

Executive Board Activities and Actions, September 21, 2006

President's Report

President David Cortese, City of San Jose Councilmember, presented Mayor James Spring, City of Suisun City, an award in recognition of his service to ABAG and the Executive Board. President Cortese reported that the Fall General Assembly, *Environmental Challenges: Local Solutions*, will be held on Thursday, October 26th, at the Marriott City Center in Oakland. ABAG and MTC hosted the statewide Blueprint Learning Network workshop in the MetroCenter on September 13th and 14th. The San Francisco Estuary Project is updating the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan with targeted completion in August 2007. ABAG will hold a symposium, *Homeland Security: What Every Elected Official Should Know*, on October 12th.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Henry Gardner highlighted recent activities including the following: the Housing Methodology Committee has met with local officials and interested groups throughout the region regarding the methodology, process, and opportunity to form subregions under RHNA. The Focusing Our Vision's Technical Advisory Committee has met regularly and is engaged in a mapping exercise to create draft priority development and conservation areas. The Strategic Plan member survey, interviews and focus groups have been completed. He also reported that ABAG sponsored a symposium on August 18th on implementation of GASB 45, standards for public agencies reporting unfunded liabilities for post-retirement benefits, and a training session on August 10th covering the technology and business models of municipal wireless networks. He announced that ABAG signed an agreement with PG&E to implement the ABAG Energy Watch Program which will assist local governments to implement cost-effective, energy saving projects in public facilities and to generate community wide energy savings. Mr. Gardner also announced that Janet McBride, ABAG Planning Director, will be assuming the position of Executive Director at the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council in early October.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 08-06 Acknowledging Formation of Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Subregions and Authorizing Negotiation and Execution of Delegation Agreement between ABAG and RHNA Subregions. The Board acknowledged the formation of the San Mateo RHNA subregion and other subregions that form before September 30th and authorized negotiation and execution of a delegation agreement that details the relationship of ABAG to each RHNA subregion that forms. The Board directed staff to report on any subregions that may form outside the current cycle.

Resolution No. 09-06 Climate Change Response. The Board acknowledged that ABAG supports the establishment of meaningful greenhouse gas reduction targets; continues to take steps to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions; continues to advance policies, programs and activities that can help local governments, Bay Area residents and businesses achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction targets; and works with regional agency partners, local government members and other stakeholders to consider how to maximize benefits from meaningful greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Resolution No. 10-06 Authorizing Execution of Applications for Federal Financial Assistance Administered through State of California. The Board authorized the execution of applications for technical and policy analysis assistance to local governments preparing annexes to the Bay Area multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, water supply disruption Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Enhancement, and soft-story residential Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Enhancement.

Preliminary Member Survey Results

Mr. Matt Stevens of The Results Group presented the preliminary findings of the ABAG member survey, in-depth interviews, and focus groups which were conducted as part of the Strategic Planning process, including a review of the strategic planning background and process, key findings on programs, initiative and services, key findings on major issues and challenges, conditions and trends, internal issues, usefulness of programs and services, sources of satisfaction and dissatisfaction, business processes, and activities for which members would be willing to pay.

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Draft Projections 2007 Forecast

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, presented the draft of ABAG's long-term forecast of population, housing and employment, which has been released to local jurisdictions for review. ABAG monitoring information shows that the forecast is consistent with local plan information. Comments from local jurisdictions are due October 20th. Following the data collection, modeling, and review, a revised forecast will be presented for approval at the next Executive Board meeting in November. The Board accepted the staff report on the Draft Projections 2007 Forecast.

Acknowledgment of RHNA Subregions and Authorization to Execute Delegation Agreement

The Board heard a report from Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, who briefed members on the cities in San Mateo County and the County of San Mateo's formation of a subregion under RHNA. Mr. Richard Napier, Executive Director, San Mateo Cities/County Association of Governments, and Mr. Duane Bay, Housing Director, County of San Mateo, spoke on the formation of a subregion. Members offered their support for San Mateo's undertaking of a RHNA subregion, discussed subregions based on criteria other than housing, and supported subregional planning, local control, and using San Mateo as a pilot on subregional planning. The Board approved Resolution No. 08-06 on the formation of a subregion in San Mateo County, as well as any others that may form prior to the September 30, 2006 deadline.

ABAG Awards Program

Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa, presented the proposed ABAG awards program, *Growing Smarter Together Awards*, which was initiated at the last Administrative Committee retreat. He spoke of the intent to celebrate success in implementing Smart Growth and Focusing Our Vision and to make ABAG a high profile entity in the region. The first award cycle will be at the Spring General Assembly. The Board approved the award categories and accepted the report on the ABAG Awards Program.

Climate Change Response

Councilmember Rabinowitsh presented Resolution No. 09-06 on Climate Change Response. He reported on the concern about climate protection, activities around the Bay Area by different agencies, and targets adopted by local governments and the state for greenhouse gas reductions, and announced the Regional Climate Protection Summit on November 10th sponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The Board adopted the resolution, with amendments adding biodiesel and renewable energy implementation to steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mentioning work undertaken by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee

San Leandro Mayor Shelia Young, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee reviewed bills from the last legislative session; recommended that ABAG issue a legislative report card to call attention to voting records of legislators on critical issues; discussed AB 32 (Nunez), Air Pollution: Greenhouse Gases—California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006; distributed a letter from the League of California Cities on HR 5252, The Advanced Telecommunications and Opportunity Reform Act; discussed issues to be tracked during the next legislative session, including eminent domain, housing, infrastructure, Delta levees, water quality management, transportation and land use, telecommunications, and global warming; and discussed hosting a legislative reception or other event in Sacramento. *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

Mayor Mark Green, City of Union City, Committee Co-Chair, reported that the Committee heard a report on the long-term strategic plan by Dr. Rick Brown and Mr. Stevens from The Results Group. The July 2006 financial report and the Diversity and Business Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2005-06 were reviewed and approved.