

# Association of Bay Area Governments

AT A GLANCE . . .

## Executive Board Activities and Actions, July 19, 2007

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Rose Jacobs Gibson stated that the President's Report will be presented at the next meeting by President Dave Cortese. She announced that she and Henry Gardner, ABAG Executive Director, attended the Blueprint Learning Network meeting in San Diego on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Together they represented the Bay Area at a workshop with other elected officials and staff from around the state who have Blueprint Planning Grants. She stated that she found the conference to be informative.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Henry Gardner reported that until the state budget is adopted, ABAG will not have any indication of whether it will be successful in getting support from the state on a variety of ABAG initiatives.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, ABAG hosted its second annual housing conference, *FOCUS on Affordable Housing*, and attended by 175 elected officials, planners, housing developers, and other interested parties. Conference attendees received a copy of *A Place to Call Home: Housing in the San Francisco Bay Area 2007*.

Regarding Proposition 1C Bonds, implementation of blueprints is made one of several factors in the evaluation of projects in a single competitive grant program under SB 46 (Perata), and, in AB 1053 (Nunez), \$400 million is pulled out from the competitive grant program and earmarked for each of several separate programs with the remaining \$450 million requires consistency with land use plans and policies. As to the Proposition 84 planning funds, there are various proposals in the Assembly and the Senate regarding the allocation of \$90 million dollars for planning, regional blueprint, and local government action to implement the blueprints. These funds are necessary to successfully implement the work we are doing under Focusing Our Vision.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> ABAG has scheduled the second GASB Symposium that will address the policy implications of reporting requirements for post employment benefits offered by public agencies.

The ABAG Green Business Program is 10 years old. San Mateo County in the newest county to join the ABAG Green Business Program. July also marks the addition of the 1000<sup>th</sup> business to join the Green Business Program.

ABAG staff has met with Chevron representatives to discuss security concerns regarding a segment of the Bay Trail between Point Richmond and Point Molate on Chevron property. In addition, a meeting with the Coast Guard is scheduled in July.

On June 7<sup>th</sup> Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek, Pat Jones, ABAG Assistant Executive Director, and the ABAG Executive Director met with Dale Bonner, Secretary of Business Transportation and Housing, in Oakland to discuss ABAG priorities and ways that BTH can be more supportive of ABAG's goals.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 10-07 Resolution Adopting the Draft Allocation of the Regional Housing Need (2007-2014) Among Local Jurisdictions.** The Board approved adoption of the Draft Allocation of the 2007-2014 Regional Housing Need and authorization to begin the formal 60-day review process.

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**Resolution No. 12-07 Authoring Entering into an Agreement and Election of ABAG to Prefund Other Post Employment Benefits through CalPERS Establishing a Prefunding Account with CalPERS and Delegating Authority to Finance Director or Assistant Finance Director to Request Disbursements from Prefunding Account.** The Board approved establishing a OPEB prefunding account with CalPERS.

### ***BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (BCDC) BRIEFING***

Will Travis, Executive Director, BCDC, described the developments leading to the creation of the BCDC and its efforts to preserve the San Francisco Bay through regional oversight and mitigation to ensure public access and reclamation. He called for further collaboration among the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, ABAG, and BCDC to address global warming and the effects of climate change on the Bay.

### ***UPDATE ON ABAG STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORT***

Executive Director Gardner provided an overview of the strategic planning effort. He presented the findings from the internal survey of employees which included a survey and focus groups to gather data on employees' perceptions and experience about the organization and its programs and services. He reported on the major strengths and positive attributes and the major issues and challenges which were raised.

### ***DRAFT REGIONAL HOUSING NEED ALLOCATION (RHNA)***

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, presented the draft RHNA numbers for each jurisdiction and recommended Executive Board approval of Resolution No. 10-07.

### ***FOCUSING OUR VISION (FOCUS) AND THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS***

Kenneth Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director, reported on the status of the Focusing our Vision Initiative and provided a progress report on Priority Development Area (PDA) submissions. Over 50 jurisdictions submitted applications for designation as a PDA, representing over 100 PDAs in the region. A FOCUS working group will assist in reviewing the PDA applications. County-level public workshops will be scheduled in the Fall to discuss the PDA and PCA processes. An initial report will be prepared for the Joint Policy Committee for its September meeting. The JPC's recommendations will then be reviewed at the ABAG/MTC Fall Forum on October 26<sup>th</sup>. A final staff recommendation will be presented to the Executive Board in November.

He described the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) process and the support of the State Coastal Conservancy. A draft report on PCAs will be presented at the ABAG/MTC Fall Forum, with a final recommendation presented to the Executive Board in November.

### ***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 reported on Committee activities, including recommendation for approval of Resolution 12-07 on OPEB Trust Fund and review of the financial report for May.