October 2017
Updates

North Bay Wildfire Response

TO:  Local Elected Officials, City Managers
     Counties of Napa, Sonoma, and Solano

FR:  Executive Director

RE:  North Bay Wildfire Response

On behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments, we offer you and your communities our deepest support and empathy as you navigate a very challenging and stressful environment. We, as a region, are watching your response to the fires with hope and best wishes for a swift recovery. You have the support of the region behind you and while we do not pretend to have all the answers, rest assured that we stand ready to offer you our assistance to help rebuild your communities.

As you transition from disaster response to long-term recovery efforts, we want to make you aware of a number of resources to guide you through the process. We have developed a Web site (http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/north-bay-fire-resources/) with links to resources to help support recovery and rebuilding management, including re-housing residents, considering land use planning changes, rebuilding your economy, identifying and rebuilding damaged infrastructure, and managing federal assistance. Our staff is available to provide support to you to help utilize these resources most effectively.

Most importantly, we ask - how can we best support you? In our new consolidated staffing structure, we are still learning how we can utilize our combined resources to be of greatest use to our jurisdictions. We will continue to reach out to you, but please also reach out to us and tell us what, as cities, counties, and special districts, you need from us to help you navigate this new world. Please direct inquiries to Alex Beckelman, Deputy Executive Director, Policy at abbeckelman@bayareametro.gov.

As we watch the news, the weather reports, and the stories coming from your communities, our hearts go out to you and everyone affected by the fires. Please know that you have the strength of the region behind you during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Steve Hartinger
Executive Director

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North Bay fire response resources are available here.
State of the Estuary Conference

More than 850 citizens, scientists, staff from local, regional, state and national agencies, and elected officials attended last week's two-day State of the Estuary (SOE) conference. They learned the latest information about the health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary through plenary sessions and panels and presentations on efforts to protect, restore and improve this important ecosystem.

Speakers included state, federal, local and regional leaders, scientists, and resource managers, as well as international climate resiliency experts.

To view the 2017 SOE Twitter Feed or the session abstracts, click here.

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership is a coalition of resource agencies, non-profits, citizens, and scientists working to protect, restore, and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in and around the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. Working cooperatively, the Partnership
shares information and resources that result in studies, projects, and programs that improve the Estuary and communicate its value and needs to the public. Ranging from the waterways that make up the Delta to the mouth of the Pacific Ocean, the San Francisco Bay-Delta is home to numerous species of birds, fish, and many others. It is also home to millions of people, who have come to recognize that the Bay and Delta are an essential part of what makes the Bay Area a great place to live, work and play.

**October 7th -- Second Annual Bay Day**

Bay Area residents celebrated the San Francisco Bay with Bay-themed educational and recreational activities, such as kayaking, hiking and bird watching.

Continue to celebrate the Bay all year long on the Bay Trail and the Water Trail! With over 500-square miles of navigable waters, the San Francisco Bay and its tributaries are the region's largest open space. Explore this vast, varied and beautiful natural gem with new Water Trail Maps and a new Water Trail Website at [sfbaywatertrail](http://sfbaywatertrail).
Bay Day events around the Bay included:

- San Francisco - The Yard at Mission Rock: Live music, food trucks and rowing lessons with the Embarcadero Rowing Club
- Angel Island - REI Beach Party: Kayaking, nature photography and hiking
- Redwood City - 451 Seaport Court: Live music, food trucks and vendor booths
- Oakland - Jack London Square: Family activities, kayaking and featured restaurant discounts
- Benicia State Recreation Area - Walk 1.5 miles with California State Parks natural resource manager and the Vizzit founder showcasing the self-guided Vizzit audio tour, narrated by Doug McConnell
- India Basin Youth Day on the Bay - India Basin Shoreline Park: Kayak on the bay, walk the Bay Trail, and a barbecue sponsored by Recology, in partnership with the EcoCenter at Heron's Head Park and Kayaks Unlimited.

More information about Bay Day is available at [Bay Day](#).

### Housing Package Signed by the Governor

Governor Brown signed the 15-bill housing package passed by the California Legislature in September. The bills include new permanent funding, a one-time jolt of new money and certain reforms as required by the Governor to gain his support for the funding elements of this housing legislation package.

A summary of the housing bills, including more information about ABAG's position on several bills, is available at [http://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/ABAG_MTCHousing-Bills-Summaries_Handout.pdf](http://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/ABAG_MTCHousing-Bills-Summaries_Handout.pdf).

*For comments or questions about ABAG's legislative agenda, please contact Rebecca Long, Manager of Government Relations, at rlong@bayareametro.gov or 415-778-5289.*

### Webinar: Energy Financing

**November 7th, noon - 1 p.m.**

Local government staff are invited to join the Energy Financing: Legislative Updates webinar on Tuesday, November 7th from noon to 1 p.m. The webinar will feature a commercial case study and legislative updates on energy financing.

This Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs (PACE) webinar is presented by the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), California
Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA), and Sustainable Real Estate Solutions (SRS).

Register now. For questions, contact Jenny Berg at jberg@bayareametro.gov or 415-820-7947.

**Webinar: Bay Area Model Solar Ordinance**  
**October 23rd, 2 to 3:30 p.m**

Local government staff are invited to join the Bay Area Model Solar Ordinance webinar for an in-depth review and discussion on the Cost Effectiveness Study in the solar toolkit, on Monday, October 23rd, from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Participants will learn how to meet renewable energy and climate action plan goals through the adoption of a rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) ordinance and explore the process of adopting rooftop solar PV ordinances on new residential and low-rise multifamily construction. This is the first in a series of bi-monthly work sessions hosted by the Bay Area Solar PV Ordinance program.

Work sessions will convene technical experts, as well as regional and local partners, to discuss challenges encountered through the adoption of a basic ordinance and provide information on ordinance enhancements. This work session is in partnership with the Statewide Energy Codes & Standards team and features an in-depth review of the Bay Area Solar PV Ordinance Cost Effectiveness Study.

To attend the webinar, RSVP to Vijay Kesavan, Bay Area Regional Collaborative, Program Coordinator, at vkesavan@bayareametro.gov. The webinar link and the audio connection is +1-415-655-0002 (Access code: 926 192 075).

For more information, view the Solar PV Toolkit, which includes a Solar PV Ordinance Template; Cost-effectiveness Study, Local Adoption and State Approval Guide, and an Outreach Package for local government staff to facilitate communicating to stakeholders and policy-makers on the ordinance.

For questions, contact Vijay Kesavan, Bay Area Regional Collaborative, Program Coordinator, at vkesavan@bayareametro.gov.

**Regional Forum:**  
**Matching Supply with Demand**  
**October 24th, 2017**
The BayREN Codes and Standards team invites you to register for our upcoming regional forum in San Francisco on October 24: "Matching Supply with Demand: Preparing Local Governments for the Rise of Renewables and Its Impact on the Grid."

The uptake of solar PV is becoming one of the most disruptive influences on the electricity grid. With the impending adoption of the 2019 Building Standards and with many local governments now implementing ordinances that mandate solar PV on new residential construction, this forum aims to help local governments and the private sector understand the implications on the grid, and discuss how they can advance strategies at the local level to help stabilize the grid and mitigate integration impacts.

Speakers include:
Cordel Stillman, Sonoma Clean Power
Rory Cox, California Public Utilities Commission
Kelly Knutsen, California Solar Energy Industries Association
Mindy Craig, BluePoint Planning

Event Details:
Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
This event is offered at no charge.  Register here.
Yerba Buena Room, Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco

For questions, contact codes@bayren.com.

Meeting Calendar
November 2017

Finance Authority Executive Committee
11/1 @ 10:30 a.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Tomales Room (8302), San Francisco

Joint ABAG Legislation Committee and MTC Legislation Committee
11/3 @ 9:40 a.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
11/3 @ 1 p.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco

San Francisco Estuary Partnership Implementation Committee
11/15 @ 9:30 a.m., Elihu M. Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Second Floor, Room 10, Oakland
ABAG Finance and Personnel Committee
11/16 @ 5 p.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

ABAG Executive Board
11/16 @ 7 p.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

Bay Area Regional Collaborative Governing Board
11/17 @ 10 a.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

Meetings in the Board Room
at 375 Beale Street are live streamed and webcast
at http://abag.ca.gov/meetings/.

More information is available on ABAG's website.