors buffering the roads to protect the views along these roads.

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### *B. Regional Significance*

Protection of the Office of Education Loma Mar area meets the goals of the PCA grant program by protecting and enhancing resources areas and habitats. This project would provide critical connections to a nearly 8,000-acre complex of County parkland in that area (which includes Memorial County Park, Sam McDonald County Park, Heritage Grove and Pescadero Creek County Park). It provides the opportunity to connect to existing trails in Memorial Park, as well as to formalize an extensive trail system on existing logging roads. In addition, the Office of Education Loma Mar area could serve as a link in a proposed trail from Memorial Park to Pescadero State Beach. Considering the shortage of group camping areas and group picnic areas among San Mateo County Parks, the property's proximity to Memorial Park makes it a possible choice for the construction of more county campgrounds.

Natural features include an intermittent stream that runs through the property that is a tributary to the ecologically rich Pescadero Creek, which supports a run of the federally threatened steelhead trout and could be restored to support the endangered Coho salmon. The property is comprised of second-growth redwood and Douglas fir forest, which provide an important buffer for the endangered marbled murrelet (found in Memorial Park).

### *C. Urgency*

The sale of the property will be subject to Government Code provisions that provide that the land is offered first to any park and recreation district, to any regional park authority, and to the county within which the land is situated. If none of those options result in a sale, the property would then be offered for sale to the general public through a public bidding process. Therefore, it is ideal for San Mateo County Parks to purchase the property at this initial stage to avoid a public offering, which could result in a sale to a private individual with the power to develop or subdivide the property.

**RESOLUTION NO. 072876**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE 174-ACRE OFFICE OF  
EDUCATION LOMA MAR PROPERTY AS A PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA BY  
THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County considers improvements and expansions to its existing County Parks System on an ongoing basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Education Loma Mar property lies adjacent to Memorial County Park within the San Mateo County Park System; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County Park System's future acquisition of the Office of Education Loma Mar property may be eligible for partial funding by the Plan Bay Area Priority Conservation Area (PCA) grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, such partial funding by the PCA grant program would require that the Association of Bay Area Governments, under Plan Bay Area, designate the area covered by the Office of Education Loma Mar property as a Priority Conservation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, support by this Board of Supervisors for such a designation is important to the designation process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the County of San Mateo is in full support of the designation of the area covered by the Office of Education Loma Mar property as a Priority Conservation Area by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

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Regularly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

*AYES and in favor of said resolution:*

*Supervisors:*

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

DON HORSLEY

WARREN SLOCUM

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

*NOES and against said resolution:*

*Supervisors:*

NONE

*Absent Supervisors:*

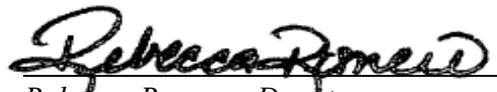
NONE



President, Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo  
State of California

***Certificate of Delivery***

*I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.*



Rebecca Romero, Deputy  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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# FOCUS PROGRAM: Priority Conservation Area Designation Nomination Form

Enter information in the spaces provided. E-mail this completed nomination form and attachments requested as part of this form to [FOCUS@abag.ca.gov](mailto:FOCUS@abag.ca.gov). If e-mailing is not possible, a hard copy of materials can be mailed to Mark Shorett, Association of Bay Area Governments, P.O. Box 2050, Oakland, CA 94604-2050.

## PART 1: AREA INFORMATION

Area Name	Suisun Valley Agricultural Region
Area Location (city, town, county)	Unincorporated Solano County; located north and west of the City of Fairfield, southeast of Napa County, and east of Green Valley
Total Acreage	Approximately 9,000 acres

Attach a map showing the proposed area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.

## PART 2: NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Lead Nominating Agency/Organization	Solano County
Contact Person	Matt Walsh
Address	675 Texas Street, Ste. 5500, Fairfield, CA 94533
Phone Number(s)	707-784-6765
E-mail address	<a href="mailto:mwalsh@solanocounty.com">mwalsh@solanocounty.com</a>
Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	City of Fairfield; Solano Land Trust; Solano Transportation Agency

## PART 3: AREA CRITERIA

Provide a description of how the area meets each of the following criteria by addressing the points for each. Limit responses for each criterion to one page, which can be typed within this document or provided as separate attachments.

### A. Level of Consensus

- Describe the level of community support and/or political will for protection of this area, mentioning any existing plans that identify this area. Some examples of plans include an organization/agency's strategic plan, general plan, habitat conservation plan, etc.

**The Suisun Valley Agricultural Region is one of 10 unique agricultural regions identified in the County's General Plan. It is surrounded by urban development on three sides and has been lauded as a rural retreat for city residents and visitors to the county. The Valley has excellent soil and climatic conditions that has kept this area in viable agriculture for over 100 years.**

**In 2007, a report "Agricultural Vision and Economic Innovation for Suisun Valley" was prepared. It contained a vision statement for the Valley, which was subsequently adopted by the Suisun Valley Fund Advisory Committee. It is now supported by the Suisun Valley Fruit Growers Association, Suisun Valley Vintners and Growers Association, Solano Irrigation District, City of Fairfield, Solano County Farm Bureau, City of Suisun City, Solano Land Trust, and the Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee. The vision states:**

***"Suisun Valley is a unique farming region that supports profitable family farms and quality of life for all its residents. It is a destination for tourists seeking world class wine, identifiable Suisun Valley farm products and a beautiful agricultural landscape with no***

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*fallow land. The Suisun Valley appellation is so famous that it creates new markets and increases demand for Suisun Valley wine and other farm products outside of the region.”*

With Solano County supporting this vision as well, the County’s 2008 General Plan Update included priorities on which to focus, and directed the development of a Suisun Valley Strategic Plan (subsequently adopted on February 1, 2011). The Strategic Plan process asked the community and stakeholders to confirm those priorities from the General Plan. In doing so, they were placed in this order:

- **Maintain agricultural character**
  - **Improve farm production and income**
  - **Create agri-tourism serving centers**
  - **Provide infrastructure to support expanded use of Suisun Valley**
  - **Enable value-added agriculture**
  - **Maintain flexibility for future enterprises**
  - **Make unfarmable properties available for other uses**
  - **Get better exposure from I-80**
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- Describe how this area might promote collaboration between multiple organizations and/or jurisdictions.

**The ongoing and future preservation of the Suisun Valley as an economically viable agricultural area has been of utmost importance to multiple local agencies and stakeholder groups:**

**Solano County  
Solano County Farm Bureau  
Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee  
Solano Land Trust  
Solano County Fruit Growers Association  
Solano County Vintners and Growers Association  
City of Fairfield  
City of Vallejo  
City of Suisun City  
Solano Irrigation District  
Suisun Valley Fund**

**Each of these groups supported the development of the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan, which serves to preserve and enhance the economic viability of agricultural operations in the Suisun Valley. Continued implementation of the Plan will allow these organizations to further coordinate and cooperate on the shared vision for Suisun Valley.**

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- Describe any work underway to protect this area and who is involved.

**The Solano County General Plan Update in 2008 confirmed the importance of this region for the agricultural community, the local farming economy, and visitors to the area. The General Plan designated the Suisun Valley as one of ten unique agricultural areas in the county and was part of a special study area during the General Plan update process. The General Plan promotes the development of strategic action plans for each of the ten agricultural areas. For Suisun Valley, the GP also encourages the development of complimentary agri-tourism and value-added land uses. Immediately following the adoption of the General Plan, Solano County developed the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on February 1, 2011. The Strategic Plan sets forth the following:**

- a description of land use, circulation and infrastructure needs
- methods to sustain and improve upon the agricultural economy
- provisions for zoning ordinance updates, unique to Suisun Valley
- description of funding options necessary to finance improvements

**Both the General Plan Update process and the development of the Strategic Plan included input from key stakeholders:**

**Solano County Farm Bureau  
Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee  
Solano Land Trust  
Solano County Fruit Growers Association  
Solano County Vintners and Growers Association  
City of Fairfield  
City of Vallejo  
City of Suisun City  
Solano Irrigation District  
Suisun Valley Fund**

### **Other Protective Measures:**

**In addition to the General Plan policies and Strategic Plan for the Suisun Valley area, other tools are in place to help prevent the premature conversion of this important farmland.**

**Zoning: As an implementation measure for both the General Plan and the Strategic Plan, the entire Suisun Valley area has been rezoned to “A-SV-20” (Agriculture Suisun Valley) and “ATC” (Agricultural Tourist Center). These zoning districts are limited to the Suisun Valley area and provide established agricultural and agritourism land uses unique to Suisun Valley.**

**Williamson Act: Over half (4,700 acres) of the 9,000 acres of Suisun Valley participates in the Williamson Act program for land protection. The WA requires that land owners continue to maintain their property in commercial agriculture in exchange for a reduced property tax valuation. The WA is a revolving 10 year program, which automatically renews and extends every year.**

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**County Orderly Growth Initiative:** Solano County voters adopted Measure A in 1984, which was extended in 1994 and 2008 (Measure T) as the Orderly Growth Initiative (OGI). The OGI included policies, incorporated into the County General Plan, restricting the redesignation of lands designated Agriculture and Open Space in the General Plan. In November 2008, Measure T was approved by voters which readopted the OGI policies, further limiting the County's ability to change the designation of "Agriculture" or "Natural Resource" lands through December 2028. As such, any conversion to non-agricultural or non-natural resource use would require voter approval in a general election.

## *B. Regional Significance*

- Describe how this area promotes regionally significant conservation values. Some examples of regionally significant conservation values that an area may provide include landscape/habitat linkages between large patches, unique landscapes/features, large important farmland areas, landscapes with significant water protection and enhancement opportunities, large patches of critical habitat, connections for people (ex. trails) and wildlife (ex. corridors) on a regional scale, buffers for waterways and/or other natural areas, separation of urbanized areas through open space networks, adds to regional parks/other large protected areas. The area may also provide a service that benefits public safety and/or the economic vitality of the region, such as agricultural land or tourism.

**Large Important Farmland Areas:** Suisun Valley is an approximately 9,000 acre agricultural valley, containing Class 1 soils and has a long history of agricultural production. Wine grapes, small grains, and fruit crops are the predominant crops. The area was designated an American Viticultural Area (AVA) in 1982.

**Connections for People:** Suisun Valley is primarily served by Suisun Valley Road, Abernathy Road, Rockville Road, and Mankas Road. Existing wineries, fruit stands, and limited commercial uses attract weekend visitors looking for low key activities in the area. These roads also serve as the primary routes for agricultural trucking to and from the area. With a key component of the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan focusing on infrastructure, it is important to ensure that these routes are maintained suitable for both the farming industry as well as visitors to the area. The area has also served as a desired route for bicyclists, and its rural aesthetic continues to draw increasing amounts of recreational cyclists.

**Economic Vitality of the Region, such as Agricultural Land or Tourism:** Both the General Plan and Strategic Plan envision Suisun Valley providing for greater flexibility in developing "value-added" agricultural lands uses and additional agritourism growth. Prior to 2008, the County's voter adopted Orderly Growth Initiative required that anything designated Agriculture in the General Plan was required to stay Agriculture. At the time, this policy placed severe restrictions on the ability of Suisun Valley to develop any kind of ancillary agricultural service uses or agritourism related land uses. As a result, the economic vitality of the Suisun Valley was severely limited, with the historic farming practices in danger of dying out. With the adoption of the 2008

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**General Plan and the Strategic Plan, the further development of agritourism uses became a priority. It was imperative that additional options be presented to farmers which would provide economic benefit and support the agricultural operations of the region.**

**Two related top priorities for the sustainability of the Suisun Valley are to improve agricultural production and income and to identify Agricultural Tourist Centers (ATC) within the valley. The Strategic Plan serves to reduce barriers that previously prevented farms from being profitable. The Plan also designated eight ATCs located within the valley. These ATCs are intended to support small tourist oriented centers that attract tourists and provide additional opportunities to market local products. The designated ATCs are located throughout the Suisun Valley Region, primarily in areas that already contain pre-existing small amounts of commercial development (wineries, tasting rooms, cafes, etc.).**

**Separation of Urbanized Areas: The Suisun Valley area provides a unique geographical agricultural separator. It is bound by urban areas of the City of Fairfield to the east, south, and to a lesser extent the west. Maintaining this area in viable agricultural production will ensure that it does not receive future pressure to develop as 20 acre estates with little to no agricultural use.**

### *C. Urgency*

- Describe the existing or potential threats to the ecological integrity of this area or to the efforts to protect this area.

**If the goals set forth in the General Plan and Strategic Plan for this area are not realized, Suisun Valley's economy may continue to trend downward. This could force farming operations to cease, likely prompting additional 20 acre estates to develop with little to no agricultural activity. To promote the implementation of the Strategic Plan, sources of funding must be pursued. Funding can assist with necessary infrastructure improvements such as visitor access, agricultural trucking access, and more user friendly bicycle routes. These routes will provide access to neighborhood agricultural sites resulting in reduced vehicle miles traveled and an overall reduction in green house gas emissions.**

**Funding is also envisioned relating to the purchase of Agricultural Easements or land for permanent preservation of farmland. This process would be negotiated between a willing property owner and likely a non-profit agency, such as the Solano Land Trust. Designating the Suisun Valley as a Priority Conservation Area (PCA) will assist with future funding requests necessary to assist with both the direct preservation of agricultural land through purchases and by assisting with the infrastructure improvements to help make this area a sustainable and economically viable agricultural region pursuant to the vision of the General Plan and Suisun Valley Strategic Plan.**

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- Describe any existing or potential opportunities for the protection or restoration of this area and how ready the process is to proceed.

**Immediate plans include submitting an OBAG (One Bay Area Grant) application (from the North Bay Pilot Program pool of funds) for funding to assist with the development of the vehicular and bicycle and pedestrian path infrastructure identified in the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan. The improved access will further enhance the viability and sustainability of the agriculture and help to stimulate agri-tourism in the area.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-17**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE  
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF  
SUISUN VALLEY AS A REGIONAL PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA**

**WHEREAS**, a Priority Conservation Area (PCA) is an area of regional significance that has broad community support and an urgent need for protection; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) designated five PCA's in Solano County and is now accepting new PCA designation applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan, approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 1, 2011, encompasses approximately 9,000 acres with the majority in agricultural use, and recognizes Suisun Valley as a unique farming region that supports profitable family farms and quality of life for residents, a destination for tourists seeking world class wine, identifiable farm products, and a beautiful agricultural landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, the priorities identified in the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan include maintaining and protecting its agricultural character, improving farm production, creating agri-tourism serving centers, and providing infrastructure to support these uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Resource Management, in consideration of the County's General Plan and the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan, has determined that Suisun Valley meets the criteria for a PCA, and that designation of Suisun Valley as a PCA by ABAG will make the area eligible for future PCA federal transportation funding.

**RESOLVED**, the Solano County Board of Supervisors supports an application to the Association of Bay Area Governments for the designation of Suisun Valley as a regional Priority Conservation Area.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors on February 19, 2013 by the following vote:

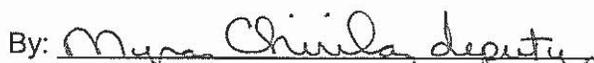
AYES: SUPERVISORS: Hannigan, Spering, Thomson, Vasquez,  
and Chair Seifert.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None.

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS: None.

  
Linda J. Seifert, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
Birgitta Corsello, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

By:   
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk

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# LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Supervisor David Rabbit—Sonoma County  
 Committee Vice Chair: Supervisor Scott Haggerty—Alameda County

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 Kathleen Cha – Senior Communications Officer 510/ 464-7922; [KathleenC@abag.ca.gov](mailto:KathleenC@abag.ca.gov)

**Thursday, December 5, 2013 – 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
***ABAG Large Conference Room B, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland***

## AGENDA\*

1.	<b>OPEN AGENDA</b> Committee members may raise issues for consideration; members of the public may speak.	Information/ Action
2.	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> Committee will review and approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013, L&GO meeting.	Information/ Action
3.	<b>REVIEW OF 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION</b> Report from Michael Arnold, ABAG Legislative Advocate, on implications of bills passed this past session and potential issues to be addressed in 2014 Legislative Session	Information/ Action
4.	<b>DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL LEGISLATION AND PROPOSITIONS FOR 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION</b> A look at SB 83 relating to Brown Act, funding legislation like SB 391, and proposition moving forward on Transportation funding- Vehicle License Fees.	Information/ Action
5.	<b>ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION</b>	Information/ Action
6.	<b>2014 LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION</b> Strategy discussion regarding hosting a legislative workshop and reception in Sacramento in February	Information/ Action
7.	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b> Next meeting is scheduled for <b>January 16 , 2014</b>	Action
	<b>Agenda and other written materials are available at ABAG/Front Desk, 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, or at <a href="http://www.abag.ca.gov/meetings">http://www.abag.ca.gov/meetings</a></b>	

\* The Committee may take any action on any item on the agenda

\*\* Full California Bill Texts and actions can be read and printed out from state website: [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov).

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**LEGISLATION**  
**2013 State Legislative Session**  
**Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee**  
**Final Status**

	<b>2013 Legislative Session:</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>L&amp;GO Position</b>
		Statutes of 2013	
<b>AB 48 Skinner</b>	<b>Firearms: Large Capacity Magazines</b> <i>(was Firearms: Ammunition—Sales)</i>	Chapter 728	Support
<b>AB 210 Wieckowski</b>	<b>Transactions and Use Taxes: Alameda County and Contra Costa County</b>	Chapter 194	Support
<b>AB 325 Alejo</b>	<b>Land Use and Planning: Cause of Actions—Time Limitations</b>	Chapter 767	
<b>AB 440 Gatto</b>	<b>Hazardous Materials: Local Agency Clean-up</b> <i>(was Hazardous Substances: Releases—Local Agency Cleanup or Remedy)</i>	Chapter 558	Support
<b>AB 562 Williams</b>	<b>Economic Development Subsidies: Review by Local Agencies</b>	Chapter 740	Oppose
<b>AB 662 Atkins, Dickinson, Mitchell, Perea, Ting, and Torres</b>	<b>Local Government: Redevelopment—Successor Agencies to Redevelopment Agencies</b>	Vetoed	Support
<b>AB 1229 Atkins</b>	<b>Land Use: Zoning Regulations</b>	Vetoed	Support
<b>SB 743 Steinberg</b>	<b>Environmental Quality: transit oriented infill projects, judicial review streamlining for environmental leadership development projects, and entertainment and sports center in the City of Sacramento</b>	Chapter 138	
<b>SB 279 Hancock</b>	<b>San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority</b>	Chapter 514	Support
<b>SB 299 DeSaulnier</b>	<b>Firearms: Lost or Stolen—Reports</b>	Vetoed	Support
<b>SB 470 Wright</b>	<b>Community Development: Economic Opportunity</b>	Chapter 659	
<b>SB 594 Hill</b>	<b>Use of Public Resources</b>	Chapter 773	

	<b>Bills Ordered Inactive</b>		
<b>SB 1 Steinberg</b>	<b>Sustainable Communities Investment Authority</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>SB 33 Wolk</b>	<b>Infrastructure Financing Districts: Voter Approval— Repeal</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>AB 39 Skinner &amp; John A Perez</b>	<b>Energy: Conservation—Financial Assistance</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 523 Ammiano</b>	<b>Department of Housing and Community Development: loans</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Watch</b>
	<b>Bills that failed passage/did not move out of Committee/ held under submission</b>	<b>Last status</b>	
<b>SB 391 DeSaulnier</b>	<b>California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013</b>	<b>Appropriations- Suspense 2 year</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>SB 731 Steinberg</b>	<b>California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)</b>	<b>Referred back to Local Government Com—2-year</b>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>SB 792 DeSaulnier</b>	<b>Regional Entities: Bay Area</b>	<b>SEN Appropriations-- Submission</b>	<b>Oppose unless amended</b>
<b>SCA 4 Liu</b>	<b>Local Government: Transportation Projects—Special Taxes—Voter Approval</b>	<b>SEN Appropriations</b>	<b>Oppose- unacceptable amendment</b>
<b>SCA 8 Corbett</b>	<b>Transportation Projects: Special Taxes—Voter Approval</b>	<b>SEN Appropriations</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>SCA 9 Corbett</b>	<b>Local Government: Economic Development—Special Taxes— Voter Approval</b>	<b>SEN Appropriations</b>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>SCA 11 Hancock</b>	<b>Local Government: Special Taxes—Voter Approval</b>	<b>SEN Appropriations</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>AB 22 Blumenfield</b>	<b>Sidewalk: Repairs</b>	<b>ASM Local Government</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<b>AB 185 Roger Hernandez</b>	<b>Open and Public meetings: Televised Meetings</b>	<b>ASM Local Government</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<b>AB 188 Ammiano</b>	<b>Property Taxation: Change in Ownership</b>	<b>ASM Revenue and Taxation- submission</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>AB 416 Gordon</b>	<b>California Air Resources Board: Local Emission Reduction Program</b>	<b>ASM Appropriations-- submission</b>	<b>Support</b>

<b>AB 431 Mullin</b>	<b>Became County Employees Retirement Law of 1937: Federal Law Compliance</b> <i>(was Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Communities Strategy—Funding)</i>	<b>ASM Transportation Committee Amended 9/12</b>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 453 Mullin</b>	<b>Sustainable Communities</b>	<b>SEN Appropriations--submission</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>AB 667 Roger Hernandez</b>	<b>Land Use: Development Project Review--Superstores</b>	<b>SEN Governance and Finance</b>	
<b>AB 738 Harkey</b>	<b>Public Entity Liability: Bicycles</b>	<b>ASM Judiciary</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>AB 745 Levine</b>	<b>Land Use: Housing Element</b>	<b>ASM Housing and Community Development</b>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 1002</b>	<b>Vehicles: Registration Fee—Sustainable Communities Strategy</b>	<b>ASM Local Government</b>	<b>Oppose unless amended</b>
<b>AB 1080 Alejo</b>	<b>Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities</b>	<b>SEN Appropriations--submission</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>AB 1051 Bocanegra</b>	<b>Housing (Sustainable Communities for All)</b>	<b>ASM Appropriations--submission</b>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 1179 Bocanegra</b>	<b>Regional Transportation Plan: Sustainable Communities Strategy--Schoolsites</b>	<b>ASM Local Government</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<b>ACA 8 Blumenfied</b>	<b>Local Government Financing: Voter Approval</b>	<b>SEN Governance and Finance</b>	<b>Watch</b>

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**Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee**

**For Reference**

**Legislative Priorities for 2013 Legislative Session**

<b>Legislation Priorities</b>	<b>Specific Objectives</b>
<p><b>Lowering the 2/3 Supermajority Vote Threshold</b></p>	<p>Seeking voter threshold reduction for infrastructure taxes and bonds statewide and locally                      Continue legislative partnerships with CalCOG, MTC, Air District, BCDC, League of California Cities, and CSAC on these issues</p>
<p><b>Focus on SB 375 Implementation</b></p>	<p>This focus would include pursuing such legislative objectives as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• --Continue to work on seeking permanent funding and/or receiving sufficient funds for COGs, MPO, and local governments to fulfill SB 375 obligations</li> <li>• --Seeking housing funding:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Such as supporting legislation providing resources and incentives for planning, infrastructure and services to assist local governments and related climate change and land use solutions;</li> <li>--State and federal legislation establishing innovative financing and project delivery mechanisms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Housing Element Reform</li> <li>• CEQA/Entitlement Efficiency</li> </ul>

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# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



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## AGENDA

### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, December 5, 2013, 5:00 PM

Location:

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
Association of Bay Area Governments  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Conference Room B  
Oakland, California

*The ABAG Finance and Personnel Committee may act on any item on this agenda.*

*Agenda and attachments available at [abag.ca.gov](http://abag.ca.gov)*

*For information, contact Herbert Pike, Finance Director, at (510) 464-7902.*

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Information.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

ACTION.

*Attachment: Minutes of September 19, 2013*

#### **4. PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2013**

Information/ACTION.

*Attachment: Financial Reports*

#### **5. UPDATE ON REPORT ON DIVERSITY AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR FY 2012/13**

Information/ACTION.

*A memorandum will be e-mailed prior to the meeting.*

#### **6. AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR ABAG-- JUNE 30, 2013**

Information/ACTION

Audited Financial Reports will be e-mailed prior to the meeting/hard copies will be available at the meeting.

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**7. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

Title: Executive Director

**B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

Title: Legal Counsel

**C. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation**

**Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

Name of case: *Post Sustainability Institute v ABAG, et al.*

**D. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Agency designated representatives: Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director,  
and Brian Kirking, ABAG Information Services and Human Resources Director

**8. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will be on  
January 16, 2014.

Submitted:

Herbert Pike, Finance Director

Date: November 26, 2013

# ABAG FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

## Summary Minutes

September 19, 2013

### Members Present

Supervisor John Gioia, Chair  
Mayor Bill Harrison, Vice Chair  
Supervisor Mark Luce  
Mayor Julia Pierce  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty  
Supervisor David Rabbitt  
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff  
Councilmember Desley Brooks  
Councilmember Ronit Bryant

### Jurisdiction

County of Contra Costa  
City of Fremont  
County of Napa  
City of Clayton  
County of Alameda  
County of Sonoma  
County of Costra Costs  
City of Oakland  
City of Mountain View

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### Members Absent

Supervisor David Cortese  
Supervisor Dave Pine

County of Santa Clara  
County of San Mateo

### Officers and Staff Present

Ezra Rapport, Executive Director  
Bradford Paul, Deputy Executive Director  
Kenneth Moy, Legal Counsel  
Herbert Pike, Finance Director  
Susan Hsieh, Assistant Finance Director  
Brian Kirking, HR/IT Director

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Gioia, Committee Chair, at 5:00 pm.
2. There were no public comments.
3. Summary Minutes of the May 16, 2013 meeting were approved.  
/M/Haggerty/S/Pierce/C/approved.
4. Pike provided an overview of the Financial Reports for the months of April, May and June, 2013. /M/Harrison/S/Bryant/C/approved.
5. Kirking and Pike presented on the Annual Diversity and Business Opportunity Report identifying little movement on the diversity of the workforce from the prior year, but noting

that the percentage of contracts going to 'diversity'-owned business had gone down from the prior year. Brooks requested staff to report at the next meeting with proposals to reverse the decline. /M/Pierce/S/Mitchoff/C/to accept the report with an update at the next meeting.

6. The Committee chose the next meeting to conduct the Public Employee Performance Evaluation of Legal Counsel in Closed Session.
7. Closed Session.
8. No reportable action from the Closed Session
9. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

PRESIDENT	Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa
VICE PRESIDENT	Mayor Julie Pierce, City of Clayton
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Dave Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
SECRETARY-TREASURER	Ezra Rapport
LEGAL COUNSEL	Kenneth K. Moy

County of	Representative	Alternate
ALAMEDA	** Supervisor Richard Valle	Supervisor Keith Carson
ALAMEDA	** Supervisor Scott Haggerty	Supervisor Nathan Miley
CONTRA COSTA	* Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Supervisor Candace Andersen
CONTRA COSTA	* Supervisor John Gioia	Supervisor Mary Piepho
MARIN	** Supervisor Katie Rice	Supervisor Susan L. Adams
NAPA	** Supervisor Mark Luce	Supervisor Bill Dodd
SAN FRANCISCO	** Supervisor Eric Mar	To Be Appointed
SAN FRANCISCO	** Supervisor Jane Kim	To Be Appointed
SAN MATEO	* Supervisor Warren Slocum	To Be Appointed
SAN MATEO	* Supervisor Dave Pine	To Be Appointed
SANTA CLARA	** Supervisor Cindy Chavez	Supervisor Mike Wasserman
SANTA CLARA	** Supervisor David Cortese	Supervisor Joe Simitian
SOLANO	* Supervisor Linda Seifert	Supervisor Erin Hannigan
SONOMA	* Supervisor David Rabbitt	Supervisor Susan Gorin

Cities in the County of	Representative	Alternate
ALAMEDA	* Mayor Bill Harrison (Fremont)	Mayor Michael Sweeney (Hayward)
ALAMEDA	* Jerry Thorne (Pleasanton)	Mayor Marie Gilmore (Alameda)
CONTRA COSTA	** Mayor Julie Pierce (Clayton)	Councilmember Brandt Andersson (Lafayette)
CONTRA COSTA	** Vice Mayor Dave Hudson (San Ramon)	Mayor Greg Lyman (El Cerrito)
MARIN	* Mayor Pat Eklund (Novato)	Vice Mayor Daniel Hillmer (Larkspur)
NAPA	* Mayor Leon Garcia (American Canyon)	Mayor Ann Nevero (St. Helena)
CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO	* Mayor Edwin Lee	Jeff Buckley, Senior Advisor
CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO	* Jason Elliott, Dir, Legislative/Government Affairs	Tamsen Drew, Dep Dir, Legislative/Gov Affairs
CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO	* Joaquin Torres, Dir, Economic/Workforce Dev	Gillian Gillett, Dir, Transportation Policy
SAN MATEO	** Mayor Pedro Gonzalez (S San Francisco)	Councilmember Wayne Lee (Millbrae)
SAN MATEO	** Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Nihart (Pacifica)	Vice Mayor David Canepa (Daly City)
SANTA CLARA	* Councilmember Joe Pirzynski (Los Gatos)	Councilmember Gilbert Wong (Cupertino)
SANTA CLARA	* Councilmember Ronit Bryant (Mountain View)	Mayor Greg Scharff (Palo Alto)
SOLANO	** Mayor Harry Price (Fairfield)	Mayor Jack Batchelor (Dixon)
SONOMA	** Councilmember Jake Mackenzie (Rohnert Park)	To Be Appointed
CITY OF OAKLAND	* Mayor Jean Quan	Councilmember Lynnette Gibson McElhaney
CITY OF OAKLAND	* Councilmember Libby Schaaf	Councilmember Dan Kalb
CITY OF OAKLAND	* Councilmember Desley Brooks	To Be Appointed
CITY OF SAN JOSE	* Councilmember Sam Liccardo	Councilmember Rose Herrera
CITY OF SAN JOSE	* Councilmember Kansen Chu	Councilmember Donald Rocha
CITY OF SAN JOSE	* Councilmember Ash Kalra	Mayor Chuck Reed

Advisory Members	Representative	Alternate
RWQCB	William Kissinger	Terry Young

\* Term of Appointment: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

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## Meeting Schedule 2014 (Proposed)

### General Assembly

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2014

Time: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Oakland Marriott City Center  
1001 Broadway  
Oakland, California

Contact: Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, (510) 464 7955,  
bradp@abag.ca.gov

### Executive Board

Dates: Thursday, January 16, 2014

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Thursday, December 4, 2014—*First Thursday in December*

Time: 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Location: Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 8th Street, Auditorium, Oakland  
*Across from the Lake Merritt BART Station*

Contacts: Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, (510) 464 7933,  
bradp@abag.ca.gov

Fred Castro, Clerk of the Board, (510) 464 7913, fredc@abag.ca.gov

## Meeting Schedule 2014 (Proposed)

### Administrative Committee

Dates: *Meetings Scheduled as Needed*

Contact: Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, (510) 464 7933,  
bradp@abag.ca.gov

### Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee

Dates: *See Executive Board Schedule*

Time: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: ABAG Conference Room B

Contact: Kathleen Cha, Senior Communications Officer, (510) 464 7922,  
kathleenc@abag.ca.gov

### Finance and Personnel Committee

Dates: *See Executive Board Schedule*

Time: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Location: ABAG Conference Room B

Contact: Herbert Pike, Finance Director, (510) 464 7902, herbertp@abag.ca.gov

### Regional Planning Committee

Dates: Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 8th Street, Auditorium, Oakland  
*Across from the Lake Merritt BART Station*

Contact: Miriam Chion, Planning and Research Director, (510) 464 7919,  
miriamc@abag.ca.gov

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<http://www.abag.ca.gov>

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### DECEMBER

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<a href="#"><u>JPC Agency Directors Meeting</u></a> 12/2 @ 3:00 pm, MetroCenter, MTC Offices
<a href="#"><u>Regional Planning Committee (RPC)</u></a> 12/4 @ 1:00 p.m., MetroCenter, Auditorium.
<a href="#"><u>Legislation &amp; Governmental Organization</u></a> 12/5 @ 3:30 pm, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B
<a href="#"><u>Finance &amp; Personnel Committee</u></a> 12/5 @ 5:00 pm, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B
<a href="#"><u>EXECUTIVE BOARD</u></a> 12/5 @ 7:00 pm, MetroCenter, Auditorium
<a href="#"><u>ABAG Power Executive Board Meeting</u></a> 12/11 @ 12 Noon, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B
<a href="#"><u>Bay Trail Steering Committee</u></a> 12/12 @ 1:30 pm, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B

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### JANUARY

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<a href="#"><u>JPC Agency Directors Meeting</u></a> 1/6 @ 3:00 pm, MetroCenter, MTC Offices
<a href="#"><u>Bay Area Regional Prosperity Plan Steering Committee</u></a> 1/10 @ 12 pm, MetroCenter, Auditorium
<a href="#"><u>Legislation &amp; Governmental Organization</u></a> 1/16 @ 3:30 pm, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B
<a href="#"><u>Finance &amp; Personnel Committee</u></a> 1/16 @ 5:00 pm, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B
<a href="#"><u>EXECUTIVE BOARD</u></a> 1/16 @ 7:00 pm, MetroCenter, Auditorium
<a href="#"><u>ABAG / BAAQMD / MTC Joint Policy Committee</u></a> 1/17 @ 10:00 am, MetroCenter, Auditorium
<a href="#"><u>San Francisco Restoration Authority Governing Board</u></a> 1/22 @ 12 Noon, MetroCenter, Room 171

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## FEBRUARY

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<p><a href="#"><u>JPC Agency Directors Meeting</u></a> 2/3 @ 3:00 pm, MetroCenter, MTC Offices</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Regional Planning Committee (RPC)</u></a> 2/5 @ 1:00 p.m., MetroCenter, Auditorium.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Bay Trail Steering Committee</u></a> 2/13 @ 1:30 pm, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>ABAG Power Executive Board Meeting</u></a> 2/19 @ 12 Noon, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SFEP Implementation Committee</u></a> 2/26 @ 9:30 a.m., Elihu M. Harris State Building, Room 10</p>

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