

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

October 14, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Steve McShane presiding, convened at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via GoToWebinar.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Others Present: Beth Jarosz, PRB Consultant; John Baker, CPUC; Diane Eidam, Retired Annuitant; Renee Golder, City of Santa Cruz, Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Amaury Berteaud, Special Projects Manager; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Bobbie Grant, Office Assistant; Will Condon, Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and Ana Flores, Senior Executive Assistant.

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

There were no written comments or oral comments from the public.

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

President McShane welcomed Supervisor Anthony Botelho to the AMBAG Board of Directors.

Supervisor Caput gave the Board an update on the fires and recovery in the County of Santa Cruz.

5. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

President McShane appointed Directors Funk, McPherson, and Smith to the Nomination Committee

Motion made by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Lara to approve the appointment of the Nomination Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President McShane reported that there was no Executive/Finance Committee meeting scheduled.

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

President McShane reported that the SAC will be discussing the development of best practices for unmanned aerial vehicle uses in the MBNMS. The SAC will also receive an update on soundscapes in the MBNMS.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that AMBAG completed the national peer review for the Activity Based Model in September. Staff is currently reviewing the recommendations and implementation of the new model.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the September 9, 2020 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the September 9, 2020 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

The AMBAG Sustainability Program Update was accepted.

D. Revised AMBAG Procurement Policies & Procedures Manual

The Revised AMBAG Procurement Policies & Procedures Manual was adopted.

E. Draft Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020-21 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

The Draft Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020-21 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget was approved.

F. Amendment No. 3 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey

The Amendment No. 3 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey was approved.

G. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

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

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

None.

10. PLANNING

A. Final Draft 2022 Regional Growth Forecast

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave a report on the 2022 Revised Draft Regional Growth Forecast (RGF). The RGF is the forecast for the tri-county area and forecasts population, housing and employment. The base year is 2015 but use some data through 2019 and 2020. The horizon year is 2045 and is the basis for planning for growth in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (MTP/SCS), transportation project level analysis, corridor studies, and economic analysis. The forecast numbers are input for the Regional Travel Demand Model which forecasts travel patterns. Ms. Adamson stated that 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 service capacity such as water (by statute); 3) market demands for housing; 4) needs of farm workers; and 5) needs generated by a university or college. RHNA discussions will begin in 2021 following the development of the growth forecast. The purpose of the RGF is to show what is likely to occur for transportation planning purposes. General Plans often look at the full potential of build out in order to address potential environmental impacts. The Regional forecast is being developed on a different time line than

General Plans. Due to different goals and different timelines the numbers will not match exactly with any given General Plan. Ms. Adamson reported that in the 2022 RGF for the AMBAG region, employment is expected to grow at a rate slightly lower than the rate predicted in the 2018 RGF. Population is also expected to grow more slowly. The final draft 2022 forecast is lower than the prior forecast reflecting recent changes in demographic trends. Ms. Adamson reported that the subregional forecast numbers were reviewed with all jurisdictions and their feedback was incorporated into the final draft subregional forecast. Staff conducted more than 80 one-on-one meetings to date with local jurisdictions and was discussed at Planning Director Forums. Ms. Adamson gave the 2022 Subregional update by county for population, housing, and jobs. Forecast work to date includes 1) work on the Preliminary Draft RGF in March 2020; 2) the Preliminary Draft Subregional Growth Forecast input and review with local jurisdictions in May 2020 through July 2020; 3) revised draft forecasts released to reflect updated 2020 estimates from the State of California Department of Finance in July 2020; 4) additional feedback received from local jurisdictions on revised draft forecasts in August 2020 & September 2020; and 5) the final draft forecasts in October 2020. Next steps include 1) the AMBAG Board is scheduled to accept the 2022 Regional Growth Forecast and subregional allocation in November 2020; and 2) later this year, AMBAG modeling staff will work with local jurisdictions to use RGF data to update the traffic analysis zones (TAZs) for the regional travel demand model which will require local jurisdiction input. Lengthy discussion followed.

Director Medina stated that he feels that the County of San Benito's numbers are grossly understated and do not correlate to what he sees in the county.

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning stated that staff worked closely with RMA staff on these numbers. It was determined that there is a lot of economic development in the County. Staff adjusted the numbers and they are higher than what we had in our previous growth forecast. RMA staff was comfortable with the numbers since the regional growth forecast is updated every four years.

Maura Twomey, Executive Director stated that by statute, we must be within a certain percentage of the Department of Finance numbers.

Director Botelho agreed with Director Medina's comment. Director Botelho stated that he understands that the numbers are revised every four years. The concern is that if the population and housing numbers are understated, it will understate our need for transportation dollars. We need for Caltrans and the CTC to help us fund our road improvements for our regional transportation needs.

Director Lenoir asked that staff clarify the 2022 Population, Employment, and Housing graph. The spreadsheet says that the County of San Benito has 21% growth in employment, however, the graph looks like there is a loss.

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning stated that the graph looks flat because of the scale compared to the Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz. For example, when compared to a large county such as Monterey that has over 2000,000 jobs, the line for the County of San Benito looks flat. The job growth percentage for the County of San Benito is 21% which is higher than the Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

Maura Twomey, Executive Director stated that AMBAG staff will schedule a meeting with the County of San Benito representatives and their staff to review the regional forecast numbers prior to the November AMBAG Board of Directors meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: October 14, 2020

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)				
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item# 5	Item# 8
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	X	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Bobby Richards	X	Y	Y
Del Rey Oaks	Louise Goetzelt	X	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y	Y
Greenfield	Lance Walker	X	Y	Y
Hollister	Carol Lenoir	X	Y	Y
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y
Marina	Lisa Berkley	AB	N/A	N/A
Monterey	Ed Smith	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	Jon Wizard	X	Y	Y
Soledad	Marisela Lara	X	Y	Y
Watsonville	Felipe Hernandez	X	Y	Y
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	AB	N/A	N/A
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	Anthony Botelho	X	Y	Y
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)