

Association of Bay Area Governments

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Executive Board Activities and Actions, March 15, 2007

President's Report

President Dave Cortese reported that ABAG is rescheduling a Senior Officials Workshop for All Hazards Preparedness which is part of a series of symposiums/workshops to promote emergency preparedness for elected officials called, "What Every Elected Official Should Know." He also reported that the Legislative Reception held in Sacramento on January 31st for the Bay Area Legislative Delegation was well attended and a success.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Henry Gardner announced that the City of San Anselmo has rejoined ABAG effective July 1, 2007, bringing the association's membership to a full 101 cities. ABAG staff continues to work with members of the Regional Planning Committee, the Joint Policy Committee, and staff from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on the Focusing Our Vision (FOCUS) Initiative; public meetings have been held in Marin, Alameda, and Solano counties, with other meetings in the remaining counties planned for April. The Spring General Assembly on April 19th will feature FOCUS. ABAG has received media coverage about the Regional Housing Needs Process, Projections 2007, and green industries. ABAG and the Estuary Project received \$6 million in state grants and contracts to carry out actions in the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the Bay-Delta Estuary. Seven workshops on how cities and counties can review and update the address list that will be used for the 2010 Census have been scheduled from March to May. The ABAG Finance Authority for Nonprofit Corporations has provided capital funding for Georgiana Bruce Kirby School in Santa Cruz in the amount of \$9 million for acquisition and rehabilitation of educational facilities.

Bay Area Green Business Program Certified Public Agency Recognition

Ceil Scandone, ABAG Senior Regional Planner, reported on progress of the Bay Area Green Business Program and requested Executive Board approval and recognition of 20 public agencies that have been certified in the last 12 months as a "green business". President Cortese presented certificates of recognition to City of Fremont Fleet, East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) Administration Building, EBMUD Adeline Administration, Assemblywomen Loni Hancock's Office, City of Concord Printing Services, City of Pittsburgh City Hall, City of Walnut Creek Leshner Center for the Arts, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, City of Sunnyvale Community Center, City of Sunnyvale Civic Center, City of Sunnyvale Library, City of Gilroy Fire Department—Sunrise Station, City of Gilroy Fire Department—Las Animas Station, City of Gilroy Fire Department—Chestnut Station, City of Gilroy Senior Center, City of San Jose Camden Community Center, City of San Jose City Hall, Town of Los Gatos, City of Cupertino City Hall, City of Cupertino Community Hall, City of Cupertino Library.

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Cool Commutes Challenge Competition

Carl Guardino, CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, made a presentation to the Board on the Cool Commutes Challenge. Cool Commutes is a friendly competition between Bay Area employers, organized in partnership with the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, to encourage employees to use commute alternatives such as transit, carpooling, telecommuting, and bicycling rather than driving solo to work. For more information, visit <http://www.svlg.net/events/coolcommutes> or call (408) 501-7851.

Regional Transportation Plan Schedule and Overview

Doug Kimsey, Planning Director, and Ashley Nguyen, Regional Planner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, briefed the Board on plans and schedules for the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan. This process is expected to take one and a half years and will consist of a visioning phase beginning in mid-2007, a technical and financial analysis phase concluding with a draft report in early 2008, and a final draft phase with public review in late 2008 with the final report issued in 2009. MTC staff will work closely with ABAG staff and the Joint Policy Committee will be involved in the planning process.

Administrative Committee

President Cortese reported on the Administrative Committee Annual Retreat held on February 23rd and 24th. The committee members explored ways to outreach more effectively to members around issues related to Focusing our Vision, RHNA, and other ABAG initiatives; discussed the importance of branding and development of major messages around the work ABAG performs as well as the importance of communicating the regional consequences of growth limits to members and the public; ABAG's legislative agenda as it relates to infrastructure bond funds and how those funds can be used to support regional priorities was also discussed.

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee

Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, and Committee Chair reported that the committee discussed the success of the January Legislative reception in Sacramento for Bay Area state legislators and recommended that the reception be held again next year with an extended guest list. The committee reviewed the latest bills introduced in the 2007 Legislative Session; the Board reviewed and approved the recommendations for positions taken. *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, and Committee Chair, reported that the committee reviewed the January 2007 Financial Reports; heard a report on the status of the long-term strategic plan; heard a report on the Tranter-Leong Internship Program; recommended support for the Bay Area Economic Forum; and conducted the Performance Evaluation for the Executive Director in closed session.