

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

March 11, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Steve McShane presiding, convened at 6:02 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Marina Library, Community Room, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina, CA 93933.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Wizard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Others Present: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration; Amaury Berteaud, Assistant Special Projects Manager; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; 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. PRESENTATIONS

A. Current CPUC Energy Efficiency Policy and Regional Energy Networks

Elisabeth Bertrand, Director of Special Projects gave a presentation on the current California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Efficiency Policy and Regional Energy Networks (RENs). The CPUC and Regional Energy Networks 1) allowed only two RENs to begin operations; 2) they could only begin as pilot programs; 3) they were located in two large urban areas: Los Angeles and San Francisco; 4) the two programs were named SoCal REN and Bay REN; and 5) the two pilot RENS were set up to augment existing energy efficiency programs. The CPUC's goal of the pilot REN status is "to lead to a series of lessons learned". Mrs. Bertrand add that 1) AMBAG has been collaborating with partners working on energy efficiency in other rural regions; 2) the Rural and Hard to Reach Working Group has participated in the CPUC regulatory process to represent the rural regions of California; and 3) AMBAG has discussed the concept of serving rural customers with a REN. Brief discussion followed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President McShane reported that the Executive/Finance Committee meeting did not meet due to lack of quorum.

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

President McShane gave a report on the February 21, 2020 SAC meeting. President McShane stated that the MBNMS Management Plan will be brought for approval at the April 2020 SAC meeting. President McShane stated that the SAC will be invited to a future AMBAG Board of Directors meeting to give a presentation on the Management Plan. The SAC received an update on marine debris. President McShane referred to a sample voluntary balloon ban letter provided by the MBNMS. Staff will forward a copy to the AMBAG Board of Directors for their jurisdictions consideration. The SAC was also received the MBNMS 2019 Accomplishments. Staff will forward this to the AMBAG Board of Directors.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director announced that Elisabeth Bertrand, Director of Special Projects would be retiring at the end of March 2020.

President McShane presented Mrs. Bertrand with a plaque and flowers for her dedication to AMBAG.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the February 12, 2020 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the February 12, 2020 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 Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2019-20 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

The Draft Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2019-20 OWP and Budget was approved.

E. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

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

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

None.

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Draft FY 2020-21 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling gave a presentation on the draft FY 2020-21 OWP and Budget. The FY 2020-2021 OWP is 1) a federally required document to receive federal funds; 2) covers all AMBAG work programs and activities; 3) used as a project management tool by staff; 4) implements 10 Federal Planning Factors; and 5) implements the AMBAG Board adopted priorities; a) Modeling and Research, b) Planning and Forecasts; c) Sustainable Development Strategies; and d) Collaborative Planning and Implementation. The FY 2020-2021 OWP highlights are 1) Development and management of current and future year OWP; 2) Regional coordination and FAST Act

implantation; 3) Development of the Public Participation Plan for the MTP/SCS and MTIP; 4) GIS data analysis, GIS Web portal and member services; 5) Maintain AMBAG Regional Travel Demand Model and development of the Activity Base Model for the 2045 MTP/SCS; 6) Local Government Planning support grant program for Housing; 7) monitoring and reporting Transportation Performance Management; 8) development and coordination of Regional Housing Need Assessment; 9) development and coordination of the 2045 MTP/SCS; 10) management of the FY 2018 MTIP and development of the draft FFY 2020 MTIP; 11) highway and transit corridor planning and management studies; 12) development of Greenhouse Gas Inventories; 13) Central Coast Highway 1 Climate Resiliency Study; and 14) provide technical assistance under RAPS, Inc. Dr. Patel reported that the draft FY 2020 – 2021 will be brought back to the May AMBAG Board of Directors for adoption. Dr. Patel gave an overview of the draft FY 2020-2021 Budget. The funding highlights are 1) it's a balanced budget pursuant to the AMBAG By-Laws; 2) there is no change to total member dues; and 3) revenue by source a) Federal - \$ 1,846,130; b) State - \$8,951,046; c) Local - \$423,950. The expenditure highlights are 1) staff level is maintained equivalent to FY 2019-2020; 2) there is a reduction in professional services due to project/grant closeout; 3) the General Fund expenditures include costs that are not eligible for Federal reimbursement, such as, interest, fees and cash match to meet federal/state grant requirements; and 4) continued use of toll credits preserves the General Funds. Brief discussion followed.

12. PLANNING

A. Draft 2022 Regional Growth Forecast

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave a presentation on the draft 2022 Regional Growth Forecast. Ms. Adamson reported that the 2022 Regional Growth Forecast (Forecast) for the AMBAG region shows slowing growth for employment and population. The Forecast is 1) updated every four years; 2) forecasts population, housing and employment for the tri-county region; 3) base year is 2015 and the horizon year is 2045; 4) it's the basis for planning for growth in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), transportation project level analysis, corridor studies, and economic analysis; and 5) input for the Regional Travel Demand Model which forecasts travel patterns. The Forecast alone does not guide the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The RHNA methodology for disaggregation also considers 1) fair share (avoiding disproportionate income categories); 2) lack of serve capacity such as water (by statute); 3) market demands for housing; 4) needs of farm works; and 5) needs generated by a university or college. Ms. Adamson added RHNA discussion will begin in 2021 following the development of the Forecast. Ms. Adamson explained the difference between Regional Growth Forecasts and General Plans. 1) the purpose of the Forecast is to show what is likely to occur; 2) General Plans often look at full potential build out in order to address potential environmental impacts; 3) Regional forecast are being developed on a difference timeline than General Plans; and 4) due to different goals and different timelines the numbers will not match exactly with any given General Plan. The Forecast process is based on a methodology that predicts employment growth using a model based on local data as well as state and national trends. The AMBAG Industry Employment Forecast is driven by projected national and statewide trends for all industries in the region using a shift-share model. This is the same technique used in the last forecast. Ms. Adamson provided follow-up answers to employment questions from the February 2020 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. The AMBAG Population Forecast is based historical trends in the ratio of population to employment in the AMBAG region. The draft Forecast projects that 1) region's population growth is slowing as reflected in lower 2020

Forecast update from the Department of Finance (DOF); 2) the AMBAG region is aging more rapidly than in prior forecasts; 3) there are smaller households than prior forecasts due to an aging population; and 4) there is a slightly lower household forecast. The AMBAG Housing Unit Forecast combines household forecast and the projected vacancy rate. The Housing Vacancy Rate forecast is higher than the 2018 Forecast. Ms. Adamson added that 1) employment data have been re-benchmarked to better reflect local industry; 2) population growth has slowed dramatically; 3) DOF forecast update is dramatically lower than prior projections; and 4) the housing growth may not slow as much as population growth with older population more likely to live alone. Brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Director Goetzelt, seconded by Director Freeman to accept the regional forecast numbers and direct staff to begin the disaggregation process to the county and city level. Motion passed unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: March 11, 2020

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)					
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item# 9	Item# 12.A	--
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	AB	-	-	-
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Bobby Richards	X	Y	Y	-
Del Rey Oaks	Louise Goetzelt	X	Y	Y	-
Gonzales	Scott Funk	AB	-	-	-
Greenfield	Lance Walker	X	Y	Y	-
Hollister	Carol Lenoir	X	Y	Y	-
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y	-
Marina	Lisa Berkley	AB	-	-	-
Monterey	Alan Haffa	X	Y	Y	-
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	AB	-	-	-
Salinas	Steve McShane	X	Y	Y	-
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y	Y	-
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	AB	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings	AB	-	-	-
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y	Y	-
Seaside	Jon Wizard	X	Y	Y	-
Soledad	Carla Stewart	AB	-	-	-
Watsonville	Felipe Hernandez	AB	-	-	-
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	Y	-
County-Monterey	John Phillips	X	Y	Y	-
County-Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson	X	Y	Y	-
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)