

President's Report

President David Cortese, City of San Jose Councilmember, reported that AB 2307 (Mullin) to obtain funding for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process was not successful. He also reported that a Housing Methodology Committee has been formed to carry out the current RHNA process, and that staff is proceeding with work on RHNA that does not require expenditure of ABAG funds.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Henry Gardner highlighted recent activities including: an update on the Focusing Our Vision effort for which ABAG and MTC received state funding in the amount of \$500,000, and that the agencies expect to receive \$400,000 in the next funding round; the outcome of AB 2307 carried by Assembly Member Gene Mullin for funding of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process. Because of overlapping tasks between the Blueprint/Focusing Our Vision and RHNA, there are funds to begin the RHNA process; staff will continue to pursue funding from the state to complete the process; the deadline for sub-regions to indicate interest in forming sub-regions for allocating housing is August 31; an Administrative Committee meeting will be called prior to September 1st to authorize sub-region allocations if necessary; and, the completion of a major ABAG housing report, "A Place to Call Home: Housing in the San Francisco Bay Area."

Resolutions

Resolution No. 06-06 Authorizing Approval of Proposed Final San Francisco Bay Area Transportation Air Quality Conformity Protocol and Interagency Consultation Procedures. The Board approved submission of the proposed final San Francisco Bay Area transportation air quality conformity protocol and interagency consultation procedures to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Resolution No. 07-06 Entering Into Contract with California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA) to Provide Support for CALFED Science Program (CSP). The Board authorized contracting with the CBDA to provide technical, administrative and communication support for the CBDA Science Program. The three-year contract amount will not exceed \$7.5 million.

Report on ABAG PLAN Corporation

Marcus Beverly, Risk Manager, ABAG PLAN Corporation, gave an overview of ABAG PLAN Corporation, including a description of its members; its mission statement; the liability, property and crime coverage; claims administration; risk management programs and training, e.g., Sewer Smart; and pool administration. He described past accomplishments in its 20-year history, and other risk management services, e.g., SHARP Pool, Safety and Hazardous Materials Training, and Earthquake and Loss Mitigation, and noted that its membership, services and assets have grown substantially since inception.

Update on ABAG Strategic Planning Effort

Executive Director Gardner provided a brief review of the purpose of ABAG's strategic planning effort and recent activities, and noted that the Finance and Personnel Committee has oversight of this effort and that members have been actively involved. In addition to a member survey of elected officials, county administrators, city and town managers, and planning directors, focus groups, in-depth interviews will be scheduled. The strategic planning objectives include identifying a strategy for achieving greater financial stability, creating accurate profile and perception of the value of ABAG's work in the region, increasing responsiveness to and accountability for addressing the diverse needs of members, having a more effective and unified regional voice to advance the region's interests at the state and national levels, enhancing the organization's ability to identify and implement creative and innovative solutions, and creating a shared understanding of ABAG's purpose and strategic direction. The interview and focus group results will be ready by the September board meeting and are expected to be reported at the October General Assembly.

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Projections 2007 Policy Assumptions

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, reviewed several assumptions regarding the Projections 2007 effort, including slower employment growth than expected since 2000, consistency with monitoring programs, such as assessors parcel data, general plan land use, specific plan land use, and feedback from local officials, an expected housing production of 20,000 to 25,000 units annually, and coordination of information with Focusing Our Vision, RHNA, and Regional Transportation Plans. He reminded members of the Projections 2007 schedule for 2006, and expected updated assumptions and draft forecast results in September with revised forecast results and monitoring program results in November.

Update on Delta Levees

Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake Program Manager, and Kathleen Van Velsor, ABAG Senior Environmental Planner, provided an update on Delta levees activities including the formation of a staff level technical working group to identify planning program issues and related efforts; communications with the Bay Area congressional delegation; presentations before the California Bay-Delta Authority; outreach to non-governmental organizations, water districts, and local governments; the submission of a proposal for regional emergency planning and implementation to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for \$1.4 million which was viewed as relevant but received a low ranking; and the submission of proposals to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state Office of Emergency Services. Board members were asked to send letters of support to Bay Area federal and state elected officials on behalf of ABAG's proposal to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Bill Kane, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, emphasized that in the Bay Area cities and counties do not typically provide water and there needs to be a collaborative effort between water agencies. He noted that both San Francisco PUC and EBMUD are seriously impacted by Delta issues.

Consideration of Change to Executive Board Meeting Start Time

Members voted to keep the Executive Board meeting start time at 7:00 p.m. rather than return to the 7:30 p.m. start time.

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee

San Leandro Mayor Shelia Young, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee reviewed the Legislative Analyst's report on the 2006-07 budget which passed on June 27; reviewed the 13 propositions on the November ballot; because of the significant impact on local governments, voted to recommend positions on two propositions, i.e., support for Proposition 84, Water Quality, Safety and Supply, Flood Control, Natural Resource Protection, Park Improvements Bond, and oppose Proposition 90, Anderson Initiative on Eminent Domain, Entitled Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property Initiative; recommended support of Proposition 1A, Transportation Funding Protection, Proposition 1B, Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, Proposition 1C, Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, Proposition 1D, Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, and Proposition 1E, Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006; updated bills previously considered, i.e., changed support to watch on AB 2286, Housing, and AB 2378, Housing Density Bonus, and maintained opposition to eminent domain legislation; updated the status on AB 2987, Cable and Video Services; and reported that AB 2307, State Mandates, died in committee. *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

County of Santa Clara Supervisor Pete McHugh, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee reviewed the financial reports for May and the preliminary reports for Fiscal Year 2005-06 and noted a net surplus of \$100,000 and a stable outlook for 2006-07; found that based on the latest financial forecasts both grant and service programs are adequately funded for the fiscal year; cash on hand increased to \$2 million from the prior month's \$930,000; receivables decreased by \$100,000 to \$2.5 million; actual versus budgeted expenses came in at 91.2% of the revised budget at \$17.4 million; revenue amounted to \$17.5 million at 91.3% of the revised budgeted amount. The Committee reviewed per diem survey results and directed staff to return at the next meeting with more information. The Committee expects to have a recommendation for the Board at its next meeting. At members' request, a summary of key budget points and the financial reports will be distributed to members before the Executive Board meeting.