

Executive Board Activities and Actions, May 17, 2007

President's Report

President Cortese reported that on April 19th ABAG conducted a successful General Assembly and Business Meeting in San Francisco. For the first time, ABAG had the Mayors of San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland participating on the same program along with Mayor Torliatt of Petaluma. The three big city mayors committed to working together with the region to advance the causes that we all have in common.

During the GA luncheon, ABAG's first *Growing Smarter Together* Award Winners were presented, including the Town of Windsor, City of Pleasant Hill, City of San Mateo, and the County of Napa. At the Business Meeting, delegates approved the FY 2007-2008 Budget and Work Program and a bylaw change increasing the per diem to from \$100 to \$150 per meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Henry Gardner, ABAG Executive Director, noted that the total Regional Housing Need Allocation to the region is smaller than originally provided by Housing and Community Development (HCD).

County-wide meetings related to Focusing Our Vision (FOCUS) have been held or have been scheduled, in each of the nine counties. Over 375 elected officials and senior staff from the region's cities and counties have attended so far. Applications for the FOCUS Priority Development Areas are now available.

ABAG will hold its first annual Housing Conference on June 28, 2007. The conference will focus on affordable housing and housing element implementation issues. Building on the success of ABAG's 2006 housing report, *A Place to Call Home*, staff is planning to release the second annual housing report at the housing conference.

ABAG Energy Watch is sponsoring a free workshop on *Implementing Energy Efficiency Measures and Developing Climate Action Plans* for local governments including cities, counties and special districts on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pacific Energy Center in San Francisco.

ABAG Finance Authority has issued tax exempt capital financing for a number of projects, including: Paragon Apartments at Crossing, \$49,600,000 in Variable Rate Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds; The Rivers Senior Apartments, \$8,585,000 in new Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds; St. Anthony Foundation, \$11,300,000 in Variable Rate Revenue Bonds; NorthBay Healthcare Group, \$2,612,000 in Lease Revenue Bonds; Casa De Las Campanas, \$45,645,000 in Variable Rate Revenue Refunding Bonds; and Archstone Fremont Center Apartments, \$43,560,000 in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds.

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State Budget Update and May Revision

Michael Genest, Director of Finance, State Department of Finance, presented an overview of the Governor's May Budget Revision and its impact on local Government, including Proposition 1A, the state's structured deficit, transportation and transit.

Regional Disaster Recovery

Paul Jacks, Deputy Director, Response and Recovery Division, State Office of Emergency Services, presented an overview of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP), including UASI and federal funds, regional planning and coordination, the draft recovery plan, and ABAG's potential role to develop a RECP. This matter was referred to the Regional Planning Committee to develop recommendations for ABAG's role in regional disaster recovery.

San Mateo County Subregional RHNA

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, presented the San Mateo Subregional Need Allocation Assignment. A public hearing was held on the San Mateo Subregional Allocation. The Board approved the San Mateo Subregional Regional Housing Need allocation.

Final Regional Housing Need Allocation

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, presented the draft Regional Housing Need Allocation. He discussed the assignment of the regional need, and details of the allocation. Executive Director Gardner acknowledge the work of both Research Director Fassinger, and Christy Riviere, ABAG Senior Regional Planner, in getting the state to revise their original proposed allocation from 300,000 to 214,000 units.

After the staff report and a lengthy discussion of the difference between the January RHNA estimates and the final draft numbers faxed to members, the Board tabled the adoption of the final Regional Housing Need Allocation until the next Executive Board meeting on July 19th and directed staff to prepare a corrected allocation report. Staff also was directed to submit a request for an extension from the state Housing and Community Development.

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee

Committee Chair Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, reported that 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

Committee Chair Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City, reported that the committee will begin the performance review for Legal Counsel; received an update on the Strategic Planning internal scan staff input; heard a report on GASB 45 impacts; and reviewed the March/April Financial Statements.