

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 408
Thursday, September 17, 2015
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 8th 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 7:02 p.m.

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

A quorum of the Executive Board was present.

Representatives and Alternates Present Jurisdiction

Mayor Jack Batchelor	City of Dixon
Councilmember Desley Brooks	City of Oakland
Supervisor Cindy Chavez	County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Julie Combs	City of Santa Rosa
Supervisor Damon Connolly	County of Marin
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Jim Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Dep Dir Andrew Dayton, Leg and Gov Affairs	City of San Francisco
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
Supervisor Erin Hannigan	County of Solano
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Supervisor Eric Mar	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Count of Contra Costa
Councilmember Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Councilmember Raul Peralez	City of San Jose
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Mayor Greg Scharff	City of Palo Alto
Mayor Jerry Thorne	City of Pleasanton
Dir Nicole Wheaton, Leg and Gov Affairs	City of San Francisco

Representatives Absent

	Jurisdiction
Supervisor Candace Andersen	County of Contra Costa
Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco	City of San Jose
Supervisor Julie Christensen	County of San Francisco
Councilmember Charles "Chappie" Jones	City of San Jose
Councilmember Dan Kalb	City of Oakland
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB

Supervisor Nathan Miley
Supervisor David Rabbitt
Supervisor Warren Slocum

County of Alameda
County of Sonoma
County of San Mateo

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Bukowski commented on the joint special ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Planning Committee meeting on September 11. A video of the meeting is available at regional-video.com.

There was no other public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato, reported on a meeting of the Marin Coalition held in Marin County, a report given to the Marin cities, and on AB 24.

Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa, reported on the status of the wild fires and resiliency in communities.

There was no other member announcement.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pierce reported on the following:

On the Consent Calendar, the Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 07-15 and Resolution No. 08-15 under Item 6.C, Resolution No. 09-15 under Item 6.D., and Resolution No. 10-15 under item 6.F.

On the Consent Calendar is Item 6.B., Approval of Election Calendar—President and Vice President.

The staff report for Item 6.I. and a revised Attachment F to the staff report on Item 10 were emailed to members and posted online.

Members were asked to consider dates for a possible special ABAG Executive Board meeting in October.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Executive Director's report.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Pierce acknowledged a request to consider Item 6.B. separately from the Consent Calendar.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato, which was seconded by Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor, City of San Ramon, to approve the Consent Calendar, including approval of the Summary Minutes on July 16, 2015; and adoption of Resolution No. 07-15, Resolution No. 08-15, Resolution No. 09-15, and Resolution No. 10-15; and except Item 6.B. which is to be considered separately.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Combs, Connolly, Davis, Dayton, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Pine, Scharff, Thorne, Wheaton.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Carrasco, Chavez, Christensen, Cortese, Haggerty, Jones, Kalb, Kim, Miley, Nihart, Peralez, Rabbitt, Slocum.

The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 407 held on July 16, 2015

The Executive Board approved the Summary Minutes of July 16, 2015, as corrected.

C. Update on Plan Bay Area—Amendment to Plan Bay Area

The Executive Board adopted ABAG Resolution No. 07-15 to Certify the Final Addendum to the Plan Bay Area Final Environmental Impact Report and ABAG Resolution No. 08-15 to Adopt the Final Amendment to Plan Bay Area.

D. Adoption of Resolution No. 09-15 Terminating Membership in Local Government Services and Regional Government Services

The Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 09-15 terminating ABAG's participation in Local Government Services and Regional Government Services and vacating ABAG's seats on their respective Boards of Directors.

E. Ratification of an Agreement with Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisors

The Executive Board ratified the agreement with Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors in the amount of \$300,000 to partner with 100 Resilient Cities program to strengthen resilience in the Bay Area.

F. Adoption of Resolution No. 10-15 Ratifying Execution of a Cooperating Technical Partners Partnership Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 10-15 authorizing a Cooperating Technical Partners Partnership Agreement within the amount of \$1,370,000 for the second and third phase of work.

G. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Urban Resilience Strategies

The Executive Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Urban Resilience Strategies to assist with implementation of the Rockefeller Resilient Cities grant.

H. Ratification of Contract with Natural Resources Agency for Work on the California Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan Development for San Francisco Outer Coast Littoral Cell

The Executive Board ratified the contract with Natural Resource Agency to facilitate additional outreach.

I. Plan Bay Area 2040 Goals and Targets—Revised Staff Recommendation

The Executive Board adopted the Plan Bay Area 2040 Performance targets as recommended by the joint ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Planning Committee.

Members discussed Item 6.B., Election of President and Vice President, continuing the current leadership given current issues, and provisions of the ABAG Bylaws on the terms of President and Vice President.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Eklund, which was seconded by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor County of Contra Costa, to approve the Election Calendar for the Election of President and Vice President.

Members discussed the election calendar and terms of office.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Combs, Connolly, Davis, Dayton, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Pierce, Pine, Scharff, Thorne, Wheaton.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Carrasco, Chavez, Christensen, Cortese, Haggerty, Jones, Kalb, Kim, Miley, Peralez, Rabbitt, Slocum.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Election Calendar—President and Vice President

The Executive Board adopted the election calendar for President and Vice President for the term of office beginning on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2017.

7. REPORT ON PEOPLE, PLACES, AND PROSPERITY

Gillian Adams, Senior Regional Planner, presented an overview of the *People, Places, and Prosperity* report. To inform discussions about the *Plan Bay Area 2040* update, this report highlighted efforts to implement Plan Bay Area and provided a comprehensive look at the ways in which economic, housing, and environmental issues relate to one another and how they are currently affecting local communities and the region as a whole.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Eklund, which was seconded by Damon Connolly, Supervisor, County of Marin, to adopt the report, *People, Places and Prosperity*.

Members discussed report distribution.

There was no other member discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Combs, Connolly, Davis, Dayton, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Pierce, Pine, Scharff, Thorne, Wheaton.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Carrasco, Chavez, Christensen, Cortese, Haggerty, Jones, Kalb, Kim, Miley, Peralez, Rabbitt, Slocum.

The motion passed unanimously.

President Pierce announced the availability of the report, *The State of the Estuary 2015*, and the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 19 at a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail in the City of Hercules.

8. REPORT ON PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA NOMINATIONS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Christy LeFall, Regional Planner, reported on a review of the Priority Development Area inventory and on Priority Development Area nominations, including the Golden Gate/North Oakland in the City of Oakland, the Rumrill Boulevard in the City of San Pablo, and the Sonoma Boulevard in the City of Vallejo Priority Development Areas.

Public comment was heard from the following: Michelle Rodriguez, Community Development Director, San Pablo.

There was no member discussion.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Jack Batchelor, Mayor, City of Dixon, which was seconded by Mary Ann Nihart, Councilmember, City of Pacifica, to adopt the Golden Gate/North Oakland, the Rumrill Boulevard, and the Sonoma Boulevard Priority Development Areas.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Combs, Connolly, Davis, Dayton, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Pierce, Pine, Scharff, Thorne, Wheaton.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Carrasco, Chavez, Christensen, Cortese, Haggerty, Jones, Kalb, Kim, Miley, Peralez, Rabbitt, Slocum.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. REPORT ON PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA NOMINATIONS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Manager, reported on the Priority Conservation Area process, designations, funding sources, and nominations, including 68 Priority Conservation Areas as described in Attachment 3 of the staff report.

Public comment was heard from the following: Sara Fein, Greenbelt Alliance; Jane Mark, Mid-Peninsula Open Space District.

Members discussed a trail in the City of Pacifica connecting to Devil's Slide county park.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Nihart, which was seconded by Eklund, to adopt the 68 Priority Conservation Areas as described in Attachment 3 of the staff report and to look for additional funding sources for Priority Conservation Areas.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Brooks, Combs, Connolly, Davis, Dayton, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Pine, Scharff, Thorne, Wheaton.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Carrasco, Chavez, Christensen, Cortese, Haggerty, Jones, Kalb, Kim, Miley, Rabbitt, Slocum.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. REPORT ON MTC PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER REGIONAL LAND USE PLANNING STAFF AND ASSOCIATED FY 2015-16 PLANNING BUDGET

Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, reported on options for enhanced collaboration; an analysis of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's proposal to transfer regional land use planning and research staff and associated funding from ABAG to MTC; and proposed actions, including restore ABAG's budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, retain a third party consultant to evaluate existing conditions and develop proposals, establish a subcommittee from ABAG and MTC boards to prepare an action plan, and schedule regular progress reports to the joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee.

President Pierce informed members of a memo she received from Dave Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, and Chair of the MTC Commission, which was distributed to members.

Cortese reviewed his memo to President Pierce, commented on the MTC proposal to be posted on September 18, 2105, and commented on the proposed actions in the staff report.

Members discussed whether the Board can comment on the MTC proposal; cost and management efficiencies; one organization's authority to act on another because of funding; legal framework of joint funding framework agreement and legal options; inefficient decision making and problems; Plan Bay Area performance target related to the Building Industry of America settlement and the regional control total; planning staff work; General Assembly deciding on the transfer of planners to MTC; financial analysis of impact transferring planners; employee membership in SEIU 1021; securing an independent funding source; unfunded pension liability; Board authority over planning staff; moving MTC planning staff to ABAG; elected officials authority and policy decision making; differences between land use planning and transportation planning.

Public comment was heard from the following: Lee Huo, SEIU 1021; Kathleen Cha; Danielle Mieler; Jenifer Berg; Sara Fain, Greenbelt Alliance; Michele Rodriguez, San Pablo; Leah Zippert; Alex Amoroso; Kirsten Spalding, San Mateo County Union Community Alliance; Revan Tranter; Colette Meunier, Bay Area Planning Directors Association; Bob Allen, Urban Habitat.

President Pierce commented on discussions with the MTC Chair, the status quo relationship between ABAG and MTC, examination of a full merger of both agencies, and ABAG funding.

Members discussed organizational efficiency, past merger attempts, representation, funding; MTC's upcoming decisions on ABAG funding and planning transfer; Plan Bay Area work; full merger of ABAG and MTC; differences between ABAG and MTC work cultures; multi-year funding agreement between ABAG and MTC; effect on regional planning; local

control and governance; engaging the General Assembly; independent state funding; status quo; discussion process and structure that works best for the region; establishing a separate agency; goals and direction without a plan; representative government; merger and process; continuing fiscal year funding; bifurcated planning; business model decision making; consolidating planning and independent agencies; reason for MTC's actions and developing a process and determining outcome; employee service and welfare; land use and transportation planning; improving efficiencies; elected bodies decision making; MTC leadership frustration with status quo; not rushing decision; recognizing ABAG value among members; ABAG and MTC collaboration; comparing ABAG and MTC staff reports.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Eklund, which was seconded by Leon Garcia, Mayor, City of American Canyon, to direct the ABAG President to inform the Metropolitan Transportation Commission of the following: request MTC to restore full funding of ABAG for Fiscal Year 2015-16; maintain the status quo/remove transfer of ABAG planning staff to MTC; and begin ABAG and MTC discussion on restructuring relations, including merger.

There was no member discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Batchelor, Chavez, Combs, Connolly, Davis, Dayton, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Pine, Thorne, Wheaton

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: Cortese.

Absent were: Andersen, Brooks, Carrasco, Christensen, Jones, Kalb, Mar, Miley, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum.

The motion passed unanimously.

[The Board next took up Item 12.]

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 July 16, 2015; briefing on AB X1-24 (Levine/Ting), SB X1-1 (Beall), Transportation Funding; update on key ABAG bills, including AB 35 (Chiu), AB 90 (Atkins), AB 1335 (Atkins), SB 489 (Monning), SB 602 (Monning), AB 18 (Dodd); briefing on proposed legislation to establish a pool for water efficiency programs and projects for local government; and report on legislative workshop and reception for 2016.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Haggerty, which was seconded by Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, to accept the committee report.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Chavez, Connolly, Davis, Dayton, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Thorne, Wheaton

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Carrasco, Christensen, Combs, Cortese, Jones, Kalb, Mar, Miley, Pine, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum.

The motion passed unanimously.

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 July 16, 2015; presentation and review of financial reports for June 2015; report on amendment to ABAG's investment policy; report on conditions imposed by MTC on the six-month interagency agreement; report on the status of line of credit renewal; and report on payment of membership dues for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Harrison, which was seconded by Jerry Thorne, Mayor, City of Pleasanton, to accept the committee report.

There was no discussion.

There was not public comment.

The aye votes were: Chavez, Connolly, Davis, Dayton, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Thorne, Wheaton

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Carrasco, Christensen, Combs, Cortese, Jones, Kalb, Mar, Miley, Pine, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Pierce adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board at about 10:45 p.m.

The special meeting of the Executive Board will be determined.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on November 19, 2015.

Submitted:

/s/ Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: November 6, 2015

Approved: November 19, 2015

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