

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

November 13, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Scott Funk presiding, convened at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Seaside Community Room, 220 Coe Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Funk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	County of Monterey	Mary Adams
Del Rey Oaks	Louise Goetzelt	County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of San Benito	Mark Medina
King City	Carlos Victoria		
Marina	Lisa Berkley	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Monterey	Alan Haffa	MBCP	J.R. Killigrew
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	MPAD	Michael La Pier
Salinas	Steve McShane	TAMC	Debbie Hale
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman		
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone		
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings		
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm		
Watsonville	Felipe Hernandez		
ABSENT:			
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Bobby Richards	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Greenfield	Lance Walker	Caltrans, District 5	Tim Gubbins
Hollister	Carol Lenior	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Seaside	Alissa Kispersky	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
Soledad	Carla Stewart	SBtCOG	Mary Gilbert
County of Monterey	John Phillips	SC METRO	Alex Clifford
County of Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson	SCCRTC	Guy Preston
County of San Benito	Jim Gillio		

Others Present: Elisabeth Bertrand, Director of Special Projects; Xiang Lan, Associate Planner; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Liz Hurtado-Espinosa, Principal Accountant; Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Sasha Tepedelenova, Associate Planner; Will Condon, Planner; Bobbie Grant, Office Assistant; Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and Ana Flores, Senior Executive Assistant.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Director Carbone reported that the Nomination Committee nominated Steve McShane as President and Kristen Petersen as 1st Vice President. The nomination for 2nd Vice President will be made the January 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion made by Director Victoria, seconded by Director Timm to elect Steve McShane as President and Kristen Petersen as 1st Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. Draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019

Mike Nolan, Hayashi & Wayland gave an overview of the draft CAFR for FY 2018-2019. Mr. Nolan stated that AMBAG received a unmodified opinion on the financial statements and a clean single audit with no findings. Mr. Nolan also reported that no management letter was issued. Brief discussion followed.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President Funk reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) the minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting; 2) list of warrants as of August 31, 2019; and 3) accounts receivable as of August 31, 2019. The Executive/Finance Committee also received 1) presentation on the draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2018-2019 from Mike Nolan, CPA and Audit Partner with Hayashi & Wayland Accounting & Consulting, LLP; and 2) the financial update report from Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Director McShane reported that the MBNMS Management Plan was submitted for review.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that appoints were made for the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program. The appointments are 1) Monterey County: Joe Gunter, John Phillips, and Mike LeBarre; 2) San Luis Obispo County: Adam Hill, Jimmy Paulding, and Fred Strong; 3) Santa Cruz County: Bruce McPherson, Francisco Estrada, and Kristen Petersen; 4) Ignacio Velazquez, Jim Gillio, and John Freeman; and 5) Santa Barbara County: Ariston Julian, Joan Hartmann, and Alice Patino. Ms. Twomey reported that AMBAG will be confirmed as the fiscal agent for the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program at the first Central Coast Housing Working Group meeting.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the October 9, 2019 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The minutes of the October 9, 2019 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Energy Watch Update Report

The Energy Watch update report was accepted.

D. Draft 2020 Calendar of Meetings

The 2020 Calendar of Meetings was approved.

E. Amendment No. 2 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey

The Amendment No. 2 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey was approved.

F. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Motion made by Director Carbone, seconded by Director McShane to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

12. PLANNING

A. Central Coast Highway 1 Climate Resiliency Study

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning, gave an overview of the Central Coast Highway 1 Climate Resiliency Study. The Study was funded by a SB 1 Adaptation Planning Grant with local matches from AMBAG, TNC and CBE. CalSTA gave additional funding to evaluate the rail corridor. The study will develop a transportation corridor concept that integrates consideration of the values of natural resources with the corridor transportation needs. The project goals for the study are to identify sea level rise adaptation approaches for Highway 1 and the rail corridor that can 1) improve transportation safety and efficiency; 2) promote healthy coastal habitats; and 3) provide economic security and benefits to the local community. The Steering Committee is made up of 1) AMBAG; 2) Caltrans; 3) The Nature Conservancy; 4) Environmental Science Associates; 5) TAMC; 6) Center for the Blue Economy; 7) County of Monterey; 8) California Coastal Commission; 9) Elkhorn Slough Foundation; 10) Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve; 11) U.S. Fish & Wildlife; 12) Central Coast Wetlands Group; 13) Coastal Conservancy; and 14) Moss Landing Harbor District. The adaptation scenario concepts are 1) improvements to SR 1 and rail corridor; 2) improvements to alternative/parallel corridor; 3) consolidated transportation corridor; 4) improved hydraulic conveyance; 5) habitat ecotones; and 6) habitat evolution. Evaluation of adaptation scenarios are 1) various modeling of future conditions currently underway; 2) transportation: travel time, VMT, freight delay, accessibility, and impacts to natural resources; 3) ecological and hydrology; and 4) economic: costs and benefits associated with each scenario. Ms. Adamson reported that a public workshop was held in August 2019 and additional workshops and stakeholder meetings are scheduled in early 2020. The next steps are 1) September 2019 – January 2020: Evaluation of adaptation scenarios and benefit cost analysis; 2) January 2020 – June 2020: the Final Report will be completed; and 3) June 2020: Adoption of the final adaptation strategy. Brief discussion followed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 13, 2019

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)				
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item# 6	Item# 10
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	X	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Bobby Richards	AB	-	-
Del Rey Oaks	Louise Goetzelt	X	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y	Y
Greenfield	Lance Walker	AB	-	-
Hollister	Carol Lenoir	AB	-	-
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y
Marina	Lisa Berkley	X	Y	Y
Monterey	Alan Haffa	X	Y	Y
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	X	Y	Y
Salinas	Steve McShane	X	Y	Y
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	X	Y	Y
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings	X	Y	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y	Y
Seaside	Alissa Kispersky	AB	-	-
Soledad	Carla Stewart	AB	-	-
Watsonville	Felipe Hernandez	X	Y	Y
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	Y
County-Monterey	John Phillips	AB	-	-
County-Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson	AB	-	-
County-Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	X	Y	Y
County-San Benito	Jim Gillio	AB	-	-
County-San Benito	Mark Medina	X	Y	Y

(* = Board Member(s) arrived late or left early, therefore, did not vote on the item. Please refer the minutes)