



Thursday, April 21st, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Oakland Museum, James Moore Theater, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland CA

Elected officials and Bay Area community leaders will discuss both the value and structure of the Association of Bay Area Governments -- your Council of Governments. Panels of elected officials and stakeholders will explore ways to strengthen and improve regional planning through a greater integration of land use, housing, transportation and economic development work. We will also talk about ways to expand and enhance public participation in these critical issues. Small breakout sessions will also provide an opportunity for more focused discussion.

Agenda

9:30 – 10:00 am Registration and Coffee

10:00 – 10:05 am Opening and Welcome, Councilmember Julie Pierce, ABAG President and City of Clayton
Host City Welcome, City of Oakland Council President, Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

10:05 – 10:20 am Keynote – Henry Gardner, Principal at Gardner, Underwood & Bacon, former ABAG Executive Director, former City of Oakland City Manager

10:20 – 11:10 am Panel – The Business of Regional Government: Meeting the Region’s Significant Housing and Jobs Challenges
This panel will discuss the significant challenges to the Region – Housing and Jobs – with panelists connecting local and regional strategies. This panel will discuss regional planning support for local efforts to retain economic prosperity and address housing affordability in all communities.

Moderator: Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO, California Emerging Technology Fund
Fred Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Foundation
Reverend Kirsten Spalding, San Mateo County Union Community Alliance
Jeremy Madsen, CEO, Greenbelt Alliance

11:10 – noon The Future of Regional Planning: a Presentation and Discussion
The session will examine the value and structure of Councils of Governments, such as ABAG, in the context of the discussion of the ABAG – MTC merger. The merger consultants, Management Partners, will summarize the options being considered to further the integration of regional planning functions.

Councilmember Julie Pierce, ABAG President, City of Clayton
Supervisor Dave Cortese, MTC Commission Chair, County of Santa Clara
Jan Perkins, Senior Partner, Management Partners, merger study consultant

Noon – 12:30 ABAG Annual Business Meeting

Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 2:45 pm **Breakout Sessions** spotlight strategies emerging in the Bay Area that are tackling the challenges and tapping the opportunities – for towns, cities, and counties. Participants will also discuss how ABAG and other regional agencies can better help local jurisdictions address the broader set of issues and services discussed in the morning sessions.

Breakout 1 – Larger Cities

Breakout 2 – Medium-Sized Cities

Breakout 3 – Smaller Cities and Towns

2:45 – 3:00 pm **Report Back and Wrap-up**

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