

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area

MEMO

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To: Regional Planning Committee (RPC)

Subject: Forum on Land Use Change and Long-Term Disaster Recovery

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Executive Summary

Since December 2007, ABAG has held seven workshops related to issues that slow long-term recovery after major disasters, including:

- Financing
- Housing recovery
- Business recovery
- Recovery of government facilities and services
- Lifelines
- Schools
- Public Health

Land Use Change during the Long-Term Recovery Process is the topic of this 8th workshop.

Companion issue papers have been developed to assist with preparing the Regional Planning Committee to serve as the Regional Recovery Task Force for the Bay Area and to provide the basis for further research and program development pertaining to Recovery Planning. These issue papers and discussions are identifying some “best practices” for local governments, as well as potential activities of ABAG for regional coordination.

Recommended Action

RPC members are encouraged to participate in the discussion at the RPC meeting. Recommendations and input relative to land use change in a regional recovery plan is needed.

Next Steps

Issues of public health, land use change, and government management will be discussed at future RPC meetings. The Association of Bay Area Governments is developing pilot disaster recovery plans with the cities of Oakland and San Jose that will serve as a basis for expanding recovery planning in the region. In summer 2009 ABAG staff will be available to present the findings of the Regional Recovery Planning Best Practices Report developed in 2008 to local jurisdictions. Finally, ABAG staff is working with economic development and other regional stakeholder groups to develop a larger, more comprehensive recovery planning program for the Bay Area. Staff will present a Staff Report on these efforts to the RPC at a later meeting.

Attachments – *Invitation Flyer* and *Issue Paper* for December 2, 2009 Workshop Forum and Long-Term Disaster Recovery