

Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter – Auditorium

101 8th Street, Oakland, California

June 3, 2009

Members Present:

Susan Adams, Supervisor County of Marin
Andy Barnes, Policy Chair, Urban Land Institute
Susan Bonilla, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
Patty Boyle, Bay Area League of Women Voters
Dave Cortese, Vice Mayor, City of San Jose, ABAG Immediate Past President
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa
Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato
Juliet Ellis, Urban Habitat Program
Dan Furtado, Councilmember, City of Campbell
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo/ABAG President
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Chair of RPC/ABAG Vice President
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton
Veronica Jacobi, Councilmember, City of Santa Rosa
Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Julie Pierce, Vice Mayor, City of Clayton
Harry Price, Mayor, City of Fairfield
A. Sepi Richardson, Mayor, City of Brisbane
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Pixie Hayward Schickele, California Teachers Association
Carol Severin, EBRPD Board of Directors
Jim Spering, Supervisor, Solano County
Beth Walukas, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

Members Absent:

Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, City of Dublin
Andrew Michael, Bay Area Council
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Dianne Spaulding, Nonprofit Housing of Northern California

ABAG Staff Present:

Kenneth Kirkey, Planning Director
Jeanne Perkins, Earthquake and Hazards Consultant
Dayle Farina, Administrative Assistant

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1. Call to Order/Introductions

- Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.
- Chairperson Green introduced new member Susan Bonilla, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes for April 1, 2009 Meeting.

Approval of the minutes was moved by Committee Member Adams and Seconded by Committee Member Eklund that the minutes be approved.

Minutes of April 1, 2009 were approved as submitted.

4. Oral Reports/Comments

A. Committee Members

Committee Member Adams reported that she testified at the Senate Budget Conference Committee on Health and Human Services. She described that proposed budget cuts would be devastating to the most vulnerable in the region and states communities.

Committee Member Furtado just returned from Sacramento where the League of California Cities was having an event to focus on the Budget. Mr. Furtado reminded the RPC that it is the responsibility of the legislature to balance the budget without borrowing from the local jurisdictions.

B. Staff

1. Planning Director, Ken Kirkey introduced ABAG Planning Department's new Principal Planner, Miriam Chion and presented her background to the RPC.
2. Mr. Kirkey explained Senate Bill 406, which was passed by the Senate on June 2. This Bill would provide funding for the Regional Agencies and jurisdictions in the Region, to implement Senate Bill 375. More information will be provided in the future.
3. Mr. Kirkey reminded the RPC Members about the Transit Oriented Development tour of the Pleasant Hill BART Station, Friday, June 5 at 9:15 at the Pleasant Hill BART Station.
4. Mr. Kirkey announced the FOCUS Forum event on June 26 at the SPUR Urban Center. The subject is on Development with Diversity.

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Mr. Kirkey encouraged the attendance of the RPC Members at this event.

5. LONG TERM RECOVERY PLANNING – Public Health Systems and Long Term Disaster Recovery.

Mr. Kirkey introduced this workshop as a continuing effort to assist the RPC in becoming the Bay Area's Regional Recovery Planning Body.

In August, at the next RPC meeting, presentation will be made and approval will be sought for the regional priorities for the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning effort, which is underway in many jurisdictions in the Region.

ABAG Staff is compiling a power point presentation and materials to take to the local jurisdictions related to the best practices report from last year. Mr. Kirkey asked for Committee Members to let him know if they are interested in a presentation in their jurisdiction or Mayors & Councilmembers groups.

Jeannie Perkins, Hazards & Recovery Consultant, who introduced this, the seventh in a series of workshops, and the members of the panel, who made their presentations. Questions were taken following each of the four presentations.

**Jeanette Cotanche, RN, Chief of Compliance & Safety
Alameda County Medical Center (ACMC)**

**Mantu Davis, MD, MPH, Deputy Health Officer
Alameda County Public Health Department**

**Tomas Aragon, MD, DrPH, Director & Medical Epidemiologist, Center for
Infectious Diseases & Emergency Readiness
University of California Berkeley, School of Public Health**

**Chris Tokas, SE, Manager, Hospital Seismic Retrofit Program
Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHPOD)**

Chair Green asked Dr. Davis to share his experience as to the ideal size of a neighborhood group and how that might be determined. Dr. Davis explained that there is no set standard. He indicated that neighborhood context and conditions suggest what the appropriate size might be.

Committee Member Adams asked where the money comes from for seismic upgrades to hospitals. This was addressed to the entire panel.

Mr. Tokas responded that relative to privately-owned hospitals, the State gave the owners time to plan budgets for seismic retrofits but did not make money available to

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them. Committee Member Adams commented that public hospitals have not been provided resources to meet the requirements and asked what happens if a hospital is not in compliance. Mr. Tokas explained that Senate Bill 306 addresses those concerns. If a publicly owned hospital does not have the resources, it does not have to meet the 2013 deadline. The law allows them the time until 2020.

Committee Member Cortese commented that some private sector hospitals have indicated that the hospitals cannot afford to retrofit hospitals unless the hospital is closed. Mr. Cortese then asked: What leverage do we have for the private sector to keep hospitals open during a retrofit? What tools should be pursued? Mr. Tokas agreed that these are important issues. He did not readily have the answers to these specific questions.

Committee Member Hosterman asked: What are the health care recovery and mitigation strategies that can be employed that do not cost money (i.e. communications, pooling resources, etc). Mr. Mantu responded that there are many strategies that are applied which are cost-free. One thing that is done is to discuss preventive measures related to habits (i.e. hand washing, etc). It's a matter of getting these messages out and how they are delivered.

Chair Green asked if data is available which would show statistics related to readiness and recovery planning for ancillary medical facilities (pharmacies, clinics, etc.). Mr. Mantu responded that no data is available, to his knowledge. He stated that private practices and businesses generally do not want to share their recovery plans and there is not currently any regulation in place to require them to do so. Chair Green commented that city planning departments could require recovery plans for "new" businesses & practices.

Ms. Sandra Williams, Emergency Manager for Alameda County Medical Center responded that Alameda County is looking at pooling all disciplines in both the public and private sectors by conducting a workshop on how to proactively address emergency management. Ms. Williams also stated that in Alameda County they are working on building & identifying key and critical healthcare facilities and working with them.

Committee Member Haggerty asked if any of the panel is working with CARD (Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters) currently. Ms. Williams responded that Alameda County Medical Center does work with them. Anna Marie Jones, Executive Director of CARD, works with the community based organizations within the community to help them build their plans. Mr. Haggerty suggested having Anna Marie Jones attend an RPC meeting.

Mr. Mantu commented that Public Health Department does look at Recovery Planning as part of the contract process.

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Committee Member Adams commented that they have a Medical Reserve Corp set up in Marin County and offered to share information about how to set similar programs up in other Counties. Committee Member Haggerty said that he would like to see a presentation made on setting up a Medical Reserve Corp and possibly setting up an inter-county response team.

Chair Green asked for comments and questions from the Public.

Mr. Kirkey indicated that Staff would research model ordinances in individual jurisdictions related to ancillary facilities and bring the results back to the RPC..

Next Steps:

August RPC - Local Hazard Mitigation Plans regional priority recommendations to the RPC.

Staff will be reaching out to the RPC regarding Best Practices reports coming out to the jurisdictions with information. Topics will include land use and government management issues.

Staff will be reporting back to the RPC related to results from working with local business organizations about what has been done and how much more needs to be done. Look for a report on this, possibly in October.

Mr. Mantu suggested looking into Disaster Medical Assistance Teams in San Jose and State of California volunteer system.

ADJOURN:

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m. The next meeting is on August 5, 2009.

Submitted by:

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