

ABAG General Assembly
Thursday, April 23, 2015; 2:30 to 7:30 PM
Oakland Asian Cultural Center

388 9th Street (Pacific Renaissance Plaza), Suite 290

Green Streets and Infrastructure Strategies: Sharing Best Practices Around Creating Complete Communities, Drought Protection, and Water Management

2:30 Registration

3:00 Welcome

ABAG President and City of Clayton **Councilmember Julie Pierce**

Host City Welcome

Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney, Council President, City of Oakland (invited)

3:10 Opening Keynote

David Sedlak, Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, UC Berkeley
Co-director of Berkeley Water Center

“2050: The Year We Completed Our Urban Water Transformation”

Climate change, population growth, and concerns about water quality are putting pressure on the Bay Area’s water system. As a result, future investments in urban water infrastructure likely will involve new technologies that radically alter water management. Drought-resistant water sources must be developed. Urban drainage systems need to be upgraded to improve water quality while simultaneously preventing flooding. Bay Area communities have to prepare for the effects of increasing sea level. By imagining a future in which local governments have already transitioned to a more resilient, sustainable water system, we gain insight into some of the steps that must be taken to avoid the economic, social and environmental damage associated with a failure to address the coming changes.

3:40 Panel: Preparing for 2050

What water protective/conserving initiatives local governments & water districts are doing

- Learn how municipalities plan and construct Green Streets to treat stormwater.
- Learn about General Plan Chapters and associated policies to protect creeks and other waterways.
- Share policies and ordinances that implement Green Streets and protect water resources.
- Learn how to finance infrastructure improvements in your jurisdiction -- Voter initiatives, Assessment Districts, and other measures to finance infrastructure.

Moderator: **Supervisor Karen Mitchoff**, Contra Costa County

Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager Water Enterprise, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)

Larry Patterson, City Manager, City of San Mateo

Sandi Potter, Environmental Review & Comprehensive Planning Manager, Sonoma County, Former Mayor El Cerrito

Jay Jasperse, Chief Engineer, Sonoma County Water Agency

4:50 Caucuses for Participants

Three breakout sessions for jurisdictions of similar populations (**small cities and towns, older suburbs, and larger cities**) to discuss the common challenges, opportunities, and relevant best practices.

4:50 San Mateo Sustainable Streets Plan Presentation

Ken Chin, Public Works Project Manager, City of San Mateo

6:00 Business Meeting

6:30 Dinner and Annual Growing Smarter Together Awards