

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2005
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City of San Francisco
Chris Daly, San Francisco City and County
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat Program
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Vice Chair
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda/ABAG President
Stana Hearne, Bay Area League of Women Voters
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club
Jennifer Hosterman, Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Nicholas Jellins, City of Menlo Park/County of San Mateo Cities
Jake Mackenzie, Mayor, City of Rohnert Park
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Julia Miller, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale
Mike Moore, Community Development Director, City of Petaluma/BAPDA
Dena Mossar, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto/BCDC
Cynthia Murray, Supervisor, County of Marin
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Bob Nichols, California Teachers Association – Education
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez/BAAQMD
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance
Mike Zdon, Napa County Transportation Planning Agency/Bay Area CMA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Irma Anderson, City of Richmond/MTC
Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville
Shiloh Ballard, Assoc. Director of Transportation & Land Use, Silicon Valley Mfg. Group
Guy Bjerke, Home Builders Assoc. of Northern California
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo
Greg Harper, Director, AC Transit
Zoyd Luce, BART Board of Directors – Special Districts
Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
Patrick O’Keeffe, Economic Development & Housing Director, City of Emeryville
Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton
R. Sean Randolph, President, Bay Area Economic Forum
Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek/ABAG Immediate Past President
Dianne Spaulding, Executive Director, Non-Profit Housing
Mary Warren, Boardmember, RWQCB
John Vasquez, Supervisor, County of Solano

Also in Attendance:

Laura Stuchinsky (for Shiloh Ballard)
Olga Luce (for Zoyd Luce)
Doug Shoemaker (for Dianne Spaulding)
Numerous guests also in attendance to participate in the CEQA regional dialogue.

STAFF PRESENT

Janet McBride, Planning Director
Amy Brooks, Regional Planner
Christy Riviere, Regional Planner
Suzan Ryder, Administrative Assistant
Kathleen Van Velsor, Senior Environmental Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Mark Green called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2005 MEETING:

Supervisor Adams made a correction to the minutes regarding the omission of her Public Comment to introduce the concept of the homeless taskforce, an item which is also on this meeting's agenda. The minutes were then moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

4. ORAL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Jake Mackenzie announced that at their spring meeting, the Local Government Commission adopted a set of Ahwanee Principles for Water and Land Use. He asked the Chair include this on the next RPC meeting agenda, to formally introduce these principles to this body and consider RPC adoption as well. The principles can be found at www.lgc.org
- Mayor Jennifer Hosterman asked whether we were going to agendize a discussion regarding frequency of this meeting, timing, etc.

STAFF:

JANET MCBRIDE:

- Reported back on a question from the prior meeting regarding the duration of the terms of the Chair and Vice Chair: the Bylaws call for committees to vote at the first meeting after January 1 each year on the chair and vice chair, for annual consideration. Individuals can be nominated and serve for multiple terms, but the term is one year.
- On May 18, from 9:00 AM to noon, ABAG will host a Housing Workshop focusing on recent changes to housing element law, specifically how those changes to the law will affect local government. Workshop announcements with the complete agenda will be mailed out shortly and can also be found on ABAG's website.
- Regarding the housing allocation process there are a few developments. Housing elements in this region are scheduled to be revised by end of June 2007. Also, the Bay Area is scheduled to receive a new regional allocation from the State Department of Housing and Community Development by the end of June 2005. However, there are a number of significant issues and uncertainties. First and foremost, the Commission on State Mandates has ruled that COGs can no longer be reimbursed for conducting the Regional Housing Need Allocation. Instead, based on legislation passed last year, COGs can charge local governments for this work and local governments can assess fees to recover their costs. However this is not workable for a variety of reasons: it's not clear who would pay the fee, whether there is a nexus, etc. Moreover, even if local jurisdictions were inclined to assess such a fee, there would be a time lag before the fees could be implemented and sufficient fees could be collected. ABAG is communicated these concerns to the State and we will be requesting either an administrative and/or a legislative extension. We will keep the Committee apprised of developments.
- A final reminder: ABAG's Spring General Assembly will be held on April 28, 2005, at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The topic for this event is, *Casinos on the Bay Area Landscape*.

5. COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS:

Chair Green referred to an explanatory memo summarizing the recent RPC survey results, included in the packet.

Mayor Hosterman raised a question about meeting frequency. She requested that this item be agendaized for discussion of issues including meeting frequency and duration, number of topics on the agenda (desire to focus on fewer topics in greater depth).

Jake Mackenzie felt that water and land use activities need additional focus. The interaction between water activities and integrated regional water management planning are important to this Committee. This issue of land use and water planning should be a priority.

Chair Green suggested a subcommittee be formed to consider the issues raised by Mayor Hosterman. Diane Dillon agreed to be part of a two person subcommittee to meet, consider and report back on this topic.

6. REGIONAL WATER AND LAND USE PLANNING:

Kathleen Van Velsor, Senior Environmental Planner, briefly reported back on items requested at the last meeting. Members were asked to endorse a planning horizon and affirm the 9-county region as the planning area for the regional water and land use element of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). A study packet of information was provided and several GIS were displayed. The Committee endorsed the planning horizon and affirmed the 9-county region as the planning area for the regional water and land use element of the IRWMP, to include the surrounding interregional areas, as well.

7. REGIONAL HOMELESS ACTIVITY UPDATE:

Supervisor Susan Adams gave a brief update on the work of the Regional Homelessness Committee and requested RPC's consideration of continued ABAG involvement on this issue. Committee was asked to recommend to the ABAG Executive Board that we have an ABAG Regional Homelessness Planning Group or Committee to address these issues. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

8. CEQA REFORM DIALOGUE:

RPC together with the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Communities are co-hosting this meeting as one of several regional forums to consider CEQA reform concepts. A staff memo with attachments provided background on the subject. The Committee agreed to hold off on any potential action until a future meeting. Possible changes to CEQA are being developed by an advisory group convened by the Governor and State Resources Secretary Chrisman. Nick Bollman, *California Center for Regional Leadership (CCRL)*, is serving as facilitator for the advisory group, and helped frame the discussion. Panelists included Elisa Barbour, *Public Policy Institute of California* and Deputy Secretary Sandra Ikuta, *California Resources Agency*. Both near-term and longer-term reform concepts were discussed and Committee members and the public were invited to give feedback. A facilitated dialogue continued among RPC members and guests. (Also attached to these minutes are detailed digest notes of the discussion compiled by CCRL.)

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Green adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM
Next meeting date is June 1, 2005.

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