

Executive Board Activities and Actions, January 18, 2007

President's Report

President Dave Cortese reported that ABAG is sponsoring a series of symposiums/workshops to promote emergency preparedness for elected officials called, "What Every Elected Official Should Know." The series continues with a Conference on Interoperable Communications on January 30th and 31st, and a Senior Officials Workshop for All Hazards Preparedness on March 1st and 2nd. President Cortese announced that a Legislative Reception will be held in Sacramento on January 31st for the Bay Area Legislative Delegation.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Henry Gardner announced that Kenneth Kirkey has been appointed Planning Director, succeeding Janet McBride who resigned to become the Executive Director of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. He reported on meetings with representatives of San Francisco, Oakland, Marin County and the cities of Marin County, and other jurisdictions about the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) methodology. He reported that the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing announced the next round of Blueprint Planning Grants and that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and ABAG will receive \$325,000, which is an amount less than what is required to carry out the work for this comprehensive planning effort. He noted that a policy briefing breakfast on Housing and the Hayward Fault and the Projections 2007 Symposium, both held on December 14th, and highlighted recent capital funding through the ABAG Finance Authority for Nonprofit Corporations, including Senior Living Revenue Bonds for Alma Via of San Francisco, Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds for Eskaton Village in Roseville, and General Obligation Bonds for the El Camino Hospital District.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 01-07 Authorizing Entering into a Grant Agreement with the State of California and Designating a Representative to sign the Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, for Taking Action for Clean Water Bay Area Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Implementation Project.

The Board authorized the Executive Director, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the State of California for taking action for Clean Water Bay Area Total Maximum Daily Loads Implementation Project.

Resolution No. 02-07 Adopting a Methodology for Allocating the Regional Housing Need (2007-2014) Among Local Jurisdictions. The Board adopted the Proposed RHNA Methodology as the Final RHAN Methodology, as amended.

Resolution No. 03-07 Recommending the General Assembly Adopt and Amendment to ABAG's Bylaws. The Board adopted the resolution recommending to the General Assembly that the ABAG Bylaws amendment increasing the per diem to One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150) for each qualified meeting be adopted and made effective immediately upon its adoption.

Public Hearing on RHNA Methodology

President Cortese opened the public hearing on the RHNA Methodology. The Executive Board received a staff report summarizing comments received and a staff report on student housing, and heard from members of the public.

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RHNA Methodology

Executive Director Gardner briefed members on the RHNA process and the importance of approving a methodology. Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, presented the Final RHNA Methodology. The Board approved Resolution 02-07, with amendments, adopting a methodology for allocating the RHNA among local jurisdictions.

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee

Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, was elected Committee Chair and Carol Dillon-Knutson, Councilmember, City of Novato was elected Vice Chair. The Committee reviewed new bills of interest introduced in 2007 Legislative Session; received a briefing on Shifting State/Local Waste Diversion Responsibility to those who Produce Hazardous Waste Products; and heard a subcommittee report on the Legislative Reception in Sacramento on January 31st. The Board decided to take a neutral position on SB 49. *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

Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City, was elected Committee Chair. The Committee reviewed the November 2006 Financial Reports; reviewed the Proposed Work Program, Budget and Membership Dues for FY 2007-08; recommended approval of a resolution adopting an amendment to the ABAG Bylaws increasing the per diem rate for meetings; and reviewed the Annual Performance Evaluation Process for the Executive Director. The Board approved Resolution 03-07, recommending the General Assembly Adopt an Amendment to ABAG's Bylaws.

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