

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2005**  
**JOSEPH P. BORT METROCENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin  
Irma Anderson, City of Richmond/MTC  
Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville  
Shiloh Ballard, Assoc. Director of Transportation & Land Use, Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City of San Francisco  
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa  
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat Program  
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo  
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Vice Chair  
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda/ABAG President  
Stana Hearne, Bay Area League of Women Voters  
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club  
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton  
Jake Mackenzie, Mayor, City of Rohnert Park  
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda  
Julia Miller, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale  
Dena Mossar, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto/BCDC  
Cynthia Murray, Supervisor, County of Marin  
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland  
Bob Nichols, California Teachers Association – Education  
Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton  
Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek/ABAG Immediate Past President  
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez/BAAQMD  
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District  
John Vasquez, Supervisor, County of Solano  
Mary Warren, Boardmember, RWQCB

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma  
Chris Daly, San Francisco City and County  
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato  
Greg Harper, Director, AC Transit  
Nicholas Jellins, City of Menlo Park/County of San Mateo Cities  
Zoyd Luce, BART Board of Directors – Special Districts  
Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara  
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council  
Mike Moore, Community Development Director, City of Petaluma/BAPDA  
Patrick O’Keeffe, Economic Development & Housing Director, City of Emeryville  
Joseph Perkins, Home Builders Assoc. of Northern California  
Mary Piepho, Supervisor, Contra Costa County  
R. Sean Randolph, President, Bay Area Economic Forum  
Dianne Spaulding, Executive Director, Non-Profit Housing  
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance  
Mike Zdon, Napa County Transportation Planning Agency/Bay Area CMA

**STAFF PRESENT**

Janet McBride, Planning Director  
Laura Thompson, Project Manager, S.F. Bay Trail  
Ceil Scandone, Senior Regional Planner  
Jennifer Krebs, Senior Environmental Planner, S.F. Estuary Project  
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:**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2005 MEETING:**

Correction to the draft minutes for the August meeting: Susan Adams announced a NACO Conference in Hawaii, (incorrectly identified as NATO). Once the correction was noted, the minutes were moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

**4. ORAL REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

**MEMBERS:**

- New microphones have been installed. There is no need to lean forward to speak, however, red light must be on. It works best to turn on red light, speak, and then turn off as they are very sound sensitive.
- Due to a conflict for several cities' representatives in December on the RPC meeting date, a change to December 14 was considered. A vote was taken, and it was concluded to stay with original date of December 7.

**STAFF:**

**JANET MCBRIDE:**

- ABAG's Fall General Assembly will be held at the Oakland Marriott City Center, on October 27. The theme is *Affordable Housing: Myths and Reality. A Home for All*.
- The Joint Policy Committee's (JPC) developed a proposed draft consolidated work program for coordinating regional planning efforts. It has been approved in Late September by the JPC and will be going forward to respective ABAG, MTC and Air District boards soon. You will recall that the program included developing an application for a State blueprint grant for regional smart growth visioning and implementation, and this idea was endorsed by the RPC. The Blueprint application was submitted last Thursday. We plan to make the consolidated work program the main focus for the December RPC meeting.

**5. RPC MEETING REQUENCY & FORMAT:**

Chair Green reported on a discussion of meeting frequency and format with Supervisor Diane Dillon and Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. To help address the challenge of a large region and lengthy travel times, while allowing for more in-depth treatment, there is a recommendation to hold focused study session meetings on various topic, immediately prior to regularly-scheduled RPC meetings on an "as needed" basis. Topics could either be related to the main agenda, or they could be related to other ongoing Committee or subcommittee areas of focus (such as legislative reform). Committee members discussed the idea and there was general agreement that this would be desirable. Please note that the entire committee is welcome to attend the study sessions.

**6. BAY TRAIL UPDATE:**

Bay Trail Project Manager Laura Thompson provided an update, with charts and photos, on the overall status of Bay Trail's planning and implementation efforts including highlights of new trail segments and a summary of a comprehensive gap analysis for project build-out. The Bay Trail recently completed an unprecedented number of planning and construction grants resulting in 14 miles of new built trail and planning and design for another 65 miles.

**7. GREEN BUILDING PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE**

Ceil Scandone, ABAG Senior Regional Planner/Green Business Program Manager, introduced Executive Director Karen Smith and Program Manager Karen Kho, of StopWaste.Org of Alameda County. Ms. Kho gave a presentation that identified green building practices and benefits. She introduced resource materials available to local agencies and described efforts to facilitate implementation of green building practices in the Bay Area and statewide. Committee feedback was requested on how to better integrate green building into Smart Growth, affordable housing and other program. Many members offered examples of what their individual cities and counties have done, and thoughts on how to promote green building efforts.

**8. BAY AREA WATERSHED PLAN:**

Jennifer Krebs, San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP) Senior Environmental Planner, highlighted the Bay Area Watershed Plan, a project initiated by the California State Coastal Conservancy. ABAG and SFEP are participating in the planning effort and the Bay Area Watershed Plan will be a component of the overall Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, a requirement for state funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8. Under Proposition 50, local water supply projects are required to be "integrated" with watershed protection, stormwater pollution prevention, flood control and water recycling projects, to be eligible for state funding. The Plan will serve as a foundation for the integration process. Public meetings have been underway to develop consensus on the draft Vision, Principles, Goals and Objectives. Committee discussion followed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mark Green adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM  
Next meeting date is December 7, 2005.

**NOTE #1:** It is important that Committee members speak into live mikes during the meeting. Please make sure the red light is turned on before speaking and turned off after speaking.

**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, or call Suzan Ryder at 510.464.7993.