

President's Report

President Haggerty presented Councilmember Julia Miller, City of Sunnyvale, and Councilmember Donald Eaton, City of San Carlos, with plaques in recognition of their long-term service to the Board and region. Both Miller and Eaton were stepping down from their respective city positions. President Haggerty reported that there were almost 200 people in attendance at the Fall General Assembly on "Affordable Housing: Myths and Reality, A Home for All," that took place on October 27. President Haggerty announced that David Cortese, Councilmember from the City of San Jose is the Association's President-elect and Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor from the County of San Mateo is the Vice-President-elect. Their terms begin January 1, 2006, and expire December 31, 2007.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Gardner reported that ABAG was commended at a recent state conference for focusing on housing and homelessness and coming up with practical steps to make progress around these issues. He reported that ABAG, working jointly with MTC and the BAAQMD, has agreed to pursue a consolidated work program, which grew out of legislation which required ABAG to report back to the Legislature by January 1 on efforts to work cooperatively and collaboratively. He noted that media coverage of the Fall General Assembly included mention on KPIX Channel 5 and KCBS Radio, as well as the San Jose Mercury News, San Francisco Chronicle, and a few other papers. He reported that the Bay Area Green Business Program is featured in the current issue of the National Association of Counties publication and announced that members whose cities and counties become certified will be honored at a reception and awards program for newly certified Green Businesses at the March Executive Board meeting.

Resolutions

Resolution 10-05 was approved to support state and federal legislative action related to dam and levee failures.

Resolution 11-05 was approved a report to the Legislature on Consolidation of ABAG and MTC functions.

Resolution 12-05 was approved authorizing the issuance and sale of revenue bonds for water and wastewater improvements of certain local agencies in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$141,000,000, and approving related agreements and actions.

Sustainable Earth Initiative

Susan Sakaki, Executive Director of Sustainable Earth Initiative (SEI), presented an overview of the Environmental Management System program. She described the objectives and components of having an EMS program and the benefits cities, counties, and public agencies gain by participating in such a program. She also spoke about the services provided by Sustainable Earth Initiative, a non-profit organization dedicated to principles of sustainability. SEI was selected by the EPA as the Region IX PEER Center as a technical assistance resource providing EMS training and consulting services. She invited members to consider enrolling in the 2006 EMS Implementation Program.

Levee and Dam Failure Potential and Hazards Assessment for the Bay Area**

Kathleen Van Velsor, Senior Environmental Planner, and Jeanne Perkins, Earthquake Program Manager, reported on the potential levee and dam failure and hazard assessments for the Bay Area. Ms. Perkins provided background on the issue of delta vulnerability and presented a series of slides to demonstrate the extent of earthquake, levee failure and flooding impacts, including hazards to freshwater and agricultural lands and homes. Ms. Van Velsor described the delta infrastructure, including water, highways, natural gas and oil pipelines, railroads, and showed the relationship of water reservoirs, intake points and the delta islands, and DWR's earthquake scenario and analysis and continuing impacts. The Board approved Resolution 10-05 supporting state and federal legislative action related to dam and levee failures.

Report to Legislature on Consolidation of ABAG and MTC Functions and Discussion of Regional Planning Focus

Janet McBride, Planning Director, and Ted Droettboom, Joint Policy Committee Program Manager, reported on the required report to the Legislature analyzing the feasibility of consolidating functions separately performed by ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Ms. McBride and Mr. Droettboom presented the details of the report. The Board approved Resolution 11-05 submitting the report to the Legislature on the Consolidation of ABAG and MTC functions.

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee

Rose Jacobs Gibson, Chair, L&GO Committee, reported that the committee identified four priority areas for the 2006 legislative session, including legislation that helps facilitate planning coordination and emphasizes regional and local solutions and innovation; promotes policies that embody smart growth principles; supports implementation of city/county programs by providing resources, additional funding and incentives, especially those needed for planning, infrastructure, and services; and supports infrastructure, water planning, water resources and conservation, disaster preparedness, and hazard mitigation prevention. She also reported that the committee agreed to the change in funding levels and range of funding in SB 1024 (Perata and Torlakson) which will be a priority bill to track and support. Chair Gibson reported that the committee discussed tracking and giving input on other omnibus bills for the 2006 legislative session that address CEQA, housing finance and incentives, as well as AB 986 (Torricco) on transit-oriented development and the JPC's role in preparing a plan to identify regional Transit Oriented Developments.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Pete McHugh, Chair, F&P Committee, reported that the committee approved the 2004-2005 ABAG Single Audit Report; heard a status report on Development of Long-Term Strategic Plan for ABAG; approved support for Resolution No. 12-05 for the issuance of a \$145 million bond for Pooled Financing for Water and Wastewater Projects; reviewed annual performance evaluation process for the Executive Director; and heard a status report on labor negotiations with SEIU Local 790.