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TO: Executive Board Members

FROM: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

ABAG staff continues to work at a feverish pace in preparing for the release of several key milestones in the Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS). The milestones that will be reported out at the Executive Board Meeting are the draft Alternative Land Use Scenarios, the draft Regional Housing Need Assessment Methodology, and the proposed MTC One Bay Area grant that will provide incentives to local governments in furtherance of the ABAG Priority Development Area framework. Each one of these documents is the result of extensive engagement with local governments, stakeholders, and regional agencies. ABAG staff continues to have dialogue about these reports and there are no final decisions with respect to them being made tonight.

Other activities on-going at ABAG include the following:

Electric Vehicle (EV) Corridor Project.

In August ABAG executed a \$1.5 million contract with the California Energy Commission (CEC) for installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. ABAG will be working with previously identified local governments in the SF and Monterey Bay Areas for installation of over 400 charge points in the region. ABAG is coordinating this effort with other regional agencies and EV projects in the Bay Area.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

EPA NEP funding reached a high-water mark in FY 10 of \$800,000 per Estuary program. This year's funding for FY 11 will revert to the FY09 amount of \$600,000. SFEP is likely to receive additional funds from Region 9's geographic funds for continuation of the San Pablo Avenue Stormwater Spine project and from the Prop 84 Inter-Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) implementation grant to the SF Bay region. CalTrans is providing match funding for the Spine project.

The State of the Estuary conference is scheduled for September 20-21, 2011, at the Oakland Marriott. There will be an opening night gala at the Aquarium of the Bay the evening of September 19. Additional information will be made available to all Executive Board members.

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Legislative Hearings regarding Regionalism in the Bay Area Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Chair of Senate Transportation and Housing, has called for three hearings in the Bay Area to discuss the future of regional government in the region.

The first hearing is in San Jose on September 13th. Topic: "Regional Organization in the Bay Area." Elizabeth Deakin, UC Berkeley Professor, will speak at the San Jose hearing on the subject of "Trends in Regional Government." There will be two more hearings: San Francisco and Oakland. Preliminary dates are Oct. 10th and December 1st. The Senator is very interested in the ongoing implementation of SB 375 and would like to have ABAG testify at the Oakland hearing.

Hud Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants

ABAG is partnering with MTC and a consortium representing the nine-county Bay Area on a \$5million dollar grant proposal. The participants include a number of cities and other regional stakeholders. If funded, this grant would support the region's efforts to link land use, transportation and economic development. The two primary work areas include economic and workforce development and housing.