

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 409  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, California

## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, called the meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order at about 7:30 p.m.

President Pierce led the Executive Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum of the Executive Board was present.

### **Representatives and Alternates Present    Jurisdiction**

Supervisor Candace Andersen	County of Contra Costa
Councilmember Desley Brooks	City of Oakland
Senior Advisor Jeff Buckley	City of San Francisco
Supervisor Cindy Chavez	County of Santa Clara
Supervisor Damon Connolly	County of Marin
Dep Dir Andrew Dayton, Leg and Gov Affairs	City of San Francisco
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Eklund	City of Novato
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Councilmember Charles "Chappie" Jones	City of San Jose
Councilmember Dan Kalb	City of Oakland
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Supervisor Eric Mar	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Count of Contra Costa
Councilmember Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Councilmember Raul Peralez	City of San Jose
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma

### **Representatives Absent    Jurisdiction**

Mayor Jack Batchelor	City of Dixon
Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco	City of San Jose
Supervisor Julie Christensen	County of San Francisco
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Jim Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Councilmember Pradeep Gupta	City of South San Francisco
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Supervisor Nathan Miley	County of Alameda
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Mayor Greg Scharff	City of Palo Alto

Supervisor Linda Seifert  
Supervisor Warren Slocum  
Mayor Jerry Thorne

County of Solano  
County of San Mateo  
City of Pleasanton

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ken Bukowski announced the availability of public meeting videos at regional-video.com.  
There was no other public comment.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no member announcement.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pierce informed members that a revised proposed Resolution No. 11-15 was distributed.

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director, reported on the election of President and Vice President. At the close of the nomination period on October 9, 2015, only one candidate had filed the necessary nomination petition for the office of President and one candidate for the office of Vice President. Pursuant to the Association's Procedures for Election of the President and Vice President, the sole nominee for each office is declared to be elected to such office. Therefore, the President-elect is Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, and the Vice President-elect is David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma, for the term beginning January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2017. The Executive Board will be requested to ratify the results at its November meeting.

**6. RESPONSE TO MTC PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE ABAG'S PLANNING GRANT AND TRANSFER LAND USE PLANNING STAFF TO MTC**

Rapport presented an analysis of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's proposal to transfer regional land use planning and research staff and associated funding from ABAG to MTC, including a review of a staff memo on Summary of September 23 MTC Commissioner Comments and a staff report on MTC Proposal to Terminate ABAG's Planning Grant and Transfer Land Use Planning Staff to MTC.

Public comment was heard from the following: Matt Vander Sluis, Greenbelt Alliance, spoke on strengthening integration between agencies and on a public process with stakeholder engagement, timeline and benchmarks; and Ken Bukowski spoke on reviewing of regional planning process.

Pierce reviewed the revised proposed Resolution No. 11-15, including: to which Executive Director the ABAG planners report; moving planners will result in failure of the remaining AGAG work; consideration of the status quo, a merged process, or merger of both agencies under one regional government; hiring a third party independent consultant to facilitate discussions between ABAG and MTC and the 101 cities and nine counties.

Members discussed a neutral party mediator; a concern about distribution of transportation funding; communications with cities and counties and other agencies; references to the Sustainable Communities Strategy and Plan Bay Area; the funding agreement between ABAG and MTC; a meeting of Marin County's General Assembly delegates; restructuring, merger and representation; merger and streamlining; a definition of the problem between

ABAG and MTC; stakeholder participation; the September 18 memo from the MTC Executive Director from the MTC Chair; response to MTC's funding proposal; Plan Bay Area updates; the revised Funding Framework Agreement policy statement.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato, which was seconded by Mary Ann Nihart, Councilmember, City of Pacifica, to adopt Resolution No. 11-15, as revised.

Pierce encouraged members to continue speaking with their colleagues and constituents in support of ABAG funding through Fiscal Year 2015-2016; and to agree to maintain the status quo or enter into a discussion of a merger of both agencies.

Members discussed next steps; discussions with legislators and other funding sources; response to MTC's funding proposal; a meeting of the General Assembly.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Brooks, Chavez, Connolly, Eklund, Garcia, Haggerty, Hudson, Jones, Kalb, Kim, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Nihart, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt.

The nay votes were: Mackenzie.

Abstentions were: Dayton, Buckley.

Absent were: Batchelor, Carrasco, Christensen, Cortese, Davis, Gupta, Harrison, Miley, Pine, Scharff.

The motion passed.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

President Pierce adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board at about 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on November 19, 2015.

Submitted:

/s/ Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: November 4, 2015

Approved: November 19, 2015

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