

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

March 10, 2021

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, March 10, 2021 via GoToWebinar.

2. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	County of Monterey	Mary Adams
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	County of Monterey	John Phillips
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput
Greenfield	Lance Walker	County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig
Hollister	Rick Perez (6:21)	County of San Benito	Mark Medina
King City	Carlos Victoria	County of San Benito	Bob Tiffany
Marina	Lisa Berkley		
Monterey	Ed Smith	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	3CE	Robert Shaw
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	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	SBtCOG	Mary Gilbert
Seaside	Jon Wizard	SCCRTC	Amy Naranjo
Soledad	Carla Strobridge	SC METRO	John Urgo
		TAMC	Debbie Hale
ABSENT:			
None.			

Others Present: Dawn Hayes, MBNMS; John Baker, CPUC; Cesar Flores, City of San Juan Bautista; Lowell Hurst, City of Watsonville; Kathy Biala, City of Marina; Colleen Courtney, County of Monterey; Diane Eidam, Retired Annuitant; Madilyn Jacobson, TAMC; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Bobbie Grant, Office Assistant; Will Condon, Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Amaury Berteaud, Special Projects Manager; Sasha Tepedelenova, Associate Planner; 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

There were no oral communications from the Board.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. MBNMS Sanctuary Management Plan

Dawn Hayes, Acting MBNMS Superintendent gave a report on the MBNMS Sanctuary Management Plan. The public comment period for the Management Plan review update was July 6, 2020 to September 4, 2020. There were 3 public meetings with 117 participants. The MBNMs received 107 comments through the public meetings and 52 comments on Regulations.gov. The proposed regulatory changes are 1) reducing the required condition to operate the MPWC at the Mavericks from high surf warning to a high surf advisory; 2) moving the boundaries for 4 year round MPWC zones closer to shore; 3) clarifying the beneficial use of suitable ocean-dredged material for habit restoration purposes within the MBNMS is fundamentally different from disposal of dredged material below the mean high water line; and 4) noticing the expected Department of Defense activities at the Davidson Seamount Management Zone. The majority of the comments received by the MBNMS focused on 1) need for wildlife and habitat protection; 2) reducing marine debris; 3) opposition to offshore wind energy projects; 4) support for education programs; 5) increasing research and monitoring; 6) research at Davidson Seamount; 7) addressing climate change; 8) improving water quality; and 9) support for the MBNMS's stakeholder engagement processes. Brief discussion followed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President McShane reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) the minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting; 2) list of warrants as of December 31, 2020; and 3) accounts receivable as of December 31, 2020. The Executive/Finance Committee also received the 1) financial update report from Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and 2) the Draft FY 2021-22 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program and Budget from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

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

President McShane reported that SAC received the Superintendent's Report. Despite the limitations of COVID-19, the Acting Superintendent reported that the Sanctuary has provided a robust education program this year, including serving 463 students in the Distance Learning Program and continuing support to teachers. The Charter Review Sub-Committee presented the recommended and required changes to the MBNMS Advisory Council Charter and they were approved by the SAC. The 2021 Advisory Council Work Plan was presented. Some of the topics scheduled for this year include 1) marine mammal interactions; 2) whale mortality; 3) sea level rise; 4) climate change; 5) kelp restoration; 6) environmental justice; and 7) microfiber pollution

research. The SAC also received a presentation on the comments to the Draft Management Plan and an update on the Management Plan process.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that Director Berkley and Director Funk will be attending the Annual Regional Leadership Forum on March 22nd and 23rd. The Forum will be held virtually and include sessions on issues of regional concern, including a Federal Policy Overview presented by former Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. Ms. Twomey reported that the California Transportation Agency released its draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, focused on implementing the Governor's Executive order N-19-19, which directs state agencies to leverage state transportation funds to help meet the state's climate goals and Executive Order N-79-20 which requires all new cars sold in the state to be Zero Emission by 2035. Staff will be reviewing the draft and make a presentation to the Board at their April 2021 meeting.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the February 10, 2021 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the February 10, 2021 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. 2021 Title VI Plan Development

The update on the 2021 Title VI/LEP Plan Development Process was accepted.

E. Delegation of Authority to Negotiate and Execute Agreement for Purchase of 2020/2021 Nissan Leaf Electric Vehicle

The Executive Director to enter into agreement to purchase a 2020/2021 Nissan Leaf Electric Vehicle (EV) in order to use the awarded \$10,000 AB2766 Monterey Bay Air Resources District EV Voucher was authorized.

F. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Motion made by Director Berkley seconded by Director Caputo to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

10. ADMINISTRATION

A. Draft FY 2021-22 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling gave a presentation on the draft FY 2021-22 OWP and Budget. The FY 2021-22 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 2021-22 OWP highlights are 1) Development and management of current and future year OWP; 2) Regional coordination and consultation; 3) Public Participation activities for the MTP/SCS, MTIP, and other projects; 4) GIS data collection, analysis, GIS Web portal and member services; 5) update and apply AMBAG Regional Travel Demand Model for the 2045 MTP/SCS and corridor/project analysis; 6) REAP support grant program for housing; 7) monitoring and reporting Transportation Performance Management (TPM); 8) development and coordination of Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) and coordination with local jurisdictions; 9) development and adoption of the 2045 MTP/SCS; 10) management of the MTIP for FFY 2020-21 to FFY 2023-24; 11) highway and transit corridor planning and management studies; 12) Greenhouse Gas Inventories for local communities; and 13) provide technical assistance under RAPS, Inc. Dr. Patel reported that the draft FY 2021 – 2022 OWP and Budget will be brought back to the May 2021 AMBAG Board of Directors for adoption. Dr. Patel gave an overview of the draft FY 2021-22 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: \$ 2,047,345; b) State: \$7,300,537; c) Local: \$522,500. The expenditure highlights are 1) staff level is maintained equivalent to current year; 2) includes a 2% COLA; 3) there is a reduction in professional services due to project/grant closeout; 4) 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 5) continued use of toll credits preserves the General Funds. Brief discussion followed.

11. PLANNING

A. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Draft Revenue Constrained Scenario

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave a presentation on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) draft revenue constrained scenario. The MTP/SCS 1) is a long range plan for transportation investments; 2) is required by federal and state law to be prepared every four years; 3) must provide a 20+ year horizon planning period; 4) is scheduled for adoption in 2022; and 5) highlights a number of key components under development. Staff has worked with the local jurisdictions to update current and future land uses that will be included in the 2045 MTP/SCS using PlaceType maps. Ms. Adamson reported that staff coordinated with the RTPA's to update the transportation list that will be included in the 2045

MTP/SCS. All projects that will use federal or state funds must be included in the 2045 MTP/SCS. The project lists include 1) active transportation; 2) maintenance and rehabilitation projects; 3) transit projects and 4) roadway projects. Staff also worked with our transportation partners to develop financial assumptions. The financial assumptions guide how much local, state and federal funding will be reasonably available for the transportation investments included in the 2045 MTP/SCS. The draft 2045 MTP/SCS transportation revenue breakdown by county are 1) County of Monterey will receive \$6.7 billion; 2) County of San Benito will receive \$1.5 billion; 3) County of Santa Cruz will receive \$5 billion; and 4) AMBAG region total is \$13.2 billion. Ms. Adamson reported that the draft revenue constrained scenario is the basis of the 2045 MTP/SCS and its EIR. The transportation projects provided to AMBAG from the local jurisdictions and land use inputs make up the revenue constrained scenario. The revenue constrained scenario will be evaluated using the Regional Travel Demand Model and the Board approved performance measures. Staff is currently working on the development of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR). AMBAG is the lead for developing the EIR in coordination with the RTPA's. The EIR Project Team is developing assumptions and alternatives in the spring 2021 for the draft EIR. The draft EIR is scheduled to be released for public comment in late 2021. Staff also continues to implement the outreach strategies included in the Public Involvement plan. Public workshops will be held on the development of the MTP/SCS virtually in May 2021. The next steps are 1) finalize the Revenue Constrained Scenario with Board acceptance in April 2021; 2) begin modeling and performance measures analysis; 3) continued public participation; and 4) develop the draft MTP/SCS and draft EIR.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: March 10, 2021

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)			
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item# 8
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	X	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	X	Y
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	X	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y
Greenfield	Lance Walker	X	Y
Hollister	Rick Perez	X	Y
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y
Marina	Lisa Berkley	X	Y
Monterey	Ed Smith	X	Y
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	X	Y
Salinas	Steve McShane	X	Y
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	X	Y
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings	X	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y
Seaside	Jon Wizard	X	Y
Soledad	Carla Stobridge	X	Y
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	X	Y
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y
County-Monterey	John Phillips	X	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	X	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	X	Y
County-San Benito	Bob Tiffany	X	Y
County-San Benito	Mark Medina	X	Y

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