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## Celebrating the San Francisco Bay - Bay Day Launched



Did your city, town, or county join in to officially celebrate the San Francisco Bay with a Bay Day proclamation? As the administrator of several regional projects working to enhance the San Francisco Bay, ABAG is pleased to announce that 39 cities and counties in the Bay Area have passed proclamations recognizing

October 1, 2016 and the first Saturday of October in future years

as "Bay Day," in recognition of this valuable resource that defines our region.



On Bay Day, dozens of cultural attractions, community organizations, small businesses, non-profits, and parks all around the Bay Area hosted special, Bay-themed programs for residents to explore, enjoy, and learn more about our Bay.

For more information, visit <http://abag.ca.gov/bayday/index.html> or <http://www.bayday.org>.

## ABAG Executive Director Ezra Rapport Retires

Executive Director Ezra Rapport retired from ABAG on September 30, 2016.

In his role as Executive Director, Mr. Rapport was responsible for many accomplishments at the agency, including developing a solid regional planning framework for the Bay Area's future growth in housing, jobs, and population. Mr. Rapport oversaw many local collaboration programs that ABAG has developed over the years with policy makers throughout the Bay Area. These programs include: energy efficiency, clean water supply, disaster resilience, risk management, local finance, trail management, open space, economic development, climate adaptation, and infrastructure expansion.



ABAG President and City of Clayton Councilmember Julie Pierce thanked Mr. Rapport for his service, stating, "Ezra has been a visionary and passionate leader for ABAG. Ezra has advanced collaboration among the Bay Area's counties, cities and towns and regional stakeholders. He has been instrumental in guiding our ABAG Council of Governments through the adoption of the first Plan Bay Area in 2013 to our current work in support of sustainable communities in the Bay Area. We wish Ezra and his family all the best in his retirement."

Staff and elected officials celebrated Ezra's retirement with a party at the Bay Area Metro Center in San Francisco, ABAG's new location.



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## **Plan Bay Area Draft Preferred Scenario Presented - October 14th Deadline for Public Comments**

The Plan Bay Area Draft Preferred Scenario was presented to the ABAG Regional Planning Committee and to the ABAG Executive Board last week as well as the Regional Advisory Working Group (RAWG) and the MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committees. Cities and counties are invited to review and comment on the Draft Preferred Scenario via email to: [mlespiritu@mtc.gov](mailto:mlespiritu@mtc.gov) and cc: [kkirkey@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:kkirkey@mtc.ca.gov) and [miriamc@abag.ca.gov](mailto:miriamc@abag.ca.gov).

October 14th is the deadline for public comments via email at [info@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:info@mtc.ca.gov), or via U.S. mail to MTC, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105.

A special October Executive Board meeting was requested to hear more from cities and counties. This meeting is scheduled for October 20th, and will be open to members of the public. Special session details will be available on the ABAG meetings and agendas page at <http://abag.ca.gov/meetings/execboard.html>.

All input will be used to refine the preferred scenario before the MTC Commission and ABAG Executive Board are asked to adopt a final preferred scenario at a joint November 2016 meeting.

More information is available at <http://planbayarea.org/the-plan/Draft-Preferred-Scenario.html>.

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## **ABAG and MTC Merger Update**

For more information on the merger, visit the website at [http://abag.ca.gov/media/2015\\_merger/](http://abag.ca.gov/media/2015_merger/).

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## **Meeting Calendar - October 2016**

### **San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Board Meeting**

10/12 @ 10 -noon

Elihu Harris State Office Building, 1515 Clay Street, 2nd Floor, Room 11, Oakland

### **ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Planning Committee joint meeting**

10/14, 9:40 a.m. - 12 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

### **ABAG Finance Authority Executive Committee**

10/19 @ 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Tomales Conference Room Eighth Floor, San Francisco

### **ABAG POWER Executive Committee**

10/19 @ 12pm - 2pm, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

### **ABAG Executive Board Meeting**

10/20 @ 7 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

### **Sewer Summit**

10/20 @ 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 32083 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587, more information at <http://plan.abag.ca.gov/training.html>

### **ABAG PLAN Claims Committee (teleconference)**

10/27, 1:30 p.m - 2:30 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Mayacamas Conference Room, 7th Floor, San Francisco

### **ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Planning Committee joint meeting**

10/28, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

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**More information available on ABAG's website**