

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2006

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin
Irma Anderson, City of Richmond/MTC
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City of San Francisco
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Chair
Stana Hearne, Bay Area League of Women Voters
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, Dublin/Transportation
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton, Alameda County Cities
Nicholas Jellins, Councilmember, City of Menlo Park/County of San Mateo Cities
Jake Mackenzie, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council
Dena Mossar, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto/BCDC
Cynthia Murray, Supervisor, County of Marin
Joseph Perkins, Home Builders Assoc. of Northern California
Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton
Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez/BAAQMD
John Vasquez, Supervisor, County of Solano
Mary Warren, Boardmember, RWQCB

MEMBERS ABSENT

Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville
Shiloh Ballard, Director, Housing & Community Development, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
David Cortese, Councilmember, San Jose/ABAG President
Chris Daly, San Francisco City and County
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat Program
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda/ABAG Immediate Past President
Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
Nate Miley, Supervisor, Alameda County
Mike Moore, Community Development Director, City of Petaluma/BAPDA
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Bob Nichols, California Teachers Association – Education
Mary Piepho, Supervisor, Contra Costa County
R. Sean Randolph, President, Bay Area Economic Forum
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District
Dianne Spaulding, Executive Director, Non-Profit Housing
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance
Mike Zdon, Napa County Transportation Planning Agency/Bay Area CMA

Other Attendee:

Andrew Carey, Napa County CEO's Office, representing Supervisor Diane Dillon

STAFF PRESENT

Janet McBride, Planning Director
Jennifer Krebs, Senior Environmental Planner, S.F. Estuary Project
Kathleen Van Velsor, Senior Environmental Planner
Randy Deshazo, Senior Regional Planner
Paul Fassinger, Director, Research and Analysis
Suzan Ryder, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mark Green called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Richard Ruth from the City of Milpitas, inquired about the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process. He suggested that the City of Milpitas does not recognize that includes a range of income categories and that the City does not give upscale, executive housing enough attention or focus.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2006 MEETING:

Minutes were not approved since there was not a quorum.

4. ORAL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

MEMBERS:

- Mark Green handed out an announcement for the AB 1234 Ethics Training Schedule for Public Officials and reminded members that it is required every 2 years. ABAG's website offers on-line registration.
- Susan Adams reported that the Homelessness Task Force met at ABAG today and discussed a number of pending bills and its desire to review and make recommendations regarding pending housing and homelessness-related legislation to ABAG's Legislative and Governmental Organization Committee. The Task Force is also seeking funding from HUD in order to continue with a regional database.
- Flyers for the General Assembly were passed around and Chair Green reminded members of the April 20 date and location at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco. The Assembly will commemorate the 100 Anniversary of the San Francisco Earthquake and focus on what local government and others can do to manage risk in Earthquake Country.

STAFF:

- Janet reported that *Focusing Our Vision* outreach effort is well under way. There are three parts to the first phase: outreach to elected officials, local government staff, and stakeholders.
 1. Outreach meetings with elected officials have been held in most counties and a few additional meetings will be held later this month including a Delta Six meeting in Contra Costa (4/20) and Marin (4/29).
 2. Over the last couple of weeks, staff from ABAG, MTC and the JPC has held meetings with city managers, planning, building and redevelopment directors and CMA staff in San Francisco, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Additional scheduled meetings include: Marin (4/7), San Mateo (4/13), and Santa Clara (4/12). Objectives of these meetings are: to introduce the program, hear local feedback and solicit staff representatives to a regional Technical Advisory Committee.
 3. A Stakeholder Forum will be held on Monday, May 8 at the Sheraton Palace. Topical breakout groups will allow attendees to caucus and discuss issues and TAC representation. Committee members were invited to submit suggested contacts for the forum.
- Suzan Ryder will be retiring at the end of May and she was recognized for over eight years of service to ABAG and the Regional Planning Committee.

5. UPDATE ON BAY AREA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. (IRWMP)

ABAG Senior Planner Jennifer Krebs presented an overview and update of various aspects of the Bay Area's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), now being developed. Topics covered included the organizational structure; how it builds upon previous planning efforts (including the Bay Area Watershed Plan which was presented to the RPC last fall). She discussed how the effort relates to other national integrated water planning efforts. ABAG Senior Planner Kathleen Van Velsor also

spoke and highlighted water use and land use issue and its relationship to local spheres of influence, municipal service planning and boundaries. She showed a map of 2000-2005 Bay Area land use changes and water district boundaries and discussed the relationship between water services and land use changes. During the Question and Answer session, David Richardson, Project Manager/Consultant for IRWMP joined the presenters to help answer questions. Discussion points included regional water use efficiencies versus additional water storage facilities, participation of community-based organizations in the planning process, and how the plan will address local self-reliance (related to State Water Project deliveries) Members indicated a general consensus regarding the IRWMP's vision statement and goals. (Due to the lack of a quorum, no official action was taken).

6. POTENTIAL FOR INDUSTRIAL-RESIDENTIAL LAND USE CONFLICTS UNDER SMART GROWTH

ABAG Senior Planner Randy Deshazo presented an overview of industrial-residential land use issues related to smart growth, with particular emphasis on examples in Oakland and Fremont. While Smart Growth principles promote more infill and residential development, especially in historic communities along the Bay, there can be a potential for conflicts with industrial activities. Potential compatibility issues were discussed including: attraction of new residents and a potential for limitations on industrial or freight activities and operations. These conflicts could affect the ABAG *Projections* distribution of job and residents in specific locations, and could also influence the identification of Priority Development Areas in the Focusing Our Vision effort.

The Committee discussed a broad range of issues, including: a need to look at flyover noise; market and economic challenges such as land values, leasing the retail component of transit oriented development, and risk/insurance; timing and phasing issues as areas convert from one land use to another; jobs-housing balance; the need for a regional look at industrial land use needs and options including possibilities for consolidation and increased densities. The Committee expressed a desire for follow-up to catalogue issues and examples of best practices, including approaches used in other areas. Committee Members also expressed a desire to bring the topic back on a future agenda.

7. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PROCESS STATUS REPORT

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, provided an update on activities relating to the fourth revision of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). He included an overview of statutory changes since the last RHNA allocation, a review of the schedule and an update of efforts to secure funding to complete the allocations. RPC members were asked for their input about the proposed structure for an Advisory Committee to assist with developing the RHNA methodology. The presentation also included an update on the status of the Annual Housing Report.

Committee members discussed the Housing Methodology Committee composition and size and commented that there should be an effort to include planners as well as elected officials, and representation from environment, social equity and economic interests. There was also a request to explore why the region fell short of reaching the allocation targets from the last cycle. RPC members Jennifer Hosterman, Jake Mackenzie, Gwen Regalia, and Andrew Michael volunteered to serve on the Housing Methodology Committee. Paul invited Members to contact him with suggestions of local representatives.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Green adjourned the meeting at 3:02 PM
Next meeting date is June 7, 2006.

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NOTE #2: If you would like further information on any agenda item or on a subject matter presented, please contact the staff presenter by calling our general number, 510.464.7900, and asking for him or her directly.