



JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE — REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM

Friday, March 15, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
MetroCenter, 101 8th Street, Oakland, California

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of the Joint Policy Committee Minutes of January 18, 2013** Action
Attachment: Draft January 18, 2013 Minutes
3. **Regional Economic Development Strategy** Information
A coalition of Bay Area business organizations will make a presentation concerning a possible economic development strategy for the region.
4. **JPC Climate Change Projects** Information
 - A. The JPC Climate Consultant will present the top findings from the nearly completed Bay Area Climate & Energy Resilience Project and will engage the Executive Committee in discussion on these issues. (DRAFT project reports are on the JPC web site.)
Attachment: Draft Summary Findings and Recommendations Kresge/JPC Project
 - B. BCDC and ABAG staff will update the committee on work to coordinate agency initiatives on climate adaptation, disaster preparedness, and regional resilience.
5. **Plan Bay Area** Information
ABAG and MTC staff will provide information on the upcoming release of Draft Plan Bay Area and the Draft Plan Bay Area EIR, as well as the public hearings and open houses that will take place in April-May.
Attachment: Plan Bay Area Public Meetings

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| 6. | New Legislation (SB 792) Proposed by Senator Mark DeSaulnier
BAAQMD and MTC staff will outline SB 792, new legislation proposed by Senator Mark DeSaulnier concerning the Joint Policy Committee, and will seek direction for next steps.
<i>Attachment: Senate Bill 792</i> | Action |
| 7. | Board Comment | Discussion |
| 8. | Public Comment | Information |
| 9. | Adjournment | |

Next Joint Policy Committee Meeting: May 17, 2013

The JPC may take action on any item listed in the agenda.

This meeting is scheduled to end promptly at 12:00 Noon. Agenda items not considered by that time may be deferred.

The public is encouraged to comment on agenda items by completing a request-to-speak card and giving it to JPC staff or the chairperson.

Although a quorum of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission may be in attendance at this meeting, the Joint Policy Committee may take action only on those matters delegated to it. The Joint Policy Committee may not take any action as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission unless this meeting has been previously noticed as a Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting.



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Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2013 Held at 10:00 AM at the Metro Center Auditorium, Oakland

ABAG

Dave Cortese
 Scott Haggerty
 Mark Luce
 Julie Pierce

BAAQMD

Tom Bates, Chair
 Eric Mar
 Mary Nejedly Piepho
 Mark Ross

BCDC

Geoffrey Gibbs
 John Gioia
 Brad Wagenknecht

MTC

Bill Dodd
 Jake Mackenzie
 Jim Spering
 Amy Worth

Lee Taubenek, CBTH/Caltrans (for Bijan Sartipi)

1. Call to Order

Chair Gioia called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Joint Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Luce, the minutes of the November 16, 2012 Joint Policy Committee meeting were approved.

3. Report from the JPC Executive Committee

Chair Gioia introduced two items from the Executive Committee meeting of January 10, 2013 and called on JPC agency staff to outline them.

Jean Roggenkamp, BAAQMD, updated the JPC on the proposed air quality and infill development guidelines for cities and counties. Ms. Roggenkamp noted that health effects are significant from living or working near roadways and other pollution sources. She also noted that infill development is an important strategy for the Bay Area. Ms. Roggenkamp reported that staff from the regional agencies are developing new guidelines that will promote “healthy infill development.” The concept, which is being circulated to planners in draft form, is to establish a clear set of distances from major pollution sources and a package of best practices that should be used for projects inside those distances. The point of the guidelines is to get the healthy infill approach into local planning processes at an early stage.

Will Travis, JPC Policy Advisor, reported on the latest steps on an economic development strategy. Mr. Travis reported on a December 3 meeting between nine members of the Bay Area Business Coalition and nine staff from the JPC agencies. The meeting was designed to (a) get business input as part of the regional climate impacts “needs assessment” being conducted by the JPC, and (b) identify the elements of a regional economic development strategy. The consensus of the BABC members was that there should be a regional economic development strategy and the strategy should be prepared by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute. The BABC also proposed that the BACEI Board of Trustees would serve as a good forum for providing business input to the Joint Policy Committee.

The JPC Executive Committee subsequently proposed on January 10th to invite the BABC and BACEI to make a presentation to the JPC at the March 15th meeting outlining their interest in creating an economic development strategy.

- Ms. Piepho noted the importance of getting business input and made a motion to invite the BABC and BACEI to present on March 15.
- Mr. Bates stated that it was a good idea but that we also need input from the other two E's—equity and environment—to get the full picture.
- Chair Gioia stated that we would invite other groups to be at the presentation on March 15 and to respond.
- Ms. Piepho agreed that the motion would include invitations to equity and environmental groups.
- Mr. Cortese asked if there would good geographic representation from the business groups.
- Mr. Travis noted that one person would likely make the presentation but that the BABC at the January meeting with the JPC included South Bay, North Bay, East Bay, Peninsula and San Francisco representatives.
- Ms. Pierce noted that the BACEI meetings are attended by high level executives and that the BACEI has good geographic representation.
- Mr. Spering seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Briefing on JPC Climate Change Projects

Bruce Riordan JPC Climate Consultant led a staff presentation by Joe LaClair (BCDC), Danielle Hutchings Mieler (ABAG), and Brenda Dix (MTC) on recent work to coordinate and integrate JPC agency projects on climate adaptation, sea level rise, disaster preparedness, and regional resilience. The slide presentation is available at:

<http://www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/meetings.html>. The presentation also included a report from Michael McCormick, Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Mr. Riordan provided context for the presentation with four recent articles on climate adaptation-related topics. "Adaptation" in the New Yorker profiled how community resilience was key to reducing death and illness rates in Chicago's 1995 heat wave. The just released "National Climate Assessment" by the National Global Change Research Program provides a comprehensive look at climate impacts and adaptation strategies in the United States. John Englander's new book "High Tide on Main Street" outlines the serious issues of sea level rise in this country and advocates for a more aggressive planning program to prepare for these impacts. The New York Times article "In Ireland, Carbon Taxes Pay Off" describes how Ireland's aggressive carbon tax has raised significant revenue and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Riordan explained how interest in climate adaptation is growing rapidly in Sacramento (including possible legislation this year) and in the Bay Area. The regional agencies are responding to this challenge by working more to coordinate and integrate four major projects—the Bay Area Climate & Energy Resilience Project, the Regional Sea Level Rise Strategy, the Regional Resilience Initiative, and Flood Control 2.0. Staff is working also to

coordinate these four projects with the work on regional economic development and Plan Bay Area.

Mr. LaClair, BCDC, showed examples of how staff from BCDC, ABAG, MTC and JPC are combining forces around four topics—equity, governance, nature-based solutions, and engaging the business community. Staff are identifying opportunities for collaboration for each of these topics. For example, BCDC, ABAG, and JPC are each producing papers on equity for climate adaptation/resilience to meet their project goals. ABAG is working with USGS on assessing housing vulnerabilities in neighborhoods with high social vulnerability and then providing that information to help cities plan for earthquakes. BCDC's Adapting to Rising Tides looked at equity issues for both existing assets in the project area and in the various sections of the vulnerability and risk analysis. BCDC conducted surveys of equity organizations and used the metrics developed for Plan Bay Area. The Climate & Energy Resilience Project has employed Bay Localize to get input from a large number of community-based organizations on their most important climate adaptation issues and how they would choose to be involved in regional adaptation planning. Now, staff will be meeting to learn from each other's work and to integrate their findings to improve overall thinking about how to tackle equity issues.

For governance, BCDC looked at the broad need for civil society to be involved in adaptation planning, not just government. They are producing a white paper on key issues for sea level rise decision-making. ABAG has produced a policy guidance paper on governance for earthquakes and other disasters. The Climate and Energy Resilience Project has hired Steve Weissman at Berkeley Law to review adaptation governance in other U.S. metro regions for lessons learned and to provide recommendations on how to further develop governance concepts for the Bay Area. Again, staff will now synthesize the findings from these three efforts to inform each of their projects.

The agencies are also coordinating on nature-based solutions—how to improve “ecosystems services” that provide benefits to human health, infrastructure, etc. BCDC is working with USGS, ESA PWA and other partners in Corte Madera on how to improve wetlands to protect bayside areas from wave damage. That work will inform the Baylands Habitat Goals Update currently underway by the State Coastal Conservancy. The San Francisco Estuary Project is leading Flood Control 2.0 in partnership with the Bay Area Flood Control Agency Association, BCDC and others. The project is focused on three creeks—lower Walnut Creek, San Franciscquito Creek, and lower Novato Creek—to re-design creek channels so sediment moves to the bay instead of building up in the creek itself. This will cut down on creek dredging costs and build sediment where it is needed for wetlands restoration. The agencies are coordinating on these projects.

Finally, Mr. LaClair explained how the various projects are trying to engage the business community. BCDC engaged businesses in the ART project area on vulnerabilities for their operations and for potential adaptation strategies. The Climate and Energy Project solicited business input on their priorities for climate adaptation plans and their ideas on the planning process. ABAG and MTC have engaged the business community through the HUD grant for the Bay Area Prosperity Plan.

Mr. Goldzband explained that this presentation was part of a broader initiative to integrate the various agency projects. The purpose of the work is to see where the agencies are in-sync

and where we need better coordination and alignment. The next step will be to present a real work plan for specific inter-agency tasks around the four common themes of governance, equity, economy and nature.

- Mr. Mackenzie then asked if staff had looked at the Sonoma County climate authority as a model for governance. Staff has looked at the RCPA and is interviewing the executive director as part of the climate adaptation needs assessment.

Staff then provided project updates on Adapting to Rising Tides, the Transportation Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Pilot Project, the Regional Disaster Resilience Initiative, and the Bay Area Climate and Energy Resilience Project.

Mr. LaClair stated that the ART project vulnerability and risk assessment has been completed and the adaptation strategies are now being developed. Stakeholders at a recent project meeting said that adaptation strategies, to be useful, must be first developed at the individual asset level, not at the sector or sub-regional level.

Ms. Dix explained the FHWA-funded project on transportation vulnerability was completed in 2011 by MTC with BCDC, Caltrans and other partners. They are now applying for a second grant that would develop adaptation solutions. The second project will focus on 3 areas—near the Bay Bridge landing, the State Route 92 corridor, and the Oakland Coliseum area. Ms. Dix also explained that ABAG and MTC staff, in preparing the EIR for Plan Bay Area, are using a mid-century projection of 12 inches of sea level rise to assess vulnerability of housing and other important assets.

Ms. Mieler outlined ABAG's Regional Disaster Resilience Initiative that over 18 months examined how the region can recover from an earthquake or other disaster after the emergency response phase is over. How does our economy rebound and move forward? How do we rebuild and get going again? ABAG worked with a wide range of stakeholders on their capacities and needs for disaster recovery. The project completed four white papers (to be released soon) on housing, economy, infrastructure and governance. A major focus was on the need for inter-jurisdictional collaboration. Eventually, the recommended strategies from the project will be used to help implement Plan Bay Area, the regional sea level rise strategy, and other similar initiatives. Ms. Mieler noted there is a large overlap on governance issues between disaster recovery and climate adaptation.

Mr. Riordan provided an update on the stakeholder interviews and 4 topic-specific papers that are being prepared for the Climate & Energy Resilience Project. The interviews are asking stakeholders about projects they are engaged in on climate adaptation, what they need to move their organization forward with climate adaptation planning, and what they believe we need to do collaboratively in the region. Mr. Riordan explained that the project would provide a full briefing at the March JPC meeting. He outlined some initial findings on needs expressed by stakeholders including convening stakeholders, mounting a campaign to explain climate adaptation, aligning government efforts, reforming regulations, creating new financial approaches, providing resources to public health planners, and building community resilience.

- Mr. Haggerty suggested the project convene public works directors to get their input and to help them trade information. Mr. Haggerty also asked why Fremont was not included in the ART project. Mr. LaClair explained that ART resources limited the geographic

scope of the project to the Bay Bridge to San Mateo Bridge zone and that Fremont's response to the initial ART invitation was "tepid." Mr. Haggerty suggested that BCDC try again with the new Fremont leadership.

- Mr. Spring asked that Mr. Riordan provide specific examples of stakeholders and their activities at the next meeting.
- Chair Gioia asked if there is a timeline for the development of a regional adaptation strategy. Mr. Riordan replied that there is a set timeline for the regional sea level rise strategy but there is not timeline for addressing other Bay Area impacts. Mr. LaClair explained the three tasks and timeline of the regional sea level rise strategy and stated that they would have more information on Task 2 (the major expansion of ART) at the March meeting.
- Mr. Luce asked: What are the outcomes for this work? What are the key questions we are trying to answer? What are the products after all this information is gathered? Mr. Riordan replied that we are not building a comprehensive regional plan at this time. Rather, we are identifying the many stakeholders and on-the-ground projects underway and attempting to build a foundation for a coordinated regional program. Mr. LaClair explained that the ART project would be extended to other regions of the bay.
- Mr. Bates complimented the staff work, but stated we need to be more focused on the end game, how we will finance adaptation, how we will implement. We must move to implementation because the problems are here today. We have a large public investment in infrastructure that is going to be a huge problem. We can't just wait and ask for billions in aid after a disaster, we must get ahead of the problem.
- Mr. Gioia stated that financing adaptation relates directly to the regional economic development strategy discussed earlier.
- Mr. Riordan stated that the Bay Area adaptation world would look very different in a year. We are laying the foundation now for a structure to be developed with our partners.
- Mr. LaClair stated that there are no good models elsewhere in the U.S. for the Bay Area on how to structure adaptation planning with many stakeholders—we are leading the way. Building partnerships is the focus now.
- Mr. Bates stated that all this information is good but we have to get going.
- Mr. Spring asked if there is any discussion about someone getting authority to deal with a certain amount of sea level rise, like BCDC has jurisdiction over development within a certain distance of the bay. Mr. Spring said it is very short sighted to think that hundreds of agencies are going to come together in the way that we need them to around sea level rise. He stated that some agency is going to have to get jurisdiction to "clear" projects and move us forward.

Michael McCormick, Governor's Office of Planning and Research presented information on the state's efforts on climate adaptation. Mr. McCormick thanked Mr. Riordan for his leadership in forming the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA) with the Bay Area's counterparts in San Diego, Los Angeles and Sacramento and OPR. Mr. McCormick said that ARCCA would eventually save the state money because they can work with large regional collaboratives rather than hundreds of cities and counties.

Mr. McCormick explained that general plan updates are being updated to include climate change. Last updated in 2003. He described the climate action plan technical advisory that is being developed to include adaptation in local climate action plans. There will be a draft of

this advisory in a few months with workshops later this year. Mr. McCormick also explained the update this year for the 2009 Climate Adaptation Strategy and the Adaptation Planning Guide produced for local governments by OPR in 2012. There is also a sea level rise guidance in development. All these documents are available on the web at www.climatechange.ca.gov.

Mr. McCormick explained how the cap and trade system will produce \$200 million in FY 12-13 and \$400 million in FY 13-14 with that revenue designated for GHG reduction in transportation, power generation, agriculture and other sectors. He also stated that the AB 32 scoping plan will be updated this year, as well as the state's hazard mitigation plan. Adaptation will be a big part of all of these updated plans.

Mr. Riordan thanked Mr. McCormick and OPR for "getting it" that climate adaptation must be done at the regional and local levels and become a true partnership of aligned state-regional-local resources.

- Ms. Worth noted the recent extreme rain events that caused damage to two Contra Costa cities totaling 10% of their annual operating budgets. Cities are very concerned about damages now. Planning "clusters" of infrastructure owners are very helpful, but the real question is how we going to fund this type of planning. Mr. McCormick stated this is a major concern around the state. OPR is looking at funding sources such as FEMA and Cal-EMA by tying climate events to disaster funding. Also looking at other funding mechanisms.
- Mr. Ross asked how local projects are ever going to efficiently meet all the different requirements of various regulations so they can be implemented before disasters strike. He proposed creating a "project sustainability agreement" that would reward good projects that will improve the future environment by cutting through some of the many regulations. Don't just deal with "do no harm" but incentivize projects to protect our communities from climate events and other disasters. Mr. McCormick replied that there are a number of discussions going on in Sacramento on CEQA and non-CEQA approaches to this question.
- Mr. Luce stated that we should not tie climate protection to CEQA or we will never get anything done. Do the obvious things first—focus on major strategies. Don't make this part of the general plan process.
- Mr. Rapport asked if was realistic for hundreds of stakeholders to come together on climate adaptation or if the state would look to regional agencies to take the lead on climate adaptation planning, at least on the assessment phase. Mr. McCormick replied that the state is considering this approach with ARCCA and that it needs more discussion.

5. Consideration of Approaches for Joint Policy Committee Staff/Consultant Support

Chair Gioia explained the process to-date for developing a job description for the JPC Policy Advisor.

Mr. Goldzband handed out the draft job description and outlined its contents. Mr. Goldzband explained the draft requirements and the reporting mechanism.

- Mr. Haggerty asked that educational requirements be added to the job description. He also requested that #6 ("assisting with other initiatives as directed by...") include the full board, not just the Chair and the Executive Committee. Chair Gioia replied that the

language would be changed. He stated that the Chair and Executive Committee would make a recommendation on hiring and that the recommendation would come to the full JPC.

- Ms. Pierce questioned the clerical duties and said that the clerical part of the job will weigh down the high-level policy person the position requires. Chair Gioia replied that he would work with the agencies to consider and improve the clerical support for the JPC. Mr. Rapport noted that Fred Castro, ABAG's staff person who supports the JPC, is overloaded and there should be discussions on this as part of the hiring process.

A motion to approve the job description, as amended, was made by Ms. Piepho and seconded by Mr. Haggerty. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Board Comment

Chair Gioia thanked Will Travis for his year of service as the JPC Policy Advisor and wished him good luck in his future work.

Mr. Travis stated that the JPC may see him even more in the future as he dedicates his life to addressing sea level rise in the Bay Area and to ensuring a prosperous region.

Chair Gioia also thanked Mr. Riordan for his continuing work for the JPC.

7. Public Comment

Jane Kramer addressed the JPC. She noted that ecological medical issues are important to human health. For example, understanding the materials that are used in constructing houses and office buildings.

8. Adjournment

Chair Gioia adjourned the meeting.

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JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE — REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM

Date: March 7, 2013
To: Joint Policy Committee
From: Bruce Riordan
Climate Consultant
Subject: **DRAFT Summary: Findings & Recommendations from Kresge/JPC Project**

At the March 15th meeting, we will brief you on the DRAFT findings and recommendations from the Bay Area Climate & Energy Resilience Project. This memo gives a headline-view summary of the key findings. The complete reports, with a rich level of information, can be viewed and downloaded at: <http://www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/projects.html>.

Project Framing:

- All impacts on Bay Area—including sea level rise, extreme storms, water & energy disruptions/shortages, heat waves, ocean acidification, and distant events that will affect food/energy prices, business supply chains, etc.
- Near-term, mid-term, and long-term effects (not just 2100)
- Focused on Bay Area adaptation but directly linked to GHG reduction

Activities:

- 4 independent papers (sub-consultants) on key issues and next-step “roadmaps”
 - Social equity and community engagement
 - Multi-jurisdictional, multi-sector governance
 - Getting the right science information to decision-makers
 - Win-Win strategies (Adaptation and GHG reduction)
- Interviews/group discussions (JPC Consultant) with 100+ stakeholders
 - What does your organization need to move forward in 2013?
 - How can we best work together to accelerate planning in 2013?
 - What projects are you conducting?

Top-line Recommendations:

1. Stakeholder Interviews (Bruce Riordan, JPC)

Near-Universal Needs Expressed by Stakeholders:

- A. Bay Area Campaign: Make the Case for Climate Adaptation Work Now
- B. New Resources/Efficient Use of Existing Resources for Local/Regional Planning

- C. Better Information on Climate Impacts and Guidance on How to Use It.
- D. Information on Bay Area Projects, Programs and Major Initiatives

Stakeholder Requests: 11+1 Strategies to Accelerate Progress

- A. Create A Bay Area Planning Process
- B. Help Cities/Counties Plan and Convene Local Working Groups
- C. Work Smarter with State Government
- D. Focus on Vulnerable Communities
- E. Secure Resources for the Public Health Sector
- F. Integrate Climate Adaptation with Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness
- G. Make Nature-Based Solutions an Integral Part of the Bay Area Approach
- H. Focus on Extreme Events
- I. Work Together on 21st Century Regulatory Reform
- J. Create Center for Work on Proposed Mega-Strategies
- K. Reward Innovation
- L. Link Adaptation with GHG Reduction and Carbon Sequestration

2. Independent Investigations of Top Adaptation Issues

Community Engagement and Equity (Kirsten Schwind, Bay Localize)

- A. Partner with organizations in vulnerable communities from the very beginning (process design), include organizations in leadership roles (with funding support), and continue partnerships through all steps.
- B. Include economic impacts on low-income households as a major adaptation issue, especially rising costs of food, water and basic needs.
- C. Identify and invest in existing community resilience, including connecting job seekers with these activities

Multi-Jurisdictional, Multi-Sector Governance (Steve Weissman, Berkeley Law)

- A. Conduct deeper research to answer specific questions
 - Authority: Existing, gaps, needed, forms
 - Collaboration: Roles, local-best vs. multi-jurisdictional required, carrots/sticks
- B. Hold leader discussions on needs for multi-jurisdictional governance
- C. Conduct Bay Area climate impacts simulation exercise to ID governance issues
- D. Continue learning from other major adaptation efforts—NYC, CHI, LA, SD, etc.

Getting Information to Decision-Makers (Andrew Gunther, BAECCC)

- A. Support science/info user partnerships to identify data products — focus on specific info needs for general plans, SCS, hazard plans, etc.
- B. Facilitate the development of a Bay Area Climate Monitoring Network
- C. Coordinate downscaled projections for local and regional planners
- D. Create Bay Area scenarios based on projections and monitoring data
- E. Create demo projects to test and learn from innovative “climate smart” solutions, especially nature-based approaches (start with “resilient shorelines”)

Win-Win Strategies for the Bay Area (Laura Sasso, Climate Corps Bay Area)

A. Focus on 10 promising strategies in four categories

- Integrated Development: Cooling Communities (urban heat islands); PDAs and PCAs; Integrated New Building and Development Design
- Energy Infrastructure: Local Renewable Power and Intelligent Grid; Community Choice Aggregation; Energy Efficiency for Existing Buildings
- Water Management: Wetland Systems as Infrastructure; Low-Impact Development/Stormwater Management: Water Conservation and Efficiency
- Community Resilience: Local Food Supply Chains

B. Develop projects for each Bay Area sub-region based on:

- Top local impacts (e.g. sea level rise, storms, heat, water shortages, prices)
- 10-point evaluation framework (e.g. builds economic resilience, increases social equity, reduces GHGs, scalability, potential partners)

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Plan BayArea

TO: MTC Planning Committee, ABAG Administrative Committee

DATE: March 1, 2013

FR: Executive Director, MTC
Executive Director, ABAG

W.I.

RE: Plan Bay Area Public Meetings

Thanks for your patience as our staffs worked together to schedule the many meetings that come with release of the Draft Plan and companion Environmental Impact Report. This memo reviews past direction we have received from you and lists key milestones and dates.

Dates	Milestone
March 22	Release of Draft Plan Bay Area (begin 55-day comment period)
March 29	Release of Draft Plan Bay Area Environmental Impact Report (begin 45-day comment period)
April-May	Various comment opportunities, presentations, public hearings, etc.
May 16	Close of Comment Period (Draft Plan, DEIR)
Late May	Present summary of comments to ABAG and Commission
June 20	Joint ABAG-MTC Adoption of Final EIR, Final Plan Bay Area, and conformity analysis

In December, the joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative committees approved the following approach to public engagement for release of the Draft Plan. Our goal is to provide the public with numerous opportunities and methods to comment.

- Combination Open House/Public Hearings:** SB 375 requires at least three public hearings in the Bay Area, as well as an additional round of workshops in counties with populations of over 500,000. MTC and ABAG will host one hearing per county in combination with an Open House. The Open House will start at approximately 6 p.m. and run to approximately 7:30 p.m. Members of the public can come and view displays, ask questions of staff and then move right into a public hearing that will start at approximately 7 p.m. MTC Commissioners and ABAG Executive Board members will preside over the formal public hearing portion of the meetings for the purpose of taking comments from the public. A court reporter will transcribe comments. For those who cannot stay for the public meeting or who prefer not to speak in front of a large group, we will have a “comment station” where people can submit their comments directly for inclusion into the public record. A list of tentative dates for these open house/public hearings is included in Table 1 on the following page.
- EIR Public Hearings:** We will conduct three public hearings on the EIR, one each in Oakland, San Jose and San Rafael. The Oakland meeting will be in the evening. These will be formal public hearings to comply with CEQA, with a brief staff presentation and the balance of the meeting dedicated to hearing from the public. A list of tentative dates for these public hearings is included in Table 2 on the following page.

Table 1: Plan Bay Area Open House/Public Workshops

(Note: In general, Open Houses will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Public Hearings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)

Date	Location
Monday, April 8	Napa County: Elks Lodge, Napa
Monday, April 8	Sonoma County: Friedman Center, Santa Rosa
Thursday, April 11	San Francisco: Hotel Whitcomb, Civic Center
Monday, April 22	Solano County: Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Monday, April 22	Contra Costa County: Marriott, Walnut Creek
Monday, April 29	Marin County: Marin Center, San Rafael
Monday, April 29	San Mateo County: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Foster City
Wednesday, May 1	Alameda County: Mirage Ballroom, Fremont
Wednesday, May 1	Santa Clara County: Downtown Hilton, San Jose

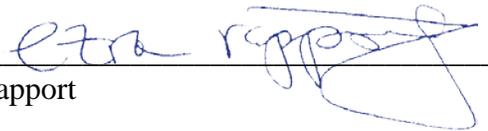
Table 2: Plan Bay Area Draft Environmental Impact Report Public Hearings

Date	Location
Tuesday, April 16, 10 a.m.	San Rafael, Embassy Suites
Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.	Oakland (Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter)
Wednesday, April 17, 1 p.m.	San Jose (Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, San Jose State)

We will be publicizing the meetings via email newsletters and a mailing, and welcome your assistance in helping us get the word out to your respective constituents.



 Steve Heminger



 Ezra Rapport

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnierFebruary 22, 2013

An act to add Sections 66537, 66537.1, 66537.2, 66537.3, 66537.4, 66537.5, and 66537.6 to the Government Code, relating to planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 792, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Regional entities: Bay Area.

Existing law creates the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Bay Area Toll Authority, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, with various powers and duties relative to all or a portion of the 9-county San Francisco Bay Area region with respect to transportation, air quality, and environmental planning, as specified. Another regional entity, the Association of Bay Area Governments, is created as a joint powers agency comprised of cities and counties under existing law with regional planning responsibilities. Existing law provides for a joint policy committee of certain regional entities in this 9-county area to collaborate on regional coordination. Existing law requires regional transportation planning agencies, as part of the regional transportation plan in urban areas, to develop a sustainable communities strategy pursuant to Senate Bill 375 of the 2007–08 Regular Session coordinating transportation, land use, and air quality planning, with specified objectives.

This bill would require the joint policy committee to prepare a regional organization plan for the affected regional entities. The organization plan would include a plan for consolidating certain functions that are common to the regional entities and reducing overhead costs. The bill would require the joint policy committee to hold at least one public hearing in each county of the region and to adopt a final plan by June

30, 2015. The bill would also require the joint policy committee to develop and adopt public community outreach programs and to maintain an Internet Web site. The bill would require the joint policy committee to conduct a review of the policies and plans, and associated regulations, of each regional entity, including an assessment of the consistency of the policies, plans, and regulations among the regional entities with the requirements of Senate Bill 375 of the 2007–08 Regular Session. The bill would provide that the joint policy committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the sustainable communities strategy for the region integrates transportation, land use, and air quality management consistent with that legislation. The bill would also require the joint policy committee to appoint an advisory committee on economic competitiveness with specified members from the business community to adopt goals and policies related to the inclusion of economic development opportunities in the plans of the regional entities. By imposing new duties on the joint policy committee, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66537 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:
3 66537. For purposes of Sections 66537.1 to 66537.5, inclusive,
4 the following definitions shall apply:
5 (a) “Region” means the area encompassed by the Counties of
6 Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo,
7 Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.
8 (b) “Regional entities” means the Metropolitan Transportation
9 Commission, including any joint exercise of powers agencies that
10 include the commission as a member agency; the Bay Area Toll
11 Authority; the Bay Area Air Quality Management District; the San

1 Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; and
2 the Association of Bay Area Governments.

3 SEC. 2. Section 66537.1 is added to the Government Code, to
4 read:

5 66537.1. (a) The joint policy committee shall prepare a
6 regional organization plan. The joint policy committee shall adopt
7 goals and policies to govern the preparation of the plan. Among
8 the goals shall be a statement as to the expected reduction in the
9 cost of overhead and in the operation and management of the
10 regional entities. All cost saving shall be directed to the joint policy
11 committee's general fund. In addition, goals shall be adopted for
12 integrating the regional planning requirements for the regional
13 plans of each regional entity into a comprehensive regional plan.

14 (b) The regional organization plan shall include a plan for
15 consolidating the functions that are common to the regional entities,
16 including, but not limited to, personnel and human resources,
17 budget and financial services, electronic data and communications
18 systems, legal services, contracting and procurement of goods and
19 services, public information and outreach services,
20 intergovernmental relations, transportation, land use, economic,
21 and related forecasting models, and other related activities.
22 Consideration shall be given to ensuring that there are common
23 personnel classifications where appropriate among the regional
24 entities, and the consolidation of other functions or activities, as
25 deemed feasible, that will further the mission of the joint policy
26 committee and will reduce redundancy. The plan shall be updated
27 as determined by the joint policy committee.

28 (c) On or before December 31, 2014, the staff shall submit to
29 the joint policy committee a draft regional organization plan. The
30 joint policy committee shall hold at least one public hearing in
31 each county of the region to receive public comment. A final plan
32 shall thereafter be adopted for implementation on or before June
33 30, 2015.

34 SEC. 3. Section 66537.2 is added to the Government Code, to
35 read:

36 66537.2. The joint policy committee shall develop and adopt
37 public and community outreach policies to govern the scheduling
38 of joint policy committee meetings, the meetings of regional
39 entities, the meetings of standing committees, and meetings of ad
40 hoc or other temporary committees. In developing the policies,

1 the joint policy committee shall ensure that outreach programs
2 will utilize all available communication technologies, including
3 webcasting and social media, print, radio, and television. The joint
4 policy committee shall also establish policies for the holding
5 workshops of the joint policy committee and the regional entities
6 in the cities and counties of the region. The joint policy committee
7 shall provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft
8 and the final recommended policies. The policies shall be adopted
9 on or before October 31, 2014.

10 SEC. 4. Section 66537.3 is added to the Government Code, to
11 read:

12 66537.3. The joint policy committee shall maintain an Internet
13 Web site containing relevant information pertaining to the joint
14 policy committee's activities.

15 SEC. 5. Section 66537.4 is added to the Government Code, to
16 read:

17 66537.4. The joint policy committee shall be subject to the
18 Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950)
19 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5).

20 SEC. 6. Section 66537.5 is added to the Government Code, to
21 read:

22 66537.5. (a) Beginning on January 1, 2014, the joint policy
23 committee shall review the policies and plans, and associated
24 regulations, of each regional entity. The review shall include an
25 assessment of the consistency of the policies, plans, and regulations
26 among the regional entities with the requirements of Senate Bill
27 375 of the 2007–08 Regular Session. The joint policy committee
28 shall issue a consistency report describing the findings of this
29 review. The joint policy committee shall hold public and
30 community hearings in accordance with its public outreach policies
31 regarding the draft consistency findings. The findings of the
32 consistency review shall be used in fulfilling the joint policy
33 committee's regional planning responsibilities.

34 (b) The joint policy committee shall be responsible for ensuring
35 that the sustainable communities strategy for the region integrates
36 transportation, land use, and air quality management consistent
37 with the requirements of Senate Bill 375 of the 2007–08 Regular
38 Session.

39 SEC. 7. Section 66537.6 is added to the Government Code, to
40 read:

1 66537.6. (a) The joint policy committee shall appoint an
2 advisory committee on economic competitiveness with members
3 from the business community, including representatives of small
4 businesses, technology and manufacturing sectors, community
5 colleges, public and private universities, labor, local governments,
6 and other organizations involved with the private economy.

7 (b) The joint policy committee, in consultation with the advisory
8 committee, shall adopt goals and policies related to the inclusion
9 of economic development opportunities in the plans of the regional
10 entities. The goals and policies shall also promote amenities that
11 are special to the region and contribute to the region's quality of
12 life.

13 SEC. 8. If the Commission on State Mandates determines
14 that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement
15 to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
16 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
17 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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