

New Officers

President Scott **Haggerty** passed the president's gavel to City of San Jose Councilmember David **Cortese** who assumed office as ABAG president. San Mateo County Supervisor Rose **Jacobs Gibson** assumed office as vice president. The term of office is from January 2006 through December 2007.

President's Report

President **Cortese** informed members that ABAG hosted a meeting of the Little Hoover Commission on emergency preparedness on January 18, and that the annual Administrative Committee retreat is scheduled for February 23 and 24 for which a report will be given at the March meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Henry **Gardner** provided a summary of the Little Hoover Commission meeting on emergency preparedness; announced that the California Department of Business, Transportation, and Housing funded the MTC/ABAG Blueprint Planning at \$500,000 for FY 2005/06, with an opportunity to compete for \$500,000 for FY 2006/07; reported that ABAG PLAN is responding to member claims for flood damage from the recent storms. Members were reminded that the ABAG General Assembly will be on April 20, 2006, at Moscone Center in San Francisco. The General Assembly is being held in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary Earthquake Conference Commemorating the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake from April 18 to 22.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 01-06 Recommending Adoption of Amendment to ABAG Bylaws by General Assembly. The Board approved the recommendation to the General Assembly to adopt an amendment to the ABAG Bylaws making the chief executive officer of each member jurisdiction eligible to be an alternate delegate to the General Assembly.

Resolution 02-06 Supporting 10-Year Regional Plans to End Homelessness and County Participation in Homelessness Management Information Systems. The Board authorized supporting the 10-year regional plans to end homelessness and county participation in development and implementation of homeless management information systems and urges members to contribute to the required \$76,000 matching funds needed.

Report on Avian Flu and Potential Impact on Region

Dr. Anthony **Iton**, Alameda County Public Health Officer, presented an overview of the Avian flu, and federal, state and local government responses to a possible influenza pandemic. He provided an assessment of the current state of technology in developing vaccines and anti-viral medications and the response times of local governments in declaring states-of-emergency.

Annual Report from Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Steve **Heminger**, Executive Director, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, presented the annual report of MTC and the Bay Area Transportation Authority in the absence of Petaluma Councilmember Pam Torliatt, ABAG representative to MTC. Heminger provided an overview of the long-term regional transportation plan and a breakdown of revenues and expenditures of various projects. He informed members of MTC's new financial commitments, the work of the Joint Policy Committee, and technology solutions being implemented to enhance transit payment and information services. He reported on the status of bridge toll revenue programs and construction projects.

ABAG Strategic Plan Efforts and Membership Survey

Suisun City Mayor James **Spering** provided an update of the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, including the drafting of a preliminary mission statement, goals and objectives; the development of a long-range planning process to identify ABAG's role in the region, strengthen ABAG's relation with cities and counties, develop regional advocacy, and develop a financial strategy that identifies reliable, predictable revenue sources; the support by the ABAG Finance Authority of Non-profit Corporations for consultant services; the development of a survey instrument, and plans for conducting one-on-one interviews and focus groups. Recommendations are expected to be submitted to the Finance and Personnel Committee by late spring.

New Homeland Security Regions and Funding Guidelines

Executive Director **Gardner** reported on new Homeland Security regions and funding guidelines, commenting on the Homeland Security Secretary's communiqué on funding regional and designated urban areas and cities; the deadline for the application submissions; and the outcome of a meeting of member jurisdictions.

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee

San Mateo County Supervisor Rose **Jacobs Gibson**, out-going committee chair, reported on committee activities, including a recommendation to approve support of the bylaws change; discussion of legislative principles of emergency management; review of infrastructure legislation; and review and position recommendations on state and federal bills introduced in the 2006 legislative session. San Leandro Mayor Shelia **Young** was elected committee chair and Santa Clara County Supervisor Pete **McHugh** as vice-chair for 2006.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Santa Clara County Supervisor Peter **McHugh** reported that the committee reviewed financial reports; proposed work program, budget and membership dues for FY 2006/07, including a recommendation for a six percent increase in dues; short-term investment options and agency business with banking institutions, and a recommendation to update the agency's investment policy to allow investing in CalTRUST; the long-term strategic plan presented by Mayor Spering; recommended to approve bylaws amendment. McHugh was re-elected committee chair and Union City Mayor Mark **Green** was elected vice-chair. Upon the recommendation of the F&P Committee, the Board approved a three-year MOU with SEIU Local 790.

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