

# Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium

101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, California

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

## Members Present

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin  
Andy Barnes, Policy Chair, Urban Land Institute  
David Cortese, Vice Mayor, City of San Jose  
Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato  
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat  
Daniel Furtado, Mayor, City of Campbell  
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo  
Mark Green, Mayor, Chair of RPC, City of Union City  
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda  
Stana Hearne, Bay Area League of Women Voters  
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, City of Dublin  
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club  
Janet Kennedy, Vice Mayor, City of Martinez  
Jake Mackenzie, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park  
Mike Moore, Community Dev. Director, BAPDA  
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland  
Joseph Perkins, CEO, Home Builders Association of Northern California  
Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton  
A. Sepi Richardson, Councilmember, City of Brisbane  
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez  
Pixie Hayward Schickele, California Teachers Association  
Jim Sperring, Supervisor, County of Solano

## Members Absent

Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville  
Shiloh Ballard, Director, Housing and Community Development, Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, Sonoma County  
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco  
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa  
Jean Hart, Deputy Director, Alameda County CMA  
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton  
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council  
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda  
Dena Mossar, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto  
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District  
Dianne Spaulding, (Geeta Rao) Executive Director, Nonprofit Housing of Northern California  
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance  
Mary Warren, Board Member, Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Staff Present

Henry Gardner, Executive Director  
Ken Kirkey, Planning Director  
Felila Toleafoa, Administrative Assistant

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### 1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Mark Green called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. A quorum was not present.

### 2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 3. Approval of Minutes for August 29, 2007

Minutes were approved.

### 4. Oral Reports/Comments

#### A. Committee Members

No reports from committee members.

#### B. Staff

No reports from ABAG staff.

### 5. Connections between Cities and Schools, Deborah McKoy, Jeffrey Vincent and Ariel Bierbaum, Center for Cities and Schools (CC&S)

CC & S staff provided an overview of the Center's work to date and invited input from RPC members relative to future opportunities for collaboration between CC & S, ABAG and the regional agencies, and local governments.

Several members spoke of the need to improve communication between local jurisdictions and school districts, and expressed support for the new partnership between CC&S and ABAG.

### 6. Regional Blueprint Planning in California – Henry Gardner, ABAG

Henry Gardner, ABAG Executive Director, provided an overview of regional blueprint planning initiatives in California and some of the challenges and opportunities faced by regions engaged in advancing significant regional development and conservation strategies.

### 7. FOCUS (Focusing Our Vision) – Ken Kirkey, ABAG

Mr. Kirkey provided an overview of the FOCUS initiative. He described that staff has received applications from more than 50 jurisdictions that encompass over 100 Priority Development Areas (PDAs). PDAs have been separated into Planned and Potential areas. The primary difference between these two designations is that a planned PDA has both an

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adopted land use plan and a resolution of support from the city council or county board. In general, these categories relate to readiness for funding: Planned PDAs would be eligible for capital infrastructure funds, planning grants, and technical assistance while Potential PDAs would be eligible for planning grants and technical assistance, but not capital infrastructure funds.

The staff recommendation was presented by Mr. Kirkey. Staff recommended that the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) endorsed the list of planned and potential PDAs for presentation at the ABAG/MTC Fall Forum on October 26<sup>th</sup> and for adoption by the ABAG Executive Board on November 15<sup>th</sup> and a recommendation to the ABAG Executive Board that staff be empowered to move a PDA from the potential to planned category immediately upon the completion of the applicable plan and resolution. The Joint Policy Committee endorsed these staff recommendations at the JPC meeting on September 21, 2007.

Members requested information relative to funding and clarification related to the Planned vs. Potential delineation. The RPC voted unanimously to endorse the staff recommendation.

Mr. Kirkey also provided an update on the review process for the Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs). There were several members who raised questions regarding opportunities for local jurisdictions to provide feedback on nominations.

### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. The next meeting is on December 5, 2007.

Submitted by:  
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