

Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter – Auditorium

101 8th Street, Oakland, California

October 1, 2008

Members Present:

Susan Adams, Supervisor County of Marin
Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Patty Boyle, Bay Area League of Women Voters
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, Napa County
Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato
Dan Furtado. Councilmember, City of Campbell
Rose Jacobs Gibson. Supervisor, County of San Mateo/ABAG President
Federal Glover, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Chair of RPC/ABAG Vice President
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton
Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Nate Miley. Supervisory, County of Alameda
Joseph Perkins, HBANC
Julie Pierce, Vice Mayor, City of Clayton
Harry Price, Mayor, City of Fairfield
A. Sepi Richardson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Brisbane
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Pixie Hayward Schickele, California Teachers Association
Jim Spering, Supervisor, Solano County

Members Absent:

Andy Barnes, Policy Chair, Urban Land Institute
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Jose Cisneros. Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco
Dave Cortese. Vice Mayor, City of San Jose, ABAG Immediate Past President
Bill Dodd, Supervisor, Napa County
Juliet Ellis, Urban Habitat Program
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, City of Dublin
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club
Jim Leddy, Bay Area CMA
Lesla McIntosh, Board Member, EBMUD
Andrew Michael. Bay Area Council
Mike Moore. BAPDA
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Carol Severin, EBRPD Board of Directors
Dianne Spaulding, Nonprofit Housing of Northern California

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ABAG Staff Present:

Kenneth Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director

Linda Min, Intern

Jeanne Perkins, Hazards Consultant

Jaqueline Guzman, Regional Planner

Christy Riviere, Senior Planner

Dayle Farina, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order/Introductions

- Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.
- Chairperson Green introduced new RPC Member, Patricia Boyle, League of Women Voters Bay Area Board, and provided her background.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2008 Meeting.

It was Moved by Committee Member Eklund and Seconded by Committee Member Adams that the minutes be approved.

Discussion raised the following corrections:

1. Andy Barnes was present at the meeting.
2. Dan Furtado stated that on page 6 – 5th paragraph down. Please clarify acronym BDCP: Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Minutes of October August 6, 2008 were approved as corrected.

4. Oral Reports/Comments

A. Committee Members

1. Committee Member Eklund requested that this committee begin discussing SB375, which was signed by the Governor yesterday. She would like this on the agenda for December meeting.

Committee Member Spring requested that someone from MTC be present at the meeting to explain the role with the regional planning Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Committee Member Hosterman recommended that we have someone from the Clean Air Resources Board (CARB) present to address AB32 as it relates to SB375.

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Committee Member Furtado added that it would be beneficial to incorporate it into their planning process for Projections 2009.

B. Staff

1. Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director, announced the following events:
 - **Rail-Volution** – A national event focusing on Transit Oriented Development October 23-29 in San Francisco. Co-sponsored by MTC and ABAG. Mr. Kirkey encouraged the Committee's attendance.
 - **ABAG Fall General Assembly** – Friday October 24 at the Oakland Marriott from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Topic: Regional Water Land Use Planning.
 - **SB375** – We will be working with MTC Staff on how we will proceed and will bring it back to you in December. The Governor did sign the Bill. Mr. Kirkey then pointed out some of the highlights of the Bill.
 - The Governor also signed **SB732**, which sets up a Strategic Growth Council comprised of agency representatives and is geared toward distributing \$90,000,000 in Proposition 84 funds for planning related to SB375. The funds are available, not only for MPOs and COGs that are advancing the process with local jurisdictions but also for the local jurisdictions, congestion management agencies, etc.
 - **SB2954**, also passed, creates the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, which will be a partnership with the Coastal Conservancy to restore or enhance approximately 3,500 acres of wetlands around the bay and ABAG will be responsible for appointing the seven members of the board that will guide this effort. Mr. Kirkey explained the configuration of the Board and the direction to which the Authority will be geared.

Committee Member Adams asked what the relationship will be between this new agency and BCDC. Mr. Kirkey commented that it must conform with BCDC's policies to preserve the shoreline. BCDC will not be appointing the members, but, restoration activities will be coordinated with BCDC's Bay Management Plan.

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- Chairperson Green encouraged everyone to attend the General Assembly.

5. Long Term Disaster Recovery Planning: Discussion of Findings of Survey of Existing Long-Term Recovery Planning Efforts – Information.

Linda Min, Earthquake and Hazards Intern, presented the results of the survey. As of the second deadline, 85 of the 109 ABAG members had participated in the survey. The response rate was 80 %. Since the last RPC meeting an additional 31 responses had been received. Ms. Min thanked the RPC Members for encouraging the local jurisdictions to participate.

Chairperson Green commented on the response rate not being favorable when 25 cities have not responded. He encouraged those cities that had not yet responded to submit the survey. Committee Member Hosterman asked if it is still acceptable to submit the survey from Pleasanton. Ms. Min indicated that it was. Committee Member Adams asked if the survey addressed whether cities, towns and counties had pre-disaster contracts or RFPs. She commented that if you don't have this, FEMA will not reimburse the expense. Ms. Adams also asked if there is a way for those cities that did send in their data to ask for a specific analysis for their result relative to where they stand compared to the overall result of other agencies. Ms. Min responded that contacting the Earthquake and Hazards team would yield this information to the requestor.

Committee Member Furtado commented that he believed a number of the mitigation standards which were mentioned as important, were already addressed by the California Building Officials Organization (CALBO). The cities/counties can check with CALBO to compare what they have to the CALBO Standards. Ms. Min responded that ABAG has that model on their website for reference. Committee Member Price requested information regarding the emergency expenditure of \$100,000. Most cities have an authorization of \$25,000. Is there any difficulty in increasing that, at the local level, to \$100,000? Ms. Min responded that she believed it was dependent on each jurisdiction's Municipal Code. Chairperson Green commented that his city, Union City, has raised its limit, even at the non-emergency level and did not believe that there was a state-mandated limit on this authorization amount. It should be a City Council decision.

Committee Member Spering asked if a scorecard was going to be developed to send back to the jurisdictions to provide feedback to the jurisdictions. Jeanne Perkins stated that what may be feasible is the tool in survey monkey which measures your own jurisdiction responses against the others.

Committee Member Pierce would like a copy of the report and/or PowerPoint Presentation so that she can share it with the members of her Council. Ms. Pierce felt the information was very clear in the presentation; more clear than the information

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provided in the RPC Packet. She recommended, also, that a table with the data received in the survey, be distributed. Mr. Kirkey responded that the Agency staff would be taking this information on road to share with the different jurisdictions. Committee Member Dillon agreed with Committee Member Pierce that something is needed that they can show to the “folks at home.” Ms. Dillon was concerned about priorities for next year’s budget and would like this information before the “dog & pony” show goes on the road next year.

Committee Member Adams asked if a link existed on the ABAG homepage which would direct one to the information posted on the website. Ms. Min directed the committee members to the Earthquake link.

Committee Member Adams recommended that the link be change from Earthquake to Disaster or Hazards. Committee Member Jacobs Gibson asked if there would be a presentation at the General Assembly (GA) or just a handout. She recommends holding a forum for a larger discussion on these results. Chairperson Green recommended that ABAG have something available (i.e. PowerPoint, etc.) for each attendee of the GA to take away and share the information with their City Councils, etc. Committee Member Jacobs Gibson stated that she would like to take this information to their Emergency Committee, which is comprised of City Representatives. This would be used as a tool to encourage City Representatives to attend the General Assembly. Committee Member Pierce recommended developing a video of Ms Min presenting the information so that the information would be more accurately presented than she or the other Committee Members might deliver.

6. FOCUS Priority Development Area Applications Received and Recommended

Jackie Guzman, ABAG Regional Planner presented information on the second round of Priority Development Area applications. Ms. Guzman asked for endorsement from the Regional Planning Committee to proceed with forwarding the recommendations to the Executive Board for adoption of these areas as part of FOCUS, the San Francisco Bay Area’s Regional Blueprint Plan.

Chairperson Green asked how many additional PDAs were likely to be added in the future.

Mr. Kirkey responded that the Agency was close in terms of the areas that could likely meet the criteria to be designated as Priority Development Areas. He stated that there will be additional calls for the \$24,000,000 allocated by the Commission for additional Planning Grants over the next 4-5 years. Committee Member Adams commented that it is important for RPC to track the process of the PDAs. She suggested a quarterly report as one option. Ms. Adams also mentioned that ABAG could facilitate accessing resources for the PDAs.

Chairperson Green called for a motion:

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Committee Member Price moved and Committee Member Haggerty seconded the motion.

The Motion carried unanimously

7. Projections 2009 Performance Targets: Outreach Effort

Ken Kirkey, Planning Director, presented a proposal to discuss alternative performance-based land use scenarios with local governments and sought the input of Committee Members. Chairperson Green commented that, as one of the recipient counties that would absorb more growth, it was important to note that many communities are struggling with education funding; the strain on education funding should be taken under consideration. *Committee Member Pierce commented that there will be huge infrastructure costs in the older communities targeted for growth.*

Mr. Kirkey responded to Ms. Pierce's issue by stating that the FOCUS initiative is an incentive-based effort to provide resources to communities taking on the region's growth in infill areas.

Committee Member Furtado asked Committee Member Perkins to comment on whether housing developed near vehicle dependent areas has lost value and those developments which are closer to transit and shuttles have either stayed the same or increased in value. Committee Member Perkins responded that his belief is that the evidence is anecdotal. Certainly the closer you get to the inner bay the values hold up. Values are down throughout the bay area.

Committee Member Perkins commented that his members are not happy with the performance target of 900 acres of Greenfield development per year. Mr. Perkins believes that Senator Steinberg created the perfect model in creating SB375 by making sure everyone was at the table when coming up with the targets. Committee Member Spering expressed his concern that the targets do not consider local infill. Mr. Spering also expressed concern over the numbers placed around Greenfield development.

Committee Member Adams commented that the Greenfield development should be limited. It would be helpful to research how many acres of Greenfield have been developed historically.

Committee Member Perkins responded that the Bay Area has more permanent Open Space that will not be developed than any other major urban region in the world.

Committee Member Spering commented that placing a limitation, such as 900 acres per year, on Greenfield development has the potential to be mis-used by development opponents.

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Committee Member Furtado commented that we need to be careful judging communities for being on the PDA list. Committee Member thanked Mr. Perkins for raising the issue of the limited number for Greenfield development.

Committee Member Dillon mentioned other considerations such as agricultural land related to Greenfield development. She recommended having a long-term regional vision related to agricultural land.

Committee Member Haggerty recommended that the gateway counties on the region's edge be involved in the discussion on how to gain an understanding on how growth will happen in those counties as well.

ADJOURN:

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting is on October 1, 2008.

Submitted by:

Dayle Farina

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