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We recently completed the first round of **Plan Bay Area Open Houses** throughout the nine Bay Area counties. At these open houses ABAG and MTC staff provided an overview of Plan Bay Area 2040's transportation and land use strategies including the forecast of housing and jobs. The sessions were also used to solicit input on the goals and targets of the Plan and facilitate discussion between our local and regional partner agencies. Each open house featured stations representing different aspects of the Plan (goals and targets, transportation investments, forecast, county focus, etc.) where ABAG and MTC staff engaged in lively discussions with attendees. A number of MTC Commissioners and ABAG Executive Board members were also present at each open house.

At the **ABAG General Assembly** in April attendees participated in a substantial discussion about California's historic drought. Professor David Sedlak from UC Berkeley presented on critical measures needed to diversify the state's urban water supply to meet the Governor's mandatory water conservation executive order and presented a new plan called The Five Taps project (See presentation "[2050: The Year We Completed Our Urban Water Transformation](#)") Last week at the ABAG Executive Board, this discussion continued with a presentation by Alex Coate (EBMUD) and Beau Goldie (Santa Clara Valley Water District) on their respective agencies' efforts to meet the Governor's conservation executive order, the planning underway for a possible continuation of the drought; and preparation that may be necessary to prepare for a major drought disaster.

The April **Regional Planning Committee** focused on economic strategies of the Regional Prosperity Plan, which included an overview of the regional economic development framework followed by three presentations on the region's industrial activities, industrial lands and goods movement. The committee also received an update on the Regional Prosperity Plan which is currently developing a set of policy recommendations for consideration by ABAG and MTC over the next several years.

The current meeting of the **Regional Planning Committee** focuses on two Plan Bay Area implementation tasks. The first item focuses on the **East Bay Corridors Initiative**. As part of ABAG's PDA implementation efforts, the corridors initiative is a platform for

collaboration among 14 jurisdictions to identify shared opportunities related to PDAs and to attract and guide investment. The initiative is also focused on increasing the resiliency of both PDAs and surrounding neighborhoods along the corridor. The second item introduces the **Priority Industrial Area concept**, which is the outcome of multiple conversations with local jurisdictions on strategies to support local economic vitality and diversity. This represents a preliminary approach to economic development that will be informed by RPC input as well as the ongoing Industrial Land and Jobs Study and the MTC/ACTC Goods Movement Study. This is an action item to support the further development of the Priority Industrial Area concept into a program for inclusion in Plan Bay Area.

We would like to welcome Monica Wilson, Council Member for the City of Antioch as a new Regional Planning Committee member, representing cities in Contra Costa County.

Upcoming tasks

- We have received a few requests for minor adjustments to PDAs and interest in establishing several new PDAs. . We have received applications for a number of new PCAs. We will be bringing the final set of PDAs and PCAs for inclusion into Plan Bay Area in August 2017.
- In the fall we will begin discussing the regional forecast and scenarios for Plan Bay Area.
- The resilience team is partnering with the BCDC Adapting to Rising Tides team to host three sets of workshops to support member cities and counties in addressing existing natural hazards and preparing for future hazards due to climate change. The workshop series is designed to help jurisdictions meet the FEMA requirements for a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and to complete or update climate adaptation plans for general plan safety elements. More information about the program is available at <http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/projects/2016-mitigation-adaptation-plans/>. The first series of workshops, which focused on developing a robust community engagement strategy, were held in March and April in Berkeley, Napa, and Redwood City. A total of 110 local government partner agency staff attended the first set of workshops. The second series of workshops will focus on identifying current and future natural hazards impacting Bay Area jurisdictions and assessing risk to vital facilities. These are scheduled to take place in June in Fairfield, San Rafael, and Foster City. Staff can register for the workshops by visiting http://abag_resilience.eventbrite.com/. In August, ABAG and BCDC will host a third series of workshops examining strategies and best practices to mitigate the risk of current hazards and adapt to future hazards.

The ABAG Administrative Committee may act on any item on this agenda.