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TO: Regional Planning Committee (RPC)

FROM: Ken Kirkey, Planning Director

RE: Status of Regional Recovery Planning Initiative and 4th Workshop
pertaining to the Recovery of Government Facilities

Since late 2007, staff has been working on the development of several issue papers related to identifying issues that slow long-term recovery after major disasters. These issue papers have identified some “best practices” of and for local governments, as well as potential activities for the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) relative to regional coordination during a post-disaster recovery period. (“Recovery” is that period from a few hours to several years after the disaster when we rebuild our buildings, infrastructure, and communities.)

On December 3rd, 2008 *during the regularly scheduled Regional Planning Committee meeting* the RPC will receive an update on the overall status of ABAG’s Regional Recovery Planning efforts and consider some of the relevant issues pertaining to the issue of *Transportation and Lifeline Infrastructure Connections to Long-Term Disaster Recovery* following a major disaster. Speakers will include William Cain, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD); Lessly Field, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E); Jeff Georgevich, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); Tracy Johnson, Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART); and, a representative of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).

This discussion is the fifth issue of long-term recovery planning being examined by RPC. Workshops in the past eight months have examined the issues of obtaining funding for recovery (December 2007), long-term housing recovery (April 2008), recovery of local businesses (June 2008), and local government facilities and services (August 2008). Through this series of Regional Planning Committee workshops ABAG seeks to:

1. Provide training for Bay Area elected officials and senior staff regarding the critical issues that will arise during the post-disaster recovery period.
2. Assemble and disseminate a comprehensive series of Recovery Planning Best Practices that will help mitigate the impact of a major event including model building ordinances, mutual aid agreements, and financial recovery strategies. This information will be released in fall 2008 to coincide with the 140th anniversary of the last major earthquake on the Hayward Fault. ABAG will also be releasing a related Recovery Planning Best Practices “Scorecard” identifying those local jurisdictions that have implemented recommended best practices (agenda item #6).
3. Prepare the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) to serve as a Regional recovery Task Force for the Bay Area in the weeks, months, and years following a major disaster as the region rebuilds.