

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 403  
Thursday, December 4, 2014  
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 7:03 p.m.

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

A quorum of the Board was present.

<b>Representatives and Alternates Present</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Supervisor Candace Andersen	County of Contra Costa
Councilmember Ronit Bryant	City of Mountain View
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Vice Mayor Jim Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Eklund	City of Novato
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Councilmember Pradeep Gupta	City of South San Francisco
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Mayor Wayne Lee	City of Millbrae
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Count of Contra Costa
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Mayor Jean Quan	City of Oakland
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma
Supervisor Katie Rice	County of Marin
Supervisor Linda Seifert	County of Solano
Mayor Jerry Thorne	City of Pleasanton

<b>Representatives Absent</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Mayor Jack Batchelor	City of Dixon
Councilmember Desley Brooks	City of Oakland
Supervisor Cindy Chavez	County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Kansen Chu	City of San Jose
Dir Jason Elliott, Leg/Gov Affairs	City of San Francisco
Councilmember Dan Kalb	City of Oakland
Councilmember Ash Kalra	City of San Jose
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB
Mayor Edwin Lee	City of San Francisco
Councilmember Sam Liccardo	City of San Jose

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Supervisor Eric Mar	County of San Francisco
Mayor Mary Ann Nihart	City of Pacifica
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Mayor Greg Scharff	City of Palo Alto
Supervisor Warren Slocum	County of San Mateo
Supervisor Richard Valle	County of Alameda

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Bukowski commented on the availability of video recordings of regional agency meetings at Regional-video.com

There were no other public comments.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jean Quan, Mayor, City of Oakland, reported on demonstrations in Oakland and announced the receipt of a National Endowment of the Arts award for the Bus Rapid Transit project on International Boulevard.

Pradeep Gupta, Councilmember, City of South San Francisco, announced the Lighted Boat Show on December 6 at Oyster Point, and the selection of Carl Matsumoto as outgoing Mayor and Rich Garbarino as incoming Mayor.

There were no other announcements.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pierce reported on the following:

Welcomed Jim Davis, Vice Mayor, City of Sunnyvale, as Representative from the Cities and Towns in Santa Clara County.

Recognized and presented service plaques to members leaving the Executive Board: Jean Quan, Mayor, City of Oakland; Katie Rice, Supervisor, County of Marin; and Ronit Bryant, Councilmember, City of Mountain View, representing Cities and Towns in Santa Clara County.

Recognized Kathleen Cha, Senior Communications Officer, who retired after 14 and one half years of service.

Announced the solicitation for officials in South Bay jurisdictions that touch the San Francisco Bay for interest as ABAG's appointments as Representative and Alternate to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission representing the South Bay (Fremont, Newark, Union City, Belmont, Redwood City, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Milpitas). The appointments are expected to be made at the next Executive Board meeting in January.

### 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, reported on the following:

Informed that the Consent Calendar includes an item on convening a Health Care Symposium on January 27, 2015. Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) member agencies will be invited to participate to better understand the causes of inflation in healthcare costs.

Reported that the San Francisco Estuary Partnership received notice from the Department of Water Resources in response to a proposal submitted under a Proposition 84 IRWM 2014 Drought Grant Solicitation. The proposal, *Bay Area Drought Relief Program*, has been selected by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for funding. DWR's conditional commitment is \$32,178,423.

Reported that ABAG and Freddie Mac sponsored a workshop on *Designing, Financing and Administering First-Time Home Buyer Programs* on November 13, which was attended by over 60 representatives from Bay Area cities and towns.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Pierce recognized a motion by Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, which was seconded by Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor, City of San Ramon, to approve the Consent Calendar, including adoption of Resolution No. 18-14 and the ratification of committee appointments.

Haggerty asked about the agreement between the San Francisco Bay Trail Project and Google in regards to Resolution No. 18-14. Rapport responded that Google is providing funding for the resurfacing project located in the area.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Bryant, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Lee, Luce, Mackenzie, Mitchoff, Pierce, Quan, Rabbitt, Rice, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Chu, Elliott, Kalb, Kalra, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Liccardo, Mar, Nihart, Pine, Scharff, Slocum, Valle.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 402 held on September 18, 2014**

### **B. Approval of Transmission of Federal Grant Applications to State Clearinghouse**

The Executive Board consented to ABAG transmitting an attached list of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse. These applications were circulated in ABAG's Intergovernmental Review Newsletter since the last Executive Board meeting.

### **C. Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2015**

The Executive Board adopted its meeting schedule for 2015.

### **D. Adoption of Resolution No. 18-14 Confirming CEQA Determination for Phase 2 of the Google/San Francisco Bay Trail Resurfacing Project**

The Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 18-14.

### **E. Health Care Symposium**

The Executive Board approved convening a Health Care Symposium, at ABAG at 8:30 AM on January 27, 2015. Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) member agencies will be invited to send representatives to participate in the event. The goal of the symposium is to bring together elected officials, managers and labor leaders to gain a better understanding of the causes of inflation in health care costs. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss potential actions to help minimize or reduce the cost of health care. The symposium will have no financial impact on ABAG.

**F. Authorization to Enter into Contract Agreements with Local Project Sponsors for 10 Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Projects**

The Executive Board approved for the Executive Director or designee to enter into contract agreements on behalf of ABAG with the Local Project Sponsors to implement the above referenced projects. The San Francisco Estuary Partnership and ABAG will provide overall grant management services for the DWR grant which extends four years from the award date of November 12, 2014.

**G. Committee Appointments**

The Executive Board ratified the following committee appointments.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, replacing Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa, for the remainder of his current term and for the subsequent term from 2015 to 2019.

Regional Planning Committee

Russell Hancock, President and CEO, Joint Venture Silicon Valley

Matt Regan, Vice President of Public Policy, Bay Area Council

The Executive Board next took Item 8 before Item 7.

**7. PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA IMPLEMENTATION SHOWCASE—  
DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO AND DOWNTOWN OAKLAND**

Gil Kelley, Director of Citywide Planning, City and County of San Francisco, and Darin Ranelletti, Deputy Director/City Planner, City of Oakland, reported on the long-term visions for their respective downtown Priority Development Areas. Their presentations compared development trends and focused on how the two downtowns relate to one another and how they impact and relate to the rest of the region. They both discussed opportunities for collaboration between the two cities, as well as other jurisdictions, to address some of the challenges to accommodating future growth.

**8. REVIEW OF PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA CRITERIA**

Miriam Chion, Planning and Research Director, and Christy Lefall, Regional Planner, provided an overview of the region's Priority Development Area criteria and guidelines, including a PDA overview; review of criteria and guidelines; current and proposed PDA size distribution.

Staff recommended the adoption of proposed PDA program updates, including: retaining existing PDA criteria; retaining existing PDA density guidelines; modifying existing PDA size guidelines from 100-500 acres to 40-640 acres; allowing approval of PDAs that are sized outside 40-640 acres only if the PDA's boundaries conform to the boundaries of an existing community plan.

Members discussed: the criteria that a PDA is within ½ mile of transit; the 20-minute headway for bus rapid transit; the ½ mile area served by transit; the presentations at a Local Government Commission forum on transit oriented development; a reexamination by both ABAG and MTC of the ½ mile criteria; alternate modes to cover the last mile to transit.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Haggerty, which was seconded by Candace Andersen, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, to approve staff recommendations regarding Priority Development Area criteria and to change the PDA distance from within ½ mile of transit to one mile.

Members discussed: flexibility in creating PDAs; a joint ABAG and MTC reexamination of the ½ mile criteria; placing the ½ mile to 1 mile change on a joint ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Planning Committee meeting in January; staff analysis of changing the ½ mile criteria to one mile; mechanisms for exceptions to the ½ mile criteria; MTC's transit planning requirements.

President Pierce recognized the withdrawal of the motion by Haggerty and the withdrawal of the second by Andersen.

President Pierce reported that no action will be taken; the PDA criteria will be placed on the agenda at a joint ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Planning Committee; this item will return to the Executive Board meeting in January.

## **9. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR PLAN BAY AREA 2017**

Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, reported on the designated roles ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission play in implementing SB 375 and the federal Regional Transportation Plan, as well as the milestones anticipated for Plan Bay Area 2017. He outlined ABAG's proposed Community Engagement Plan process that will help supplement MTC's Public Participation Plan, including how we talk about Plan Bay Area 2017; SB 375 roles for ABAG and MTC; timeline and milestones; proposed community engagement plan; and major challenges and opportunities.

Members discussed: timing schedule flexibility; responding to comments; outreach to regional planning groups; meeting with planners on the draft plan; using social media, blogs and Frequently Asked Questions; using a bottom-up approach; adapting plan for each county; outreach to groups close to public; outreach to elected officials; outreach to opposition; confusion between the MTC Public Participation Plan and the ABAG Community Engagement Plan; county delegate meetings; MTC Public Participation Plan, Appendix, A; summary of comments heard at public meetings; coordinating ABAG and MTC staff public meeting participation; General Assembly feedback and advisory vote; whether to use local elected officials and staff to talk about the draft plan; reflecting local control in Plan Bay Area title; refer the ABAG Community Engagement Plan to a joint meeting between ABAG and MTC on the MTC and the ABAG plans; tailoring community workshops for each

community; and directing staff to work with MTC staff on public participation coordination.

Rapport commented on the MTC Public Participation Plan and the ABAG Community Engagement Plan as they relate to the Plan Bay Area update and ABAG's land use subject matter focus.

Members discussed: coordination of Plan Bay Area public participation activities by both ABAG and MTC.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, which was seconded by Pat Eklund, Vice Mayor, City of Novato, to approve the proposed ABAG Community Engagement Plan with the comments and direction provided by Executive Board members.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Bryant, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Lee, Luce, Mackenzie, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rice, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Chu, Elliott, Kalb, Kalra, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Liccardo, Mar, Nihart, Pine, Quan, Scharff, Slocum, Valle.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **10. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Pierce reported on committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of committee recommendations, including the following: approval of minutes of July 17, 2014; briefing on 2014 legislative session; drafting legislative priorities for 2015; discussion on a proposed renewal of Proposition 30 with regards to affordable senior housing; briefing on unaccompanied children and/or refugee children program implications for local governments; discussion on a bill by Assemblymember David Chiu regarding developer tax credits for rehabilitation of existing affordable housing over 20 years old; discussion of the next Sacramento legislative workshop.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Mitchoff, which was seconded by Hudson, to accept the committee report.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Bryant, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Lee, Luce, Mackenzie, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rice, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Chu, Elliott, Kalb, Kalra, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Liccardo, Mar, Nihart, Pine, Quan, Scharff, Slocum, Valle.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **A. Report on Diversity and Business Opportunity—FY 2013/14**

### **B. Audited Financial Reports for ABAG—June 30, 2014**

Committee Chair Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, reported on committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of committee recommendations, including the following: approval of minutes of September 19, 2014; review of financial report for September 2014; report on Diversity and Business Opportunity, Fiscal year 2013/14; report on audited financial reports for June 2014; Closed Session with labor negotiators; and Closed Session for public employee performance evaluation of Executive Director.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Harrison, which was seconded by Hudson, to accept the committee report.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Bryant, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Garcia, Gupta, Haggerty, Harrison, Hudson, Lee, Luce, Mackenzie, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rice, Seifert, Thorne.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Chu, Elliott, Kalb, Kalra, Kim, Kissinger, Lee, Liccardo, Mar, Nihart, Pine, Quan, Scharff, Slocum, Valle.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Closed Session at about 9:35 p.m.

## **12. CLOSED SESSION**

The following items were discussed in closed session pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act:

### **A. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Agency designated representatives: Brian Kirking, ABAG Information Technology/Human Resources Director; Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director; and Herb Pike, ABAG Finance Director

Employee organization: SEIU Local 1021

The Board exited Closed Session at about 9:40 p.m.

## **13. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Kenneth Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel, announced that there was no report out of Closed Session.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Pierce adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board at about 9:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on January 15, 2015.

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Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ezra Rapport", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: December 24, 2014

Approved: January 15, 2015

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