

## **Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes**

**Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium**

**101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, California**

**June 7, 2006**

### **Members Present**

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin  
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma  
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco  
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa  
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat  
Mark Green, Mayor, Chair of RPC, City of Union City  
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda  
Stana Hearne, Bay Area League of Women Voters  
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, City of Dublin  
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club  
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton  
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo  
Nicholas Jellins, Mayor, City of Menlo Park  
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council  
Mike Moore, Community Dev. Director, BAPDA  
Joseph Perkins, CEO, Home Builders Association of Northern California  
Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton  
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez  
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District  
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance  
Mike Zdon, Executive Director, Bay Area Congestion Management Authority

### **Members Absent**

Irma Anderson, Mayor, City of Richmond  
Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville  
Shiloh Ballard, Director, Housing and Community Development, Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
David Cortese, Councilmember, City of San Jose  
Chris Daly, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco  
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato  
Daniel Furtado, Vice Mayor, City of Campbell  
Jake Mackenzie, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park  
Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara  
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda  
Dena Mossar, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto  
Cynthia Murray, Supervisor, County of Marin  
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland  
Mary Nejedly Piepho, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa  
Bob Nichols, Board Member, California Teachers Association  
R. Sean Randolph, President, Bay Area Economic Forum  
Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek  
Dianne Spaulding, Executive Director, Nonprofit Housing of Northern California  
John Vasquez, Supervisor, County of Solano

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Mary Warren, Board Member, Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Staff Present

Janet McBride, Planning Director,  
Kenneth Kirkey, Principal Planner  
Paul Fassinger, Research Director  
Christy Riviere, Senior Regional Planner  
Kathleen Cha, Senior Communications Officer  
Fred Castro, Clerk of the Board

### 1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Mark Green called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. A quorum was not present.

### 2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 3. Approval of Minutes for Meetings on April 5, 2006 and February 1, 2006.

Minutes were not approved because quorum was not present.

### 4. Oral Reports/Comments

#### A. Committee Members

- Diane Dillon, Supervisor, Napa County, informed members that a regulatory taking initiative was defeated in the Primary Election on June 6, 2006.

#### B. Staff

- Janet McBride, Planning Director, reported on the following:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Street Light Rail Corridor Tour.** Informed members of a tour and panel discussion of San Francisco's New 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Light Rail Corridor, from Mission Bay to the Bayview, on Friday, June 16, 2006, hosted by MTC, MTA/MUNI, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and the City and County of San Francisco.

Focusing Our Vision. Announced the launch of the Focusing Our Vision website at [www.bayareavision.org](http://www.bayareavision.org), and acknowledged the work of Christy Riviere on its implementation. Reported on the recent activities under Focusing Our Vision, including a stakeholders' forum on May 8, 2006 and the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which includes local government and stakeholder representatives. Stakeholder forum objectives included: reconnecting with partners from the Livability Footprint effort, inviting new parties to engage in FOCUS, providing an overview of the program, and nominating

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stakeholder delegates to a TAC. Topical break-out groups brainstormed key issues and made recommendations about additional outreach and stakeholder involvement.

The TAC first met on May 25. Staff reported on TAC composition and selection (a roster was distributed). The first meeting agenda included program overview, committee charge, relationship with regional initiatives, such as *Projections 2007* and RHNA process, and a discussion of vision principles, and related data. The committee will focus on the strategies to advance the Vision and related data at its next meeting. The committee is expected to meet monthly for the next six to eight months, generally on the last Thursday of the month, at the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. The next meeting is June 29.

- Kenneth Kirkey, Principal Planner, reported on the Housing Methodology Committee meeting of May 25. Members include two representatives from the ABAG Executive Board, three from each of the nine Bay Area counties, and affordable housing, environmental issues, social equity, and homebuilding industry stakeholders. Members were selected through solicitations from the RPC, the ABAG Executive Board, and city managers and county administrators. Members include elected officials and staff. Committee meetings are public.

Discussions at the May 25 meeting included an overview of the RHNA process and its relation to *Projections 2007* and *Focusing Our Vision*, the task of developing the methodology for allocating the state's regional housing number to regional jurisdictions, and introduction to the formation of sub-regions empowered to perform housing allocations at the sub-regional level. The next meeting is June 29, 10 AM to 12 PM, at BCDC, San Francisco. The next step to be taken by the committee is to survey member jurisdictions for information to be used for creating the methodology. Meetings are expected to meet monthly through November.

An informational meeting focused on sub-regional allocation is scheduled on June 16, 10 AM to 12 PM, at ABAG. An update on the RHNA process, development of the housing methodology, and the formation of sub-regions will be given to the RPC at its August meeting.

Staff is in the final stages of producing the ABAG housing report, expected to be released over the next few weeks, which will give an overview of housing production within the region during the past RHNA cycle with a particular focus on affordable housing production.

Chair Green encouraged members to become involved early in the RHNA process. Members discussed the capacity at meeting locations to accommodate increased participation.

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### **5. Climate Protection Leadership Program**

David Vintze, Air Quality Planning Manager, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), presented the BAAQMD's Climate Protection Leadership Program. Mr. Vintze provided an overview of the BAAQMD leadership in improving regional air quality; partnerships with regional initiatives; steps taken by BAAQMD, the region, and state in climate protection; and local efforts to develop a climate protection program and activities; the BAAQMD climate protection program initiatives, including a climate summit on November 10, an emergent technology study, emissions inventory, promotion of energy efficiency, in-house greenhouse gas emissions reductions, green schools, integration of climate protection programs with district programs and regional collaborations, including Smart Growth and Focusing Our Vision.

Members discussed regional collaborations with local jurisdictions as summit participants; funds available for green schools in education bonds; proposed language for general plan amendments; identification of best practices; initiatives by builders and architects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; proposed resolutions; public education; Kyoto Protocol and world-wide greenhouse gas emissions; carbon-neutral events; sound science, feasible technology, and sound economics; and localized emissions reduction.

### **6. Local Model to Address Climate Protection**

Ann Hancock, Executive Director, and Mike Sandler, City of Sebastopol Planning Commission, both from Climate Protection Campaign, presented the climate protection work being done in Sonoma County and the recommendations for the region from a study conducted by the Climate Protection Campaign for the BAAQMD. Mr. Sandler noted the overlap of climate protection work and the work of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the BAAQMD, and ABAG; the sources of greenhouse gas and consequences of inaction in climate protection; government's role in climate protection. Ms. Hancock described steps local jurisdictions can take to demonstrate commitment to climate protection, Assembly Bill 32, and the recommendations included in a report prepared for the BAAQMD, one of which is a partnership between BAAQMD, MTC, and ABAG.

Members discussed taking the climate protection issue to a larger forum, such as the General Assembly; member jurisdictions' response to a larger approach; educating local jurisdictions and the public on this issue; formulating regional partnerships; taking leadership; a symposium on renewable energy on July 26; a climate summit on November 10; briefing the Joint Policy Committee. Chair Green noted the consensus to have this issue on an upcoming General Assembly.

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### **7. ABAG Corridor Planning Program**

Christy Riviere, Senior Regional Planner, reported on the results from surveys and interviews conducted for the Corridor Planning Program. Staff members completed a series of interviews with opinion leaders of community-based organizations in three key corridors, El Camino, San Pablo, and E 14th, which identified both opportunities and obstacles to development in five areas related to the regional vision and sustainability: community strengths/needs, housing, development, transportation, and community engagement. Information from the surveys will be used to develop an outreach plan for building awareness around the regional vision and sustainability, and as a service to local governments.

Members discussed planning for all modes of transportation; infill projects and community group resistance, particularly on density and affordability; changing “planning language”; community input and outreach; community planning meetings.

### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM with no quorum. The next meeting is on August 2, 2006.

Submitted by:

Fred Castro  
Clerk of the Board  
June 15, 2006