

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 405  
Thursday, March 19, 2015  
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, California

## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, called the meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order at about 7:15 p.m.

President Pierce led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum of the Board was not present.

<b>Representatives and Alternates Present</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Supervisor Candace Andersen	County of Contra Costa
Mayor Jack Batchelor	City of Dixon
Councilmember Desley Brooks	City of Oakland
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Jim Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Eklund	City of Novato
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Councilmember Pradeep Gupta	City of South San Francisco
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Councilmember Charles "Chappie" Jones	City of San Jose
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Supervisor Eric Mar	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Count of Contra Costa
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma
Supervisor Linda Seifert	County of Solano

<b>Representatives Absent</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco	City of San Jose
Supervisor Cindy Chavez	County of Santa Clara
Supervisor Damon Connolly	County of Marin
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Councilmember Dan Kalb	City of Oakland
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB
Mayor Edwin Lee	City of San Francisco
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Councilmember Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Councilmember Raul Peralez	City of San Jose
Mayor Greg Scharff	City of Palo Alto
Supervisor Warren Slocum	County of San Mateo

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Mayor Jerry Thorne  
Supervisor Richard Valle  
Dir Nicole Wheaton, Appointments

City of Pleasanton  
County of Alameda  
City of San Francisco

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Bukowski, Emeryville, announced the availability of video recordings of public meetings. He noted upcoming joint meetings the ABAG Administrative Committee and the MTC Planning Committee and suggested joint meetings of the ABAG Administrative Committee with the MTC Administrative Committee to avoid confusion regarding committee roles.

There was no other public comment.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no member announcements.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pierce reported on the following:

Announced the ABAG General Assembly and Business Meeting is on Thursday, April 23, 2015, 2:30 PM to 7:30 PM, at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290, Oakland. The Business Meeting is from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Announced the deadline for filing FPPC Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) is April 1, 2015.

Announced the ratification of the appointment of Pradeep Gupta, Councilmember, City of South San Francisco, to the Administrative Committee, which is on the Consent Calendar.

Reported on the Administrative Committee retreat held on Sunday, March 1 to Monday, March 2, 2015, at the Lafayette Park Hotel and Spa, Lafayette, including the move to the new building, communications planning, Plan Bay Area implementation, document release, role of place-making, HUD Prosperity report, State of the Region report, economic development framework, housing production and affordability, housing element reform, open space and Priority Conservation Areas, PBA outreach and communications, BayREN update, and ABAG PLAN update.

### 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Executive Director's report.

The Board next took up Items 7 and 8.

### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Pierce recognized a motion by Jack Batchelor, Mayor, City of Dixon, which was seconded by Desley Brooks, Councilmember, City of Oakland, to approve the Consent Calendar, including ratification of committee appointment and correction to the Summary Minutes of January 15, 2015, i.e., the ratification of the appointment of Pradeep Gupta, Councilmember, City of South San Francisco, to the Joint Policy Committee.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Jones, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Chavez, Connolly, Hudson, Kalb, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart, Peralez, Scharff, Slocum

The motion passed unanimously.

**A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 404 held on January 15, 2015**

**B. Ratification of Committee Appointments**

The Executive Board ratified the following committee appointments.

Administrative Committee

Pradeep Gupta, Councilmember, City of South San Francisco

**C. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with 2M Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$113,000 to Develop Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit**

The Executive Board authorized entering into a contract with 2M Associates in an amount not to exceed \$113,000 to develop Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit.

**D. Authorization to Approve Resolution of Grant Award from the State Coastal Conservancy for the State of the Estuary Conference 2015**

The Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 02-15.

**E. Adoption of Resolution No. 03-15 to Authorize the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the East Bay Corridors Initiative**

The Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 03-15.

**F. Approval of Transmission of Federal Grant Applications to State Clearinghouse**

With Executive Board consent, ABAG will transmit the attached list of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse. These applications were circulated in ABAG's Intergovernmental Review Newsletter since the last Executive Board meeting.

**7. REPORT ON PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA IMPLEMENTATION—  
DOWNTOWN CONCORD**

Duane Bay, Assistant Planning Director, introduced the presentation on the Priority Development Area implementation for Concord.

Joan Ryan, Senior Planner, City of Concord, gave a presentation on the Downtown Concord Specific Plan, including plan goals, community outreach, site plan, circulation, development summary, traffic circulation, benefits, technical assistance panel, environmental document, and implementation.

Members discussed Todos Santos Plaza and Ellis Park housing.

**8. REPORT ON KEY REPORTS INFORMING ABAG'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Miriam Chion, Planning and Research Director, reported on key reports informing ABAG's Economic Development Program and introduced presentations by Micah Weinberg, President, Bay Area Council Economic Institute, and Stephen Levy, Director, Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy.

Weinberg gave a presentation on *Preparing the Bay Area for the Future: A Regional Economic Strategy*, including process for strategy formation, national best practices research, local economic development, stakeholder engagement meetings, Economic Institute research reports, and timeline for deliverables.

Levy gave a presentation on *Perspectives from the Economic Prosperity Strategy Project on Regional Economic Challenges and Opportunities*, including project goals, pathways to the middle and business participation, economic growth in the Economic Prosperity Strategy Project, and economic growth strategies.

Members discussed the presentations' findings applicability to the Plan Bay Area update, the speed of change in the economy, opportunities and issues related to economic development; housing and rental prices, and commute times; commercial property in San Mateo; jobs-housing balance; the different areas within the region; increasing low wage earners and types of low wage jobs.

[Davis joined the meeting.]

A quorum of the Board was present.

The Board next took up Item 6 and 10.

**9. REPORT ON PLAN BAY AREA PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, reported on work ABAG and MTC are doing to improve public outreach and provide an overview regarding our proposed approach to the first round of Plan Bay Area public workshops in May. He gave a presentation on May 2015 Plan Bay Area Open Houses—Proposed Approach, including goals of open houses, format and logistics, proposed open house display stations, role of Board members, complementary public outreach strategies, and Barbary Coast Consulting.

Members discussed the schedule of May meetings and customizing county presentations to show how regional goals will help meet local needs.

The Board next took up Items 13, 14 and 15.

**10. REVIEW OF PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA CRITERIA UPDATE**

Miriam Chion, Planning and Research Director, provided an update of the region's Priority Development Area criteria and guidelines.

Members discussed alternatives to and criteria flexibility regarding the 20 minute transit headway in suburban counties.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Batchelor, which was seconded by Dave Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, to retain the current Priority Development Area criteria without modification.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Jones, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Chavez, Connolly, Hudson, Kalb, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart, Peralez, Scharff, Slocum

The motion passed unanimously.

## **11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, reported on committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of committee recommendations, including the following: approval of minutes from January 15, 2015; briefing by Michael Arnold, Legislative Advocate, on the state budget, the 2015 Legislative Session, and the Governor's May Revision; review of legislative summary, including support for AB 35 (Chiu), Increasing low income housing tax credit from \$70 million to \$370 million; AB 90 (Atkins), Distribution of national housing trust fund monies in California; AB 1335 (Atkins), Creation of a dedicated affordable housing fund by placing a \$75 fee on recording of real estate documents—excluding sales to owner occupied residential; AB 1368 (Baker), Authorizes person discharged from the military to file with the county recorder (DD214) and credits the city or county with the production of a new housing unit for the regional housing needs assessment process; SB 602 (Monning), Includes the California Earthquake Authority within the definition of "public agency" for purpose of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements; report on existing law to add COGs and MPOs to the list of agencies permitted to access state produced data bases; review and affirmation of legislative priorities; review of Legislative Workshop and Reception; and briefing on unaccompanied children and/or refugee children.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Batchelor, which was seconded by Linda Seifert, Supervisor, County of Solano, to accept the committee report.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Jones, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Chavez, Connolly, Hudson, Kalb, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart, Peralez, Scharff, Slocum

The motion passed.

## **12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, reported on committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of committee recommendations,

including the following: approval of minutes of January 15, 2015; presentation and review of Financial Reports for January 2015; a report was tabled on San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority for assistance in raising funds needed to place a regional revenue measure on the ballot in 2016; report on State Controller Office and MTC Audit requests; Closed Session on Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation; and Closed Session on Public Employee Performance Evaluation—Title: Executive Director.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Cortese, which was seconded by Leon Garcia, Mayor, City of American Canyon, to accept the committee report.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Jones, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Chavez, Connolly, Hudson, Kalb, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart, Peralez, Scharff, Slocum

The motion passed.

**13. PROPOSED MEETING TIME CHANGE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD, LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE, AND FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Members discussed past decisions to change the Executive Board meeting start times; concerns about meetings going past 9:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m.; public access to meetings; the best use of Board members' time.

Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, reported on the results of a survey on proposed meeting time change.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Haggerty, which was seconded by Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato, to keep the current meeting start times for the Executive Board, Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee, and Finance and Personnel Committee.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Jones, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Seifert

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Chavez, Connolly, Hudson, Kalb, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart, Peralez, Scharff, Slocum

The motion passed.

The Board entered Closed Session at about 9:05 p.m.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

The following item will be discussed in closed session pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act:

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

The City and County of San Francisco demand letter for return of proceeds of a bond issued in connection with Rincon Hill CFD.

The Board exited Closed Session at about 9:10 p.m.

The Board next took up Items 11 and 12.

**15. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

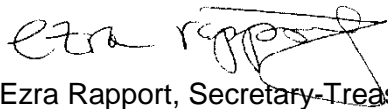
President Pierce reported that a report from the Executive Director was heard and that there was no reportable action out of Closed Session.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Pierce adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board at about 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on May 21, 2015.

Submitted:



Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: March 25, 2015

Approved: May 21, 2015

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