

Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium

101 8th Street, Oakland, California

October 4, 2006

Members Present

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin
Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville
Shiloh Ballard, Director, Housing and Community Development, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco
David Cortese, Councilmember, City of San Jose
Daniel Furtado, Vice Mayor, City of Campbell
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
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council
Dena Mossar, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto
Joseph Perkins, CEO, Home Builders Association of Northern California
Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton
Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance

Members Absent

Irma Anderson, Mayor, City of Richmond
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, Sonoma County
Chris Daly, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat
Nicholas Jellins, Mayor, City of Menlo Park
Jake Mackenzie, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park
Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Mike Moore, Community Dev. Director, BAPDA
Cynthia Murray, Supervisor, County of Marin
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Mary Nejedly Piepho, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
R. Sean Randolph, President, Bay Area Economic Forum
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Dianne Spaulding, (Geeta Rao) Executive Director, Nonprofit Housing of Northern California
John Vasquez, Supervisor, County of Solano
Mary Warren, Board Member, Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Staff Present

Kenneth Kirkey, Interim Planning Director
Gillian Adams, Regional Planner
Felila Toleafoa, Administrative Secretary

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 August 2, 2006.

Minutes were not approved, due to no quorum present.

4. Oral Reports/Comments

A. Committee Members

None

B. Staff

None

5. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), Jennifer Krebs and Dave Richardson

Jennifer Krebs, Senior Environmental Planner at the Estuary Project, spoke about the plan and how it recognizes the importance of over 100 priority projects around the Bay to improve our water quality and water supply, to protect the Bay and riparian habitats, to minimize population disturbing flooding and other water issues that affect the Bay Area. Ken Schwartz, of Jones and Stokes, the lead consultant on this plan, gave an overview and geography of the plan. He described that the plan is not the entirety of the counties of the Bay Area, but more specifically the regional water quality control board's region. These are bay draining regions, the northern part of Sonoma, which drains to the Russian River, for example, or the southern portion of Santa Clara County which will drain Monterey Bay. A draft plan is available to view online at www.bayareairwmp.net. The IRWMP is built on four component elements, or functional areas:

- Water Supply / Water Quality
- Waste Water / Recycled Water
- Flood Protection / Storm Water Management
- Watershed Management / Habitat Protection and Restoration

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The actual guidelines for the plan are spelled out in Proposition 50, which is the funding mechanism to develop these plans, and to fund the early implementation.

Dave Richardson of RMC referred to the technical coordinating committee (TCC), which has provided related input to IRWMP from regulatory and resource agencies, NGO's, environmental justice groups and local governments. The long term objective is to manage a future grant application for the next cycle of Proposition 50, which is going to happen in a year. If Proposition 84 passes, there will be an additional opportunity for funding requests and pursuits.

Members discussed how to get information on the application process, the cost of the 116 projects, taking into consideration other water management guidelines such as stream and water management master plans of water suppliers. Members wanted to know how to get more involved with the TCC. Mr. Schwartz recommended contacting the chair, Stan Williams, who is the General Manager of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, as well as the co-chair, Nadine Hitchcock from Coastal Conservancy. Although some members were apprehensive about being asked to act upon this presentation with not enough time to deliberate, members expressed the importance for ABAG to support the IRWMP effort.

6. Regional Housing Needs by Gillian Adams, Regional Planner ABAG

Gillian Adams gave an overview on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. In May 2006, the Housing Methodology Committee (HMC) was formed. The HMC is made up of elected officials, city and county staff and stakeholder representatives. ABAG staff and the HMC are using *Projections* as the first step in the allocation of housing units to local governments. *Projections* now assume that more of the region's future growth will shift toward existing urbanized areas, and away from undeveloped areas and agricultural lands. In addition to giving each jurisdiction a total number of units for which it must plan, the RHNA methodology must also allocate those units by the State's four income categories: very low, low, moderate and above-moderate. Based on the statutory schedule, the HMC will work to finalize its recommendation to staff at the HMC meeting on October 19th. The draft methodology will then be presented to ABAG's Executive Board on November 16th. Once the methodology has been adopted by the board, there will be a 60- day public comment period for local governments and the public to ask questions and provide feedback. After the public comments have been addressed, it is expected that the final methodology will be adopted by the Executive Board at its January 18, 2007 meeting.

Some members described the goals of shifting growth to urbanized areas as unrealistic, there was also discussion related to changes in the RHNA process for the pending cycle that are good as a result of the legislative changes that were made and the concern was expressed by some members that over the

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past 7 years our region, collectively, has failed to produce the amount of housing necessary to keep pace with job growth, as well as the population growth. Members discussed the issue of weighing the jobs/housing balance.

7. **Focusing Our Vision, Kenneth Kirkey, Interim Planning Director ABAG**

Focusing Our Vision, (FOCUS) is an effort that builds upon work related to the Smart Growth Livability Footprint Project and policies coming out of that project that were adopted by the regional agencies including MTC and ABAG. FOCUS is a regional development and conservation strategy geared to identify areas within the region that might be appropriate locations for growth, and areas within the region that would be appropriately conserved because of resource values, whether as potential urban parks or because of important scenic and/or natural resource values. A technical advisory committee (TAC) has been formed and is comprised of local staff who've been meeting since May.

Along with our FOCUS, RHNA and *Projections* are moving forward as well. To ensure that we really have the kind of outreach effort that is needed at the local and county level, ABAG would like RPC members to think about what is needed in each jurisdiction relative to outreach on these significant regional programs. There will be a more detailed staff report coming forward in advance of the December meeting. RPC members are asked to come to this meeting prepared to talk about regional policy issues related to development and conservation.

Members asked if these policy questions will be available for review in the packets prior to the December meeting. Mr. Kirkey indicated that staff would provide specific policy questions in the meeting packet.

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM. The next meeting is on December 6, 2006.

Submitted by:

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