SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting
No. 376, September 16, 2010
MetroCenter Auditorium
101 8th Street, Oakland, California

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Green called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. A revised agenda was distributed.

Representatives and Alternates Present	Jurisdiction
Supervisor Susan L. Adams	County of Marin
Supervisor John Avalos	County of San Francisco
Vice Mayor John Boyle	City of Menlo Park
Mayor Ronit Bryant	City of Mountain View
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Jason Elliott, Policy Advisor	City of San Francisco
Supervisor John Gioia	County of Contra Costa
Mayor Mark Green	City of Union City
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson	County of San Mateo
Councilmember Ash Kalra	City of San Jose
Supervisor Mike Kerns	County of Sonoma
Director Nancy Kirshner Rodriguez	City of San Francisco
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis	County of Solano
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi	County of San Francisco
Councilmember Nancy Nadel	City of Oakland
Supervisor Gail Steele	County of Alameda
Mayor Pamela Torliatt	City of Petaluma
Councilmember Joanne Ward	City of Hercules
Vice Chair Terry Young	RWQCB

Representatives Absent	Jurisdiction
Mayor Len Augustine	City of Vacaville
Councilmember Jane Brunner	City of Oakland
Councilmember Kansen Chu	City of San Jose
Mayor Pro Tem Carole Dillon-Knutson	City of Novato
Councilmember Richard Garbarino	City of South San Francisco
Mayor Jack Gingles	City of Calistoga
Supervisor Carole Groom	County of San Mateo
Mayor Beverly Johnson	City of Alameda
Councilmember Sam Liccardo	City of San Jose
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Vice Mayor Joe Pirzynski	Town of Los Gatos
Vice Mayor Jean Quan	City of Oakland
Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema	County of Contra Costa
Supervisor Ken Yeager	County of Santa Clara

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pamela Torliatt, Mayor, City of Petaluma, requested that the Board send Gayle B Uilkema, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, wishes for a quick recovery from her illness.

There were no other announcements.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Green welcomed Jason Elliott, Policy Advisor, alternate member representing the Office of the Mayor, City and County of San Francisco, and John Boyle, Vice Mayor, City of Menlo Park, alternate member representing cities in the County of Santa Clara.

President Green reported that SB 1205 (Corbett) passed through the Legislature and is on the Governor's desk awaiting signature. SB 1205 establishes the Disaster Recovery Planning Council to be administered by ABAG.

He reported that SB 153, formerly, SB 1445 and SB 406 authored by Senator Mark DeSaulnier, would have authorized MPOs and COGs to levy a vehicle surcharge of up to $4 on vehicles in the region to help support planning for SB 375 at the local and regional levels. In a last ditch effort to save the bill, the surcharge was reduced up to $2, but the bill failed because the Speaker of the Assembly refused to allow a to hearing.

The 50th Anniversary Committee continues to plan for a major event to commemorate ABAG's 50 years of service to the region. A major event is being planned for January 21, 2011, at the Claremont Hotel to celebrate the occasion.

He reported that he attended the California POA Conference, August 30-31, in San Francisco, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier in the day for the HOT lanes on 680 in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

The Fall General Assembly on October 21st will be held in San Jose at the Hilton Hotel. The theme is Jobs, the Economy, and Sustainability.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, presented his first report on recent activities, which included environmental stewardship projects; grants and awards related to climate change, energy efficiency, and electric vehicle deployment; sustainable communities strategy; earthquake preparedness and recovery grants; legislation; and upcoming events.

Environmental Stewardship Projects

SFEP/ABAG received new contracts for $200,000 from USGS for support of the 2010 Bay-Delta Science Conference to be held in Sacramento in September; $445,756 to continue permitting support at the North Coast Regional Water Board from Caltrans, District 3, for two years; $68,000 for Statewide Stream and Wetland Policy support as a subcontractor to San Francisco Estuary Institute for 15 months; $92,657 from the State Water Resources Control Board to provide state-wide Total Maximum Daily Load support for two years; $3,613,704 from U.S. EPA, Region 9 (under the San Francisco Bay

Water Quality Improvement Fund) to implement 10 projects for Bay area stormwater control and TMDL implementation.

SFEP/ABAG completed projects include the El Cerrito Green Streets Rain Garden Complete Construction; Bay Area-Wide Trash Capture Demonstration Project; Boater Sewage Pumpout; and California Invasive Species Council Drafts Strategic.

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project announced the opening of a 2.4-mile trail section along Moffett Field between Mountain View and Sunnyvale on September 20th. The trail will be managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Climate Change, Energy Efficiency, and Electric Vehicle Deployment

DOE Retrofit Ramp-up, known nationally as the Better Buildings Program, is underway with LA County as the lead contracting agency for the state. ABAG is under contract with LA County for $8,395,887 to provide projects in four parts of the Bay Area: City of San Jose, City/County of San Francisco, County of Alameda (StopWaste.Org), County of Sonoma (Sonoma County RCPA).

Retrofit Bay Area (Energy Upgrade California) – ABAG is finalizing a contract with the California Energy Commission (CEC) that will provide $10,750,000 to promote energy efficiency retrofits in residential homes in the Bay Area. In addition to a regional website and call center managed by ABAG, each county will receive funding to implement programs specific to their area.

PG&E Green Communities – ABAG anticipates two work authorizations under this program: GHG Inventory Assistance for Local Governments, and Energy Use Benchmarking.

Electric Vehicle Deployment – ABAG staff is taking a collaborative role with other agencies and NGOs in developing a strategy to facilitate early adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), which will help meet Climate Change goals.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Grant Awards – EV Corridor Project Grant: In January 2010 ABAG and the EV Communities Alliance requested funds to install EV "charge points" and undertake related EV infrastructure initiatives. A funding award of $504K was announced in June 2010, and project contract negotiation will begin shortly.

Electric Vehicle Deployment Pending Grants – Proposal to MTC by the ABAG – Bay Area EV Corridor Project Team and BAAQMD: ABAG and EV Communities Alliance initiated a Letter of Inquiry to the Climate Initiatives grant program in June on behalf of the nine-county region and several independently represented cities. BAAQMD also submitted a separate, uncoordinated request for $5 million for EV chargers. Because there were many areas of overlap between the BAAQMD and ABAG/EV Corridor proposals, MTC requested that the agencies merge their requests into a single grant proposal. The agencies ultimately requested a grant of $4.1 million.

ABAG – EV Communities Alliance Application to the RFG Settlement Fund for the "California Fast Charge Project" – ABAG (via the Balance Foundation) and EV Communities Alliance collaborated on a $1.8 million funding request to install nine EV

Fast Chargers on the San Francisco to Los Angeles I-5 Corridor and to promote EV Charger Permit Streamlining and EV-Friendly Building Codes and Public Works Guidelines in select jurisdictions in both the ABAG and the greater Los Angeles region.

Sustainable Communities Strategy

Executive Director Rapport reported that on the agenda are items related to Employment and Demographic Forecasts, and to Priority Development Areas.

County/corridor engagement meetings have been undertaken or are scheduled in all nine counties. He reported that meetings in Alameda, Napa, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties have been held. The remaining meetings are in Contra Costa County on September 27th, Marin County on September 29th and San Francisco City and County on September 30th.

HUD Grant: San Francisco Bay Area Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Grant Application – MTC and ABAG partnered with local governments with Planned Priority Development Areas, and key stakeholders, including the Great Communities Collaborative, Breakthrough Communities, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Bay Area Council, East Bay Economic Development Association, Urban Land Institute, Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative, Bay Area Open Space Council, and the University of California at Berkeley. The proposal, centered on advancing the implementation of FOCUS, the San Francisco Bay Area's Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, is aligned with the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and was submitted for a total of $4.2 million to develop a Regional Affordable Housing Investment Strategy; regional Infrastructure bank; analyze employment trends by sector and develop policies that support transit-served job locations; target Community Engagement in underserved/ resourced/ represented communities. HUD will approve awards this fall.

Strategic Growth Council Grant: This proposal was designed for MTC and ABAG to leverage partnerships with local governments and stakeholders to build support for the successful adoption of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The proposal was submitted for $1 million dollars to support targeted community engagement in disadvantaged communities; obtain visualization tools to engage a range of stakeholders in the development of SCS policies; identify performance indicators and a process for monitoring progress on SCS goals; identify CEQA benefits in SB 375; coordinate with adjoining MPOs and COGs on mega-regional planning issues; and support local government implementation of SCS strategies. The Strategic Growth Council will make awards by November 10, 2010.

Earthquakes and Hazards

ABAG will receive $400,000 over three years funded by Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics, to study the long-term recovery of the regional airport system following an earthquake.

ABAG, in partnership with PMC Consultants, the California Building Officials and the California Real Estate Inspection Association, has submitted a Statement of

Qualifications to the California Earthquake Authority (CEA)to implement a state-wide incentive program to provide financial incentives to homeowners who retrofit their homes, and to train retrofit contractors through an online training course, educate building department staff about the program requirements, perform periodic quality assurance checks of completed retrofits ensure the eligibility of the homes receiving incentives, administer the incentives, and educate homeowners about their retrofit options and the details of the program.

Legislation Update

SB 1445 (DeSaulnier) was folded into AB 153 (Ma), which would have authorized the Bay Area and other regions in the State by a vote of the people to impose a fee up to $4 on vehicle registrations to pay for regional land use planning activities. The bill was re-referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee where it died over concerns about any fee-based bills passed by the Legislature prior to the vote on November ballot initiative Proposition 26.

SB 1205 (Corbett),which would establish the Bay Area Disaster Recovery Planning Council to create a long-term regional recovery plan for an earthquake or other major disaster in collaboration with various stakeholders, is on the desk of the Governor awaiting signature.

H.R. 4715, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, is now part of a package called "The Great Waters Bills" which, if approved, would provide up to $1.2 million each year for each National Estuary Program (NEP) starting in 2012.

H.R. 5061, the San Francisco Bay Improvement Act of 2010, introduced by Representative Jackie Speier last spring, is also now part of the "Great Waters Bill" and has been marked up on the Senate side, with substantial differences between the House and Senate versions.

Upcoming Events

SFEP is organizing the 6th Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference in Sacramento, September 27-29. This is a forum to provide the public with new information on Bay-Delta issues.

ABAG/SFEP is sponsoring a boat tour on the San Francisco Bay for ABAG officials on September 30 in celebration of National Estuaries Day.

ABAG's Bay Trail staff will lead a series of nine bike rides for Bay Trail Board Directors, public officials, and agency partners along various sections of the Bay Trail to highlight completed portions of the trail network.

President Green thanked Mr. Rapport for his report.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Green recognized a motion by Ross Mirkarimi, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco, and seconded by Barbara Kondylis, Supervisor, County of Solano, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes**
Approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 374 held on July 15, 2010.
Approved Summary Minutes of Special Meeting No. 375 held on July 29, 2010.

B. Grant Applications
None since last meeting.

C. Approval of Resolution No. 11-10 Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to California Department of Conservation**
Approved Resolution No. 11-10 authorizing the Executive Director to submit, on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, a grant proposal to the California Department of Conservation to fund a Watershed Coordinator and if funded authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter in contract.

7. BAY AREA GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM CERTIFIED PUBLIC AGENCY RECOGNITION**
Ceil Scandone, ABAG Senior Planner, introduced members of the Hazardous Materials Coordinating Committee, including Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa; President Green; Barbara Kondylis, Supervisor, County of Solano; Gayle B. Uilkema, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa (not present); Ronit Bryant, Mayor, City of Mountain View; and Jean Quan, Vice Mayor, City of Oakland (not present). She introduced county coordinators present and reported on three initiatives -- an update of standards and checklists, online measurement and management system, and checklist for commercial buildings. She stated that the Bay Area Green Business Program was seeking Executive Board recognition for 17 public agencies that have been certified as "Green Businesses" in the past 14 months.

President Green recognized a motion by Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin, and seconded by Mike Kerns, Supervisor, County of Sonoma, to recognize the 17 public agencies that have been certified as "Green Business" in the past 14 months. The motion passed unanimously.

President Green presented certificates to each of the following public agency certified as "Green Business": Sonoma County: City of Sonoma Public Works Corporation Yard; Santa Clara County: Office of Supervisor George Shirakawa, Egan Junior High School, Los Altos High School; San Mateo County: Mid-Peninsula Water District, Portola Valley Town Hall, Portola Valley Library, South Bayside Waste Management Authority; Marin County: Sun Valley Elementary School; Contra Costa County: Office of Supervisor Federal Glover, Martinez City Hall, Richmond City Hall, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, Contra Costa College Collision Repair Department; Alameda County: Cal State East Bay Oakland Professional Development and Conference Center, and City of Hayward City Hall and Utilities Center.

President Green thanked Ms. Scandone for her report and congratulated all of the new "Green Businesses".

8. PLANNED PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA ASSESSMENT – PLANNED GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS**
Gillian Adams and Sailaja Kurella, ABAG Regional Planners, presented results of the Priority Development Area (PDA) Assessment undertaken by ABAG on all PDAs in the region. They described the planned PDAs, the purpose for the PDA assessment and

its components, the proposed growth in housing and jobs in the planned PDAs, and the infrastructure needs. They noted that the PDA assessment supports the Sustainable Communities Strategy and reported that the Regional Advisory Working Group provided feedback on the PDA assessment. Next steps include presenting data at the county level, continuing with readiness and completeness analyses, and producing a report.

Members discussed the PDA planned growth and infrastructure needs, obtaining missing data from jurisdictions that have not responded to the survey; capital need by category, such as schools and utilities; not including BART, SMART, Rapid Transit, and similar transit as capital need; tax credit for affordable housing and integrated incomes; assessing needs of large and small PDAs; requirements for Environmental Impact Reports.

President Green thanked Ms. Adams and Kurella for their report.

Items 10 and 11 were taken out of order to ensure quorum was present for the Board to take action on the Committee Reports.

9. REGIONAL HOUSING TARGET: ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC ASSUMPTIONS

Executive Director Rapport introduced the issue of economic and demographic assumptions which are related to the Sustainable Communities Strategy because it covers the regions forecast for employment growth for the next 25 years. Employment growth forecast plays a major role in projecting the regions housing needs, but also affects land use planning and transportation infrastructure planning. Given the regions' commitment to the SCS and the economic downturn ABAG is reviewing its employment growth forecast methods and reasonableness of its projections. No conclusions have been reached and ABAG staff will be meeting with MTC staff for more discussion. He noted differences in growth in the region between 1960 and 1990 and between 1990 and 2010, and on how ABAG forecast job growth and the model used.

Paul Fassinger, ABAG's Research Director, presented information on the assumptions for the Regional Housing Target in the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He reviewed the reasons for a regional housing target and differentiated long-term forecast and housing need. He described the method for estimating demand, employment assumptions, historic employment growth, and long term implications of the current economy. He described employment forecasting and long-term planning, headship rates and household formation. He noted that both demographic and economic models will be used to produce population and job forecast. The method of estimating housing need will be presented in November. Data from the model runs will be used to prepare a "base case" forecast and the housing need method will be applied to determine housing need and to prepare SCS scenarios.

Members discussed and provided feedback on the economic and demographic assumptions for the Regional Housing Target, including responding to an article by Dick Spotswood; the accuracy of past projections; requested information on the accuracy of past projections; housing availability and economic growth; poverty and income forecasting; comparisons of projections using the economic method and the proportion of national employment growth; PDAs providing capital and

infrastructure obligations; using different data in models that reflect changing demographics and assisting the state legislature to revise HCD requirements; job creation and employment; housing demand and hiring rate.

President Green thanked Mr. Fassinger for his report.

10. LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Green recognized Committee Chair Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa, who reported on committee activities, including: approval of minutes of meeting held July 15, 2010; review of bills enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature, including: SB 1205 (Corbett), Bay Area Disaster Recovery Planning Council Act; AB 234 (Huffman), Oil Spill Prevention and Response: Transfer of Oil; AB 987 (Ma), Transit Village Development Districts: Infrastructure Financing; AB 1343 (Huffman), Architectural Paint Recycling; AB 1755 (Swanson), Seismic Safety Finance Act; AB 2103 (Hill), San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority; AB 2398 (Perez), Product Stewardship Carpet: Public Procurement; SB 228 (DeSaulnier), Plastic Bags: Compostable Plastic Bags; SB 346 (Kehoe), Hazardous Materials: Motor Vehicle Brake Friction Materials; SB 1006 (Pavley), Natural Resources: Climate Change, Strategic Growth Council; SB 1211 (Romero-Dutton), Unemployment Insurance: Benefits, Eligibility, Overpayments, Elected Officials; review of AB 827 (DeLaTorre), Local Public Employees, and AB 194 (Torrico), Retirement: Local Employees; AB 602 (Feuer), Land Use and Planning: Time Limitations; recommendations on propositions, including: Proposition 21 (support); Proposition 23 (oppose); Proposition 25 (support); Proposition 26 (oppose); Proposition 27 (oppose).

Barbara Kondylis, Supervisor, County of Solano, commented on legislation supported by ABAG which did not get passed.

Ross Mirkarimi, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco, commented on past efforts regarding Proposition 16, and Proposition 26.

President Green recognized a motion by Chair Luce, which was seconded by Pamela Torliatt, Mayor, City of Petaluma to approve the staff report. The motion passed unanimously.

President Green thanked Chair Luce for his report.

11. FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Green recognized Chair Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, who reported on committee activities, including approval of minutes of meeting held July 15, 2010; report on the financial reports for June and July; report on membership dues not yet paid; and report on Diversity and Business Opportunity, FY 2009-10, noting continuing need to attract minorities for employment; and a report on a proposed website for ABAG initiatives.

President Green recognized a motion by Chair Haggerty, which was seconded by Supervisor Adams, to approve the staff report. The motion passed unanimously.

President Green listed the jurisdictions which have not yet submitted membership dues, including Rio Vista, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, Gilroy. Los Altos, Atherton, Dublin,

Oakley, Orinda, Pinole, Pleasant Hill, Antioch, Corte Madera, American Canyon, Napa, Yountville.

President Green thanked Chair Haggerty for his report.

12. ADJOURNMENT
President Green announced that the Fall General Assembly is on October 21 in San Jose and Supervisor Kondylis reminded members of the challenge regarding the Day of Remembrance about domestic violence on October 29.

13. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:12 p.m.

Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

*** Indicates attachments.*

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