

Association of Bay Area Governments

AT A GLANCE . . .

Executive Board Activities and Actions, January 17, 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice Mayor Dave Cortese passed the gavel to new President Rose Jacobs Gibson. President Jacobs Gibson stated she is looking forward to working with board members and serving as President for the next two years. She noted that this is going to be a very challenging two years given the condition of the state budget and its impact on local government. ABAG will continue to work with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities (League) to help protect local revenues.

President Jacobs Gibson's objectives for the next two years include building on the work of our Immediate Past Presidents to develop a strong voice for the region in Sacramento; working to encourage more elected officials from throughout the region to get involved in the state-wide Blueprint Learning Network meetings; working with the staff to finalize the ABAG Strategic Plan to develop a plan for identifying more resources for the agency; increasing the number of elected officials participating in committee activities, General Assemblies and other ABAG workshops and conferences. Her overall goal is to achieve greater visibility for ABAG's programs and services.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Gardner reported on recent activities, including the following:

- Given current conditions of the state budget deficit, cities and counties are bound to be affected by the state's fiscal woes. State cuts in all probability will affect ABAG and other Councils of Government as well.
- ABAG conducted a forum on financing disaster recovery in December stressing the need to plan for recovery before the disaster. Presenters discussed the federal process for accessing funding.
- The fourth in a series of Best Practices Conferences, "Greening Infill," was held in December and highlighted effective programs and policies that address storm water compliance, water and energy conservation, waste reduction, and brownfields cleanup, as well as protecting and conserving water in infill projects.
- ABAG's Bay Area Economic Outlook 2008 Conference, "Just a Bump in the Road?", will be held on January 24, 2008, with Howard Roth, Chief Economist for the California Department of Finance, as opening speaker. The conference will focus on the Bay Area economy over the next year, with particular emphasis on the housing market and its effect on the state and the region, energy costs, retail sales, and an analysis of the residential real estate market and prospects for a recovery in 2009.
- ABAG's EcoWise Certified Structural Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Certification Program has been named a State Department of Pesticide Regulation Innovator and received an IPM Innovators Award along with seven other award recipients in Sacramento on January 17, 2008.
- ABAG has provided capital funding through the ABAG Finance Authority for Nonprofit Corporations in the following issues: on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, \$24,000,000 in Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds to be used for rehabilitation of school facilities of the San Francisco Friends School; \$6,000,000 in Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds for the Santa Cruz Montessori School for various acquisitions and capital projects; \$5,000,000 in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to provide for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Tracy Garden Village Apartments, an 88-unit complex for seniors located in the City of Tracy. Another issue in ABAG's innovative California Tax Allocation Bond Pool is \$55,425,000 in Revenue Bonds for refinancing and funding of capital projects by redevelopment agencies in Ojai, San Carlos, West Sacramento.
- In accordance with the previously approved policy by the General Assembly, membership dues for FY 2008-09 shall be adjusted based on the Bay Area CPI. The proposed increase is 3.19%. The increase applies to the per capita rate and the fixed fee portion of the membership dues. The budget for FY 2008-09 will be presented to the General Assembly in April for adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 01-08 Authorizing and Supporting ABAG Proposal for FEMA Grant for Bay Area Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning Project. Authorized entering into an agreement with OES and FEMA to seek grant funding to update the existing multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The grant is for

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a total of \$450,000 with a required match of \$150,000, half of which would be from ABAG and half from in-kind match of participating local governments.

Resolution No. 02-08 Authorizing the Association of Bay Area Governments to Enter into Contract with the California Department of Transportation (State Wide Transit Planning). Authorized submitting a joint proposal with MTC and if funded entering into a contract with the CalTrans for a State-wide Transit Studies Planning grant to support development of an integrated regional demographic and transportation model. The grant request is for \$300,000 and would require a matching funds totaling \$34,000.

Resolution No. 03-08 Authorizing the Association of Bay Area Governments to Enter into Contract with the California Department of Transportation (Regional Blueprint Planning Program)Project. Authorized to enter into a contract with MTC for a Blueprint Planning Grant if the joint application to CalTrans is funded. The application amount is \$1,076,000 and requires an in-kind match of \$322,800, from ABAG and MTC.

OVERVIEW OF BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Jack Broadbent, Executive Director, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, provided the Board with an overview of BAAQMD activities, including Air Quality Summary 2007; Bay Area PM_{2.5}; Comprehensive Wood Smoke Strategy; Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) Program; Climate Protection Program; and Green Ports Rule.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND RECENT BAY OIL SPILL

Mayor Gavin Newsom, City and County of San Francisco, described the development of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) for the San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Phillips reported on the San Francisco Bay Oil Spill by reviewing the timeline of events, describing the Unified Command structure and the coordination of volunteers, and continuing actions undertaken by San Francisco. Ms. Philips then reported on the development of the RECP by outlining its purpose, describing regional threats, listing those who worked on the RECP, differentiating the RECP from the Super Urban Areas Security Initiative (SUASI), delineating roles and responsibilities, listing the operation priorities during a disaster, steps taken to evaluate the RECP, and next steps in completing the annexes to the base plan.

PROJECTIONS 2009 PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND POLICY ASSUMPTIONS

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, briefed the Board on potential changes to the development of the Projections 2009 forecast, including identifying performance targets to help staff have more specific assumptions that go into the forecast, and having more extensive outreach to local jurisdictions. Staff will seek input from the Joint Policy Committee and policy makers at various regional agencies on draft performance targets to be presented to the Executive Board at its March meeting.

LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Pete McHugh reported that the committee re-elected him as chair and Carole Dillon-Knutson, Councilmember, City of Novato, as vice-chair. The committee reviewed and approved priorities and strategies for the 2008 Legislative Session. The committee also reviewed the 2008 Legislative Session Bills for Consideration, including AB 94 (Levine), SB 303 (Ducheny), SB 375 (Steinberg), SB 732 (Steinberg). The following will be considered at the next committee meeting: AB 842, ACA 10, and AB 1634. The Legislative Reception will be on January 30, 2008, at the Sheraton Grand, Sacramento, and will be co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the League, CSAC, and the BAAQMD. *For information on the L&GO Committee, contact Patricia Jones at (510) 464 7933 or PatJ@abag.ca.gov, or Kathleen Cha at (510) 464 7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov.*

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Mark Green reported on Committee activities, including election of Scott Haggerty, Chair, and Gwen Regalia, Vice Chair; review of the Proposed Budget and Work Program for FY 2008-2009 (Includes member dues) and the Single Audit Report for 2006-2007. The committee received a report on the Long-term Strategic Plan Status and reviewed the Annual Performance Evaluation Process for Executive Director.