

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**JUNE 1, 2005**  
**JOSEPH P. BORT METROCENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Shiloh Ballard, Assoc. Director of Transportation & Land Use, Silicon Valley Mfg. Group  
Chris Daly, San Francisco City and County  
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato  
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat Program  
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo  
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  
Nicholas Jellins, City of Menlo Park/County of San Mateo Cities  
Jake Mackenzie, Mayor, City of Rohnert Park  
Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara  
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda  
Julia Miller, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale  
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  
Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton  
Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek/ABAG Immediate Past President  
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez/BAAQMD  
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District  
Mary Warren, Boardmember, RWQCB

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin  
Irma Anderson, City of Richmond/MTC  
Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville  
Guy Bjerke, Home Builders Assoc. of Northern California  
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma  
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City of San Francisco  
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa  
Greg Harper, Director, AC Transit  
Jennifer Hosterman, Councilmember, City of Pleasanton  
Zoyd Luce, BART Board of Directors – Special Districts  
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council  
Mike Moore, Community Development Director, City of Petaluma/BAPDA  
Patrick O’Keeffe, Economic Development & Housing Director, City of Emeryville  
R. Sean Randolph, President, Bay Area Economic Forum  
Dianne Spaulding, Executive Director, Non-Profit Housing  
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance  
John Vasquez, Supervisor, County of Solano  
Mike Zdon, Napa County Transportation Planning Agency/Bay Area CMA

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Mark Green called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2005 MEETING:**

Changes and comments were noted regarding the CEQA dialogue notes provided by the Center for Collaborative Regional Leadership (attached to the RPC minutes). Minutes were then moved, seconded and passed unanimously

**4. ORAL REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

**COMMITTEE:**

- Mayor Jake Mackenzie announced the World Environment Day 2005 in San Francisco starting today. Seminars and presentations will be going on over next several days. Visit site at ED2005.org to see schedule of events.
- Dena Mossar reported a press conference between BAAQMD and Daimler-Chrysler introducing a partnership regarding fuel cell cars. The Air District has been given 2 exploratory fuel cell cars to try out. Approximately 60 cars have been produced, with 40 distributed in California.
- Mayor Mackenzie mentioned the Green Cities declaration as the summit of the ED 2005, where cities from around the world will be signing up for a number of actions. The RPC might want to have a presentation from City of San Francisco on this accord.

**STAFF:**

**JANET MCBRIDE:**

- On May 18 we hosted a Housing Workshop moderated by Mayor Green and Supervisor Jacobs Gibson which was well attended. We received positive feedback that it was helpful for local governments trying to make sense of complex recent changes in housing law.
- Funding for the next regional housing needs allocation is uncertain due to a ruling by the Commission on State mandates that COGs cannot be reimbursed for this work. ABAG is responding in several ways, including: a) appeal of the Commission ruling; b) a State budget augmentation to allow the work to begin, and c) request to HCD for a time extension. HCD staff has informally indicated they will likely grant a 2-year extension. The new end date for local revisions to the housing element would be June 2009. ABAG will keep local governments informed as details are confirmed.
- Bay Trail Project is finishing a multi-year grant program which includes 40 planning and construction grants that will wrap up at the end of this month. Together this will provide 14 miles of new trail and detailed planning work on about 65 miles of the alignment. The Bay Trail has \$3.8 million to distribute in a new grant round. In addition, members were encouraged to consider potential local Bay Trail grant candidate projects.
- ABAG's Bay Trail Project is involved in World Environment Day. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a tour of the S.F. Waterfront. Also, a dedication this Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, with San Mateo Shoreline Park's new bay trail opening. Celebration will include games, music, and other fun activities.

**5. REGIONAL WATER AND LAND USE PLANNING:**

Kathleen Van Velsor, Senior Environmental Planner/Program Manager, reviewed the status of the integrated regional water management planning effort, described progress on the Water and Land Use Element, and briefly reviewed new ABAG infrastructure, groundwater and watershed maps (on display). Mayor Mackenzie spoke on the Local Government Commission "Ahwanhee Principles" for water and land use, and also spoke

about the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP). Members were asked to consider creating a Water and Land Use Study Group to allow a more focused review and policy development around water and land use issues. The Study Group would establish objectives, review and discuss data compiled by staff, assist in communicating the detailed work back to the RPC, and help identify appropriate policies, planning tools, studies and technical assistance to meet the selected objectives. The Ahwanhee Principals and the principle of outreach to ABAG's membership were endorsed by the Committee. The 8-10 member inter-disciplinary Study Group is expected to start up in the fall. Supervisor Murray suggested that RPC consider geographic and sector balance for the group before asking for volunteers. Staff agreed to present a group composition proposal at the August meeting. Committee unanimously approved.

**6. MONITORING THE SMART GROWTH PROJECTIONS:**

Paul Fassinger, Research Director, discussed issues related to ABAG's policy-based Smart Growth Projections including monitoring land use changes, incorporating new information, extending the forecast time horizon, dealing with potential land use conflicts, and coordination with other ABAG projects and activities, as well as with the activities of other agencies and partners. Discussion and comments followed. Recommendations were made to include measurements for goods movement, changes in industrial land use and sensible receptor areas and to reflect these in the Policy Assumptions for ABAG Projections. Motion to accept the recommendations with the addition of monitoring analysis on a corridor basis. Unanimously approved.

**7. CEQA REFORM:**

Do to lack of time, follow-up to the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting/ CEQA regional dialogue was moved forward.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mark Green adjourned the meeting at 2:57 PM  
Next meeting date is August 3, 2005.

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