

We've Moved!

ABAG, along with the MTC, and the BAAQMD, have now moved into the new Bay Area Metro Center at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco. Staff contact information is available [here](#).



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ABAG-MTC Merger Update

ABAG and MTC are currently discussing the future of land use and transportation planning in the region and how to increase collaboration, up to and including full merger. The latest action occurred at the Joint ABAG Administrative Committee - MTC Planning Committee on May 27th, where each committee voted to support the Implementation Action Plan prepared by Management Partners and refer it to their respective governing boards for further discussion and a vote.

ABAG Executive Board meeting is scheduled for June 16th, starting at 7:00 p.m. and the MTC Commission is scheduled for June 22nd, starting at 9:50 a.m. Both meetings will be at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco.

For more information, visit the [Merger Discussion Page](#).

Bay Area Open Houses

Plan Bay Area 2040

ABAG and MTC are currently holding a series of nine open houses across the Bay Area, and invite residents to help craft Plan Bay Area 2040, the long-range regional transportation and land-use strategy slated for adoption in the summer of 2017. The agencies seek residents' help in prioritizing transportation investments and evaluating various scenarios developed by MTC and ABAG staff for how the Bay Area may look in 2040.

Meetings in Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties are complete. The remaining meetings are as follows:

Alameda County: Thursday, June 2, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland

Marin County: Saturday, June 4, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Napa County: Thursday, June 9, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Ave., Napa

San Francisco: Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market St., San Francisco

San Mateo County: Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
City of Burlingame Recreation Center - Auditorium, 850 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame

Solano County: Monday, June 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Solano County Events Center, 601 Texas Street, Fairfield

Sonoma County: Monday, June 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Luther Burbank Center for the Arts - Grand Lobby, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa

For more information, visit the website at [PLAN BAY AREA 2040](#).

New Sears Point Bay Trail Open

Sonoma Land Trust, the San Francisco Bay Trail, and the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge and community members opened the new 2.5-mile extension of the San Francisco Bay Trail, part of Sonoma Land Trust's Sears Point Wetland Restoration Project on Sunday, May 15.



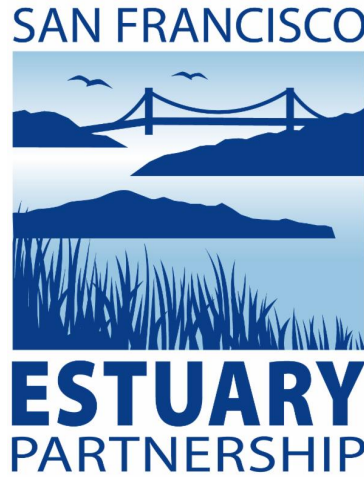
The celebration began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:30 with emcee Doug McConnell of NBC's Open Road. Speakers included U.S. Representative Mike Thompson's chief of staff Stephen Gale, Sonoma County Supervisor David Rabbitt, and representatives of Sonoma Land Trust, San Francisco Bay Trail, San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge and Nancy Wiseman of the Dickson Family, former owners of the ranch. Following the ribbon-cutting, the trail was opened to the public and will remain open daily. McConnell led the first official hike down the trail.



History

This new section of Bay Trail flanks the tidal wetlands at Sears Point, the focus of a marsh restoration project 10 years in the making. Last fall, Sonoma Land Trust breached the levee at Sears Point to allow the tides to return to 1,000 acres of land that were diked in the late 1800s. The new section of Bay Trail, part of a planned 500-mile path around the entire San Francisco Bay, will allow visitors to be steadfast witnesses to the growing marsh. The new trail also links to the older 2.5-mile Bay Trail at Sonoma Baylands, to the west - Port Sonoma and Port Sonoma Marina, for a total of five miles of trail.

For more information, visit the [Bay Trail website](#).



SFEP Base Funding Awaiting Presidential Signature

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership's (SFEP) base funding bill, S1523, has made it out of the United States House and the Senate and is now awaiting approval from the President. The SFEP, along with the other 27 national Estuary Programs, was established by Congress to improve the waters, habitats and living resources of 28 estuaries across the country.

Program funding authorization expired in 2010 and funding was provided on a yearly basis while several unsuccessful reauthorization attempts occurred. Getting the bill to the President's desk is a significant accomplishment, demonstrating strong national support for the Estuary Program.

More information about SFEP is available at <http://www.sfestuary.org/>. More information about the National Estuary Program is available at <https://www.epa.gov/nep>.

Meeting Calendar - June 2016

Regional Planning Committee

6/1 @ 12:30 p.m., 375 Beale Street

ABAG POWER Executive Committee

6/15, 12:00 p.m., 375 Beale Street

ABAG Legislative and Governmental Organization Meeting

6/16 @ 3:00 p.m., 375 Beale Street

ABAG Finance and Personnel Meeting

6/16 @ 5:00 p.m., 375 Beale Street

ABAG Executive Board Meeting

6/16 @ 7:00 p.m., 375 Beale Street

Bay Area Regional Collaborative Governing Board/JPC

6/17 @ 10:00 a.m., 375 Beale Street

[More information available on ABAG's website](#)