

Association of Bay Area Governments

AT A GLANCE . . .

Executive Board Activities and Actions, November 15, 2007

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cortese reported that on October 26 ABAG joined with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the first time in the history of the two organizations to conduct a joint General Assembly and Transportation 2035 Summit. Almost 800 elected officials, staff, community and civic leaders, and community based organizations participated in the program, called, "Bay Area on the Move." Both ABAG and MTC's websites have the program and polling results.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Gardner reported on recent activities, including the following:

- On November 13 and 14, ABAG, along with MTC, the California Department of Transportation, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, hosted in Oakland the Blueprint Learning Network workshop focused on "Making it Real: Housing, Public Engagement, Environmental Justice and Blueprint Planning."
- The October 30 earthquakes near San Jose and the southern California fire storms are reminders that disasters can and do happen. ABAG will be holding a series of informal lunches prior to Regional Planning Committee meetings to discuss several key issues that should be of concern to local elected officials and city managers. The first of these meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 5, in the MetroCenter Auditorium and will address "Financing Recovery: How the Money Flows (or doesn't flow)".
- MTC will follow on the recent joint General Assembly/Transportation Summit with a series of meetings throughout the region to solicit input on the proposed Regional Transportation Plan, and ABAG will continue the FOCUS meetings with major emphasis on proposed Priority Development Areas and Priority Conservation Areas.
- The 8th Biennial State of the Estuary Conference was held October 16 to 18. Over 850 people attended the conference which provides a biennial assessment of the ecological health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. This year's theme was *A Greener Shade of Blue* and presented the latest information about the estuary's changing conditions, including impacts from major stressors, recovery programs for species and habitats, and an examination of emerging issues.
- ABAG staff, working with the Census Bureau, has completed a second round of workshops on LUCA, the local address review program that is crucial to an accurate count in the 2010 Census. As a member service, ABAG is holding a Census Update Workshop at the MetroCenter on November 29.
- Councilmember Rich Garbarino of South San Francisco, an ABAG appointee to the Regional Airport Planning Committee, will be assuming the chairmanship of RAPC in 2008. ABAG is receiving \$85,000 from the FAA and MTC to conduct a study of the need to protect land around general aviation airports in the region as part of an update of the Regional Airport Systems Analysis.
- Municipal financings closed through ABAG-sponsored programs since the last report include: \$35,075,000 in Revenue Bonds for The Jackson Laboratory in Sacramento for acquisition, rehabilitation and improvements to its new research facilities; \$60,100,000 in Refunding Revenue Bonds for Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland; \$11,000,000 in Special Tax Bonds on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco for Seismic Safety Improvements to buildings located at 690 and 942 Market Street; \$3,270,000 in Special Tax Bonds on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco for Public Capital Improvements to the Mint Plaza.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 14-07 Authorizing ABAG to enter into Contract with the California Department of Transportation. Authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with CalTrans in the amount of \$198,000 for an environmental justice planning grant to undertake a study of "Development without Displacement."

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Resolution No. 15-07 Authorizing ABAG to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission regarding Land around Bay Area General Aviation Airports. Authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 to manage a project that will inventory land around general aviation airports, particularly in the runway approach and departure zones, and to recommend protection priorities.

Resolution No. 16-07 Authorizing Issuance and Sale of Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$60.4 Million for the purpose of Financing the Acquisition of Tax Allocation Bonds for Various Redevelopment Agencies in the State of California and Approving Related Documents and Actions. Authorized the Executive Director or designee to issue up to \$60.4 million in insured revenue bonds on behalf of jurisdictions listed.

Resolution No. 17-07 Authorizing the Designation of Areas within the Nine Counties of Bay Area Priority Development Areas (PDA) in either the Planned or Potential Categories and the Moving of PDAs from the Potential to the Planned Category. Adopted Planned and Potential Priority Development Areas and authorized moving PDAs from potential to planned status as they meet the requirement(s) for planned status.

Resolution No. 18-07 Be Sewer Smart: PREVENT Sewer Backups This Rainy Season. Proclaiming November through April 2007 as Sewer Smart Season.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES

Brad Solso, Chairman of the Board, and Scott Thompson, Executive Director, of the International Children's Games, San Francisco, presented information about the 2008 Games in San Francisco and appealed to the region's cities and counties for support. The International Children's Games is the only global, youth athletic event that combines sports, educational programs and peace-motivated cultural exchanges. The 42nd International Children's Games will be held July 10 to 15, 2008, and will bring together 1,500 athletes, 12 to 15 years of age, from 100 cities representing 50 countries from around the world.

DRAFT REGIONAL HOUSING NEED ALLOCATION

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, presented to the Executive Board the Draft Regional Housing Need Allocation with recommended revisions. The Executive Board adopted the draft RHNA, authorized the start of the 60 day appeals period, and formed a RHNA Appeals Committee.

FOCUS PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Kenneth Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director, presented to the Executive Board the FOCUS Priority Development Areas (PDAs). The Executive Board adopted the Planned and Potential Priority Development Areas and authorized moving PDAs from potential to planned status as they meet the requirement(s) for planned status.

LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Pete McHugh reported that the committee discussed the priorities and action items for the 2007 Legislative Session, including legislation on housing, housing element reform, transportation, land use and related incentives, infrastructure needs, hazard mitigation, water quality management, eminent domain, and global warming; discussed the 2007 bills chaptered and vetoed, and looked at bills carried over into the 2008 session; agreed that an effective outreach strategy for gaining support for policies and priorities was to hold a 2008 Legislative Reception in Sacramento in January with the Joint Policy Committee, League and CSAC to be contacted as sponsors. *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 a review and recommendation for approval of the Audited Financial Reports for 2006-2007 and Authorization of Resolution No. 16-07 for issuance of up to \$60.4 million in insured revenue bonds on behalf of jurisdictions under the California Redevelopment Agency Pool (Cal-RAP Program).

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