



AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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Voting members must attend the physical meeting to count toward quorum.

DATE: August 13, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Monterey Bay Air Resources District, Board Room, 3rd Floor

24580 Silver Cloud Court

Monterey, CA 93940

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AMBAG Board of Directors meeting online:**

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On September 13, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 (Rubio). The new amendments to the Brown Act go into effect on January 1, 2023. AB 2449 provides alternative teleconference procedures to allow members of the AMBAG Board of Directors to participate remotely under very limited circumstances.

Persons who wish to address the AMBAG Board of Directors on an item to be considered at this meeting are encouraged to submit comments in writing at info@ambag.org by Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 5 PM. The subject line should read "Public Comment for the August 13, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting." The agency clerk will read up to 2 minutes of any public comment submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board at aflores@ambag.org or at 831-883-3750 Ext. 300.

AMBAG Board Member(s) Meeting Remotely:

Manu Koenig: 5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

831-234-3922

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AB 2449 VOTE ON “JUST “ AND “EMERGENCY” CAUSE

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive oral report.

4. ROLL CALL

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
(A maximum of two minutes on any subject not on the agenda)**

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

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- President Timm

Receive oral report.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

Recommended Action: DIRECT

- Director McCarthy

The next Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting is scheduled on August 15, 2025. (Page 5)

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive a report from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommended Action: APPROVE

Note: Actions listed for each item represents staff recommendation. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, take any action on the items listed in the consent agenda.

A. Draft Minutes of the June 11, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft minutes of the June 11, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 7)

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

Accept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 13)

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

- Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 19)

D. Financial Update Report

- Jessica Agee, Director of Finance & Administration

Accept the financial update report which provides an update on AMBAG's current financial position and accompanying financial statements. (Page 23)

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

11. PLANNING

A. Draft 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

Staff will provide an overview of the Draft 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). The Final Coordinated Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Directors in November 2025. (Page 29)

12. ADJOURNMENT

Reference Items:

- A. 2025 Calendar of Meetings (Page 33)
- B. Acronym Guide (Page 35)

Next Meeting:

Date: September 10, 2025

Location: MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting: 5:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
Meeting DRAFT Agenda

August 15, 2025

Monterey Bay Aquarium Institute (MBARI), Moss Landing, CA

All Times are Estimates

8:30 AM	Coffee and Check-in Technology Check	
9:00 AM	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome from Research Seat• Indigenous Community Land Acknowledgement• Swear in New Members• Roll Call• Approval of May 23, 2025 meeting minutes	<i>Lisa Wooninck, MBNMS</i> <i>Pamela Neeb Wade, Chair</i> <i>Dan Brumbaugh, Secretary</i>
9:15 AM	Standing Item: Superintendent's Report A report on important or newsworthy activities conducted by staff since the last AC meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MBNMS• GFNMS/CBNMS	<i>Lisa Wooninck, MBNMS</i> <i>Brian Johnson, GFNMS/CBNMS</i>
10:00 AM	Information Item: Superintendent Response to Battery Fire Recommendations Superintendent Lisa Wooninck's response to the Ashfall battery fire recommendations letter written by the advisory council.	<i>Lisa Wooninck, MBNMS</i>
10:15 AM	Informational Item: CMSF Update/Presentation Background and update on the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation.	<i>Robert Mazurek, CMSF</i>
10:45 AM	BREAK (10 min)	
10:55 AM	Informational Item: Regionalizing Response to Vessel Incidents Update on vessel incident responses for MBNMS and West Coast region.	<i>Lisa Wooninck, MBNMS</i>
11:25 AM	Information and Discussion Item: SAC Seat Composition Discussion about redistribution of the advisory council seats to include Indigenous Community representation and make changes to government and non-government voting seat composition.	<i>Dawn Hayes, MBNMS</i>
12:25 PM	Public Comment for Items <u>Not</u> on the Agenda	<i>Pamela Neeb Wade, Chair</i>
12:35 PM	Break (10 min)	
12:45 PM	Information Item: Changes at MBNMS Discussion about changes over the next couple of months with MBNMS.	<i>Lisa Wooninck, MBNMS</i>
1:00 PM	Working Group Reports and Member Announcements Working group reports and time sensitive announcements	<i>All</i>
1:30 PM	Adjourn	

All times are estimates

- Public comment on agenda items will be heard prior to AC discussion/deliberation
- Materials corresponding to items on this agenda are available: <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/sacma.html> or contact Robbin.Porter@noaa.gov

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

June 11, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, 1st Vice President McCarthy presiding, convened at 6:01 p.m. June 11, 2025 at the MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AB 2449 VOTE ON ‘EMERGENCY’ CAUSE

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that Director Miller, Seaside and Director Daniels, Monterey County requested to use the AB 2449 “Just” Cause in accordance with Government Code 54953.

Director Miller stated that a death in the family prevented him from attending in person and no individuals over the age of 18 were in the room. Director Danies stated that caring for a family member with an illness prevented her from attending in person and no individuals over the age of 18 were in the room.

4. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Margaux Morgan	County of Monterey	Glenn Church
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Hans Buder	County of Monterey	Kate Daniels
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	County of San Benito	Mindy Sotelo
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of San Benito	Angela Curro
Greenfield	Robert White	County of Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez
Hollister	Rudy Picha	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u> MBARD MPAD MST SBtCOG	David Frisbey Mary Ann Leffel Lisa Rheinheimer Samuel Borick
Marina	Brian McCarthy		
Monterey	Jean Rasch		
Pacific Grove	Lori McDonnell		
Salinas	Margaret D’Arrigo		
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone		
Seaside	Alex Miller		
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino		
ABSENT:			
King City	Oscar Avalos	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	Catherine Stedman Orchid Monroy-Ochoa Sarah Christensen Richard Stedman Todd Muck
San Juan Bautista	Jose Aranda	3CE	
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	Caltrans, District 5	
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	SCCRTC	
Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez	SC Metro	
County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	TAMC	

Others Present: Paul Walkingstick, City of Pacific Grove; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Will Condon, Associate Planner; Regina Valentine, Senior Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Chris Duymich, Senior Planner; Paul Hierling, Principal Planner; Elizabeth Lippa, Administrative Assistant; Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board; and Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

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

None.

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

None.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

Director McCarthy reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting 2) list of warrants as of March 31, 2025; and 3) accounts receivable as of March 31, 2025. The Executive/Finance Committee also received a report on the financials from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

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

Director McCarthy reported that the Sanctuary Advisory Council received an update on the Voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction Program. The SAC also reviewed the draft recommendations on the Battery Fire letter of support. SAC staff will work on finalizing the letter.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that the first Central California Rural Regional Network project will be installed next week. New water heaters and energy efficiency upgrades will be installed at the El Pajaro Community Development Corporation Incubator. Staff is currently working with all the jurisdictions to identify future projects.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the May 14, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the May 14, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Clearinghouse monthly newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

The Sustainability Program update was accepted.

D. Extension of Legal Services Contract

The Board approved a six-month extension of the current contract for legal services and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the contract.

E. Contract for Actuarial Valuation and Related Services

The Board approved a six-year contract for actuarial valuation and related services with MacLeod Watts and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement for an amount not to exceed \$32,395.

F. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

**Motion made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Funk to approve the consent agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.**

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

None.

11. PLANNING

A. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants 2.0 Program Update

Paul Hierling, Principal Planner gave a presentation of the REAP Grants 2.0 Program. REAP 2.0 provides funds to accelerate affordable housing production, implement 6th Cycle of housing elements, and advance regional sustainable communities goals. The REAP 2.0 goals include 1) accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; 2) affirmatively furthering fair housing (equity); and 3) VMT reduction (especially transit/multimodal project elements). Mr. Hierling stated that REAP 2.0 funding must be spent by March 31, 2026. As of April 2025, approximately 35% of allocated regional REAP 2.0 funding has been spent and 65% is unspent. Mr. Hierling added that 1) CALCOG and AMBAG have been working with legislators and state staff to advocate for a deadline extension but it has not been granted; and 2) AMBAG staff is working with grantees to identify those that will not be able to meet the deadline. Next steps include 1) AMBAG will continue to encourage grant recipients to spend funding as soon as possible; 2) AMBAG will amend agreements with suballocation grantees not on track to spend funds by the deadline to reallocate funds to eligible affordable housing projects which can quickly absorb these funds; and 3) AMBAG will continue to work with legislators to advocate for a deadline extension to the program.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Derek Timm, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: June 11, 2025

		Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)	
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item 9
Capitola	Margaux Morgan	X	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Hans Buder	X	Y
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	X	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y
Greenfield	Robert White	X	Y
Hollister	Rudy Picha	X	Y
King City	Oscar Avalos	AB	N/A
Marina	Brian McCarthy	X	Y
Monterey	Jean Rasch	X	Y
Pacific Grove	Lori McDonnell	X	Y
Salinas	Margaret D'Arrigo	X	Y
San Juan Bautista	Jose Aranda	AB	N/A
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	X	Y
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	AB	N/A
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	AB	N/A
Seaside	Alex Miller	X	Y
Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez	AB	N/A
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	X	Y
County Monterey	Kate Daniels	X	Y
County Monterey	Glenn Church	X	Y
County Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	AB	N/A
County Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez	X	Y
County San Benito	Mindy Sotelo	X	Y
County San Benito	Angela Curro	X	Y

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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the June and July 2025 Clearinghouse monthly newsletters.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Since March 12, 1984, under adopted State Clearinghouse Procedures, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) was designated the regional agency responsible for clearinghouse operations in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. These procedures implement Presidential Executive Order 12372 as interpreted by the "State of California Procedures for Intergovernmental Review of Federal Financial Assistance and Direct Development Activities." They also implement the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 as interpreted by CEQA Guidelines.

The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to provide all interested parties within the Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz notification of projects for federal financial assistance, direct federal development activities, local plans and development projects and state plans that are proposed within the region. These areawide procedures are intended to be coordinated with procedures adopted by the State of California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact. Staff time for monitoring clearinghouse activities is incorporated into the current AMBAG Overall Work Program and budget.

COORDINATION:

Notices for the Clearinghouse are sent by lead agencies to AMBAG. Interested parties are sent email notifications twice a month with the newsletter attached.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Monthly Newsletters - Clearinghouse items June 1 – July 31, 2025

APPROVED BY:

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 8/13/25

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

20250601

**Vertis Process Water Treatment Plant Conditional Use
Permit (CUP)**

King City

Doreen Liberto
(831) 386-5923

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The current site operator and applicant, Vertis, proposes to implement and construct a proprietary water treatment plant as designed by Tailwater Systems. The treatment system (referred to as “AquaReclaim”) is designed to collect and treat irrigation drain water from cannabis growing operations. The “AquaReclaim” process is a scalable and comprehensive process that enables cannabis growers to reuse their high effluent electrocoagulation (Ec) drainage and process water. The “AquaReclaim” treatment system will treat the cooling water blowdown from the onsite combined heat and power (CHP) systems contained within the existing Phase I CHP Plant located to the east of the proposed water treatment plant site. The resulting treated water will be used to supplement and enhance the existing onsite CHP system.

Project Location:

Monterey County
King City

Parcel: 026521010

Public hearing information:

City of King City Council Chambers, 212 S. Vanderhurst Ave, King City, CA

8/5/2025 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Friday, July 11, 2025**

City of Soledad
Ariana Mora
(831) 223-5020

Draft Environmental Impact Report* (DEIR)

The proposed project (Tentative Subdivision Map No. TSM 2024-01) is located on a 12.46-acre site (APN 022-281-005) between Cedar Street and Orchard Lane. The project proposes to subdivide the site into three parcels and construct a total of 67 residential units. Parcel A (3.32 acres): Retains the existing mobile home park; Parcel B (0.38 acres): Proposed for a new 12-unit apartment building; Parcel C (0.41 acres): Designated for stormwater improvements. The remaining 5.31 acres would accommodate 55 single-family homes, with 3.06 acres allocated for new internal roads. An Initial Study prepared by the City determined that all potential environmental impacts would be less than significant or mitigated to a less-than-significant level, except for Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The Initial Study concluded that the project would result in a significant and unavoidable VMT impact, thereby requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) limited to that topic. Reducing the project's VMT below the threshold of significance would require additional design strategies or mitigation measures. However, the project does not include feasible options to achieve the necessary reduction, and no uniformly applicable policies or regulations are available to offset the impact. Therefore, the VMT impact remains significant and unavoidable.

Project Location:

Monterey County
Soledad

Parcel: 022281005

Public hearing information:

To be determined

Public review period ends **Monday, August 11, 2025**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20250702

Wilkins John D & Bushra

Monterey County

Mary Israel

(831) 755-5183

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Design Approval for construction of a 2,340 square foot one-story single family dwelling with an attached 740 square foot, two-car garage, 200 square foot covered porch, a 66 square foot balcony, a 225 square foot gazebo, and a 575 square foot accessory dwelling unit. Additionally, site improvements include approximately 3,200 square feet of driveway (pervious pavers) and 475 square feet of impervious hardscape requiring 550 cubic yards of grading (320 cut, 230 fill) and a Use Permit for removal of up to 30 living and dead/dying trees (13 living Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) and 2 living Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), one Acacia (not a protected tree) and a remainder number of dead and dying Monterey Pines as well as two dead Coast Live Oaks.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Carmel-by-the-Sea

Parcel: 007661005000

Public hearing information:

Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901

8/27/2025 9:00 AM

Public review period ends **Monday, August 11, 2025**

Generated: 8/1/2025 8:33:08 P By: Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

More detailed information on these projects is available by calling the contact person for each project or through AMBAG at (831) 883-3750. Comments will be considered by the AMBAG Board of Directors in its review. All comments will be forwarded to the applicants for response and inclusion in the project application. If substantial coordination or conflict issues arise, the Clearinghouse can arrange meetings between concerned agencies and applicants.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

SUBJECT: AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Directors accept this report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

AMBAG Sustainability Program Elements

Energy Efficiency Program Development

On September 26, 2024, the CPUC issued decision D.24.09.31, approving the creation of the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network (CCR REN). The CCR REN received approximately \$36 million to implement programs, primarily from 2025 through 2027, and was directed to file business plan by December 31, 2024. The CCR REN is a partnership between AMBAG, the County of San Luis Obispo, County of Ventura, High Sierra Energy Foundation, and San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, with a vision to support an equitable and affordable clean energy transition for underserved communities. By leveraging regional collaboration, trusted local relationships, and promoting pragmatic responses to community needs, the CCR REN is working to support communities that have historically not participated in energy efficiency programs in 14 central California counties.

In the past months AMBAG staff continued to ramp up the CCR REN programs. Key activities included continued work to build the Monterey Bay Residential Energy Modeling tool, outreach to jurisdictions and special districts to discuss CCR REN program offerings, and small business energy audits for participation in the CCR REN commercial program. The first projects at small businesses have now been installed, and a number of special districts have been referred to programs that offer rebates for energy efficiency and electrification upgrades.

Planning Excellence!

Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework (Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework)

On August 31, 2023, the California Department of Transportation awarded AMBAG and Ecology Action a \$750,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) climate adaptation planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework. On June 12, 2024, the US Department of Energy awarded AMBAG and Ecology Action a \$1.5 million Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Ride and Drive Electric grant to fund phase 2 of the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency (EV CAR) Framework.

The Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework will create a roadmap in the Monterey Bay Area for assessing current charging infrastructure vulnerability to climate change and create strategies that ensure the build-out of EV charging infrastructure increases equity and resiliency in the face of climate change. The framework will include implementation plans for prioritized strategies, in order to provide communities with tangible pathways to implementation. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to integrate climate and equity considerations as part of long-range EV infrastructure planning, and lead to the implementation of EV infrastructure resiliency strategies throughout Monterey Bay.

In the past months AMBAG staff worked with the technical consultant for this project to continue technical analysis of forecasted EV charging infrastructure and associated projections of energy needs. AMBAG staff also worked with ecology action to conduct the community survey and host the monthly Monterey Bay EV CAR Advisory Committee. The survey has now closed, with 691 individual responses. Staff are now in the process of analyzing the survey responses to better understand how they can inform the creation of the Monterey Bay EV CAR strategies.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

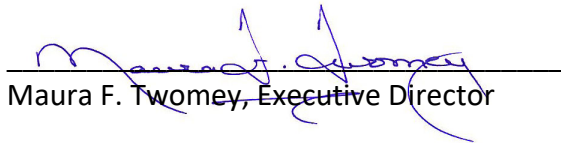
FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget is fully funded under a Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant, a US Department of Energy Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Ride and Drive Electric grant, and the CCR REN funding agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo. All funding is programmed in the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with the Central California Rural REN partners, local jurisdictions, and local community stakeholders.

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Jessica Agee, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Financial Update Report

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors receive the Financial Update Report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through May 31, 2025, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Balance Sheet for May 31, 2025, reflects a cash balance of \$4,319,995.01. The accounts receivable balance is \$465,940.18, while the current liabilities balance is \$598,617.67. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2025, reflects a positive Net Position in the amount of \$241,054.70. This is due in part to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of expense over revenue of (\$6,608.87). Changes in Net Position are to be expected throughout the fiscal year (FY), particularly at the beginning due to the collection of member dues which are received in July and the timing of various year-end adjustments required after our financial audit.

Planning Excellence!

The following table highlights key Budget to Actual financial data:

Budget to Actual Financial Highlights
For Period July 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

Expenditures	Budget Through May 2025	Actual Through May 2025	Difference
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,481,962.00	\$ 2,650,964.01	\$ 830,997.99
Professional Services	\$ 10,254,905.00	\$ 2,036,406.01	\$ 8,218,498.99
Lease/Rentals	\$ 71,408.00	\$ 70,684.78	\$ 723.22
Communications	\$ 22,733.00	\$ 23,514.93	\$ (781.93)
Supplies	\$ 115,925.00	\$ 41,207.12	\$ 74,717.88
Printing	\$ 12,152.00	\$ 1,005.17	\$ 11,146.83
Travel	\$ 65,729.00	\$ 31,264.43	\$ 34,464.57
Other Charges	\$ 139,425.00	\$ 150,703.21	\$ (11,278.21)
Non-Federal Local Match	\$ 354,152.48	\$ 354,152.48	\$ -
Total	\$ 14,518,393.00	\$ 5,359,902.14	\$ 9,158,489.34
Revenue			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 14,600,928.00	\$ 5,353,293.27	\$ 9,247,634.73

Revenues/Expenses (Budget to Actual Comparison):

The budget reflects a linear programming of funds while actual work is contingent on various factors. Therefore, during the fiscal year there will be fluctuations from budget-to-actual.

Professional Services are under budget primarily due to the timing of work on projects performed by contractors. Projects early in their implementation are Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework Phase 2, Pajaro Bridge Infrastructure Resilient Design Study (Pajaro BIRDS) and Central Coast Rural Regional Energy Network (Rural REN). This work is not performed in a linear fashion while the budget reflects linear programming. In addition, the Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program 2.0 (REAP) provides \$9,537,639.42 in funding of which a large portion will pass through to partner agencies. It is in its early stages.

Since AMBAG funding is primarily on a reimbursement basis, any deviation in expenditure also results in a corresponding deviation in revenue. Budget-to-actual revenue and expenditures are monitored regularly to analyze fiscal operations and propose amendments to the budget if needed.

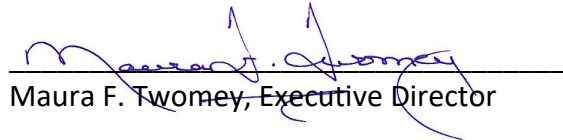
COORDINATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2025
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025
3. Cash Activity for June 2025

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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Balance Sheet - Attachment 1

As of May 31, 2025

	May 31, 2025	May 31, 2025
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Mechanics Bank - Special Reserve	989,940.37	443,839.22
Mechanics Bank - Checking	217,243.71	154,778.45
Mechanics Bank - REAP Checking	0.00	0.00
Mechanics Bank - REAP 2.0 Checking	3,108,232.24	
Petty Cash	500.00	
LAIF Account	4,078.69	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>4,319,995.01</u>	<u>598,617.67</u>
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	465,940.18	258,986.95
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>465,940.18</u>	<u>1,888,153.69</u>
Other Current Assets		
Due from PRWFPA/RAPS	200.00	
Prepaid Items	4,072.70	
Total Other Current Assets	<u>4,272.70</u>	<u>22,166.35</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,790,207.89</u>	<u>2,826,322.74</u>
Long-Term Assets		
Net OPEB Asset	96,473.00	
Deferred Outflows - Actuarial	533,833.49	
Deferred Outflows - PERS Contribution	272,963.59	
Total Long-Term Assets	<u>903,270.08</u>	<u>4,995,629.73</u>
Capital Assets		
Capital Assets	439,462.41	247,663.57
Accumulated Depreciation	(297,638.28)	(6,608.87)
Total Capital Assets	<u>141,824.13</u>	<u>241,054.70</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,835,302.10</u>	<u>5,835,302.10</u>
Liabilities & Net Position		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Employee Benefits		
Mechanics Bank - Line of Credit		
Total Current Liabilities		
Long-Term Liabilities		
Deferred Inflows - Actuarial		
Net Pension Liability (GASB 68)		
OPEB Liability		
Deferred Revenue		
Total Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		<u>5,594,247.40</u>
Net Position		
Beginning Net Position		247,663.57
Net Income/(Loss)		(6,608.87)
Total Ending Net Position		<u>241,054.70</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Position		<u>5,835,302.10</u>

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Profit & Loss - Attachment 2
July - May 2025

	July - May 2025	July - May 2025
Income		
AMBAG Revenue	217,124.23	
Cash Contributions	84,905.94	
Grant Revenue	4,697,110.62	
Non-Federal Local Match	354,152.48	
Total Income	5,353,293.27	
Expense		
Salaries	1,649,733.31	
Fringe Benefits	1,001,230.70	
Professional Services	2,036,406.01	
Lease/Rentals	70,684.78	
Communications	23,514.93	
Supplies	41,207.12	
Printing	1,005.17	
Travel	31,264.43	
Other Charges:		
BOD Allowances	6,150.00	
BOD Refreshments/Travel/Nameplates/Dinner/Other	3,439.83	
Workshops/Training	4,273.75	
GIS Licensing/CCJDC Support	9,759.33	
CCR REN Travel/Classes/Events/Recruitment/Other SB1/	14,989.71	
MTIP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expenses	17,272.10	
Dues & Subscriptions	29,375.78	
Depreciation Expense	30,496.63	
Maintenance/Utilities	427.34	
Insurance	32,876.14	
Interest/Fees/Tax Expense	307.50	
Total Other Charges	150,703.21	
Non-Federal Local Match	354,152.48	
Total Expense	5,359,902.14	
Net Income/(Loss)	(6,608.87)	

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Cash Activity - Attachment 3
For June 2025

Monthly Cash Activity	July-24	August-24	September-24	October-24	November-24	December-24	January-25	February-25	March-25	April-25	May-25	June-25	TOTAL
1. CASH ON HAND													
[Beginning of month]	2,846,489.99	2,506,334.67	4,971,405.38	5,084,050.55	5,090,287.75	5,141,431.04	4,880,825.77	4,853,924.44	4,558,753.61	4,542,071.55	4,597,228.02	4,319,995.01	
2. CASH RECEIPTS													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	71,018.22	133,923.78	3,144.73	4,758.43	3,408.80	3,487.44	103,379.51	4,966.21	14,174.30	3,516.69	9,349.08	3,876.66	359,003.85
(b) Grant Revenue	281,098.20	143,397.72	471,074.97	298,762.70	263,858.13	451,927.31	550,957.26	242,493.08	368,312.08	375,220.84	384,360.76	200,820.30	4,032,283.35
(c) REAP Advance Payment	0.00	3,478,055.28	0.00	0.00	73,131.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,551,186.28
(d) Borrowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	352,116.42	3,755,376.78	474,219.70	303,521.13	340,397.93	455,414.75	654,336.77	247,459.29	382,486.38	378,737.53	393,709.84	204,696.96	7,942,473.48
4. TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	3,198,606.41	6,261,711.45	5,445,625.08	5,387,571.68	5,430,685.68	5,596,845.79	5,535,162.54	5,101,383.73	4,941,239.99	4,920,809.08	4,990,937.86	4,524,691.97	
5. CASH PAID OUT													
(a) Payroll & Related	296,730.87	231,128.40	232,745.81	234,284.66	223,990.38	284,587.01	254,635.23	239,510.16	240,352.88	227,366.80	273,733.30	230,927.25	2,969,992.75
(b) Professional Services	339,153.16	1,039,680.66	114,568.80	38,849.29	27,089.78	414,278.42	408,685.51	262,850.74	140,432.34	72,507.45	380,681.70	66,385.32	3,305,163.17
(c) Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,489.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,489.65
(d) Lease/Rentals	12,519.28	5,968.00	6,610.31	6,259.64	6,259.64	6,659.77	6,309.10	6,343.77	6,851.77	6,309.10	6,414.77	799.72	77,304.87
(e) Communications	2,544.53	1,585.02	842.16	2,159.16	2,248.57	3,942.47	3,101.24	1,163.03	3,801.42	886.64	2,469.14	882.32	25,625.70
(f) Supplies	2,559.95	3,747.25	3,729.29	6,927.07	11,178.72	1,841.44	1,919.35	2,168.89	2,264.83	3,545.61	2,498.98	9,891.74	52,273.12
(g) Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	665.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	665.95
(h) Travel	5,990.81	6,526.40	613.48	3,730.27	11,419.30	2,054.31	2,718.10	69.00	1,492.92	7,422.85	2,142.18	456.91	44,636.53
(i) Other Charges	32,773.14	1,670.34	2,464.68	5,073.84	7,068.25	2,656.60	3,869.57	16,034.88	3,306.33	5,542.61	3,002.78	3,038.20	86,501.22
(j) Loan Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	692,271.74	1,290,306.07	361,574.53	297,283.93	289,254.64	716,020.02	681,238.10	542,630.12	399,168.44	323,581.06	670,942.85	312,381.46	6,576,652.96
7. CASH POSITION	2,506,334.67	4,971,405.38	5,084,050.55	5,090,287.75	5,141,431.04	4,880,825.77	4,853,924.44	4,558,753.61	4,542,071.55	4,597,228.02	4,319,995.01	4,212,310.51	



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Draft 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services
Transportation Plan

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will provide an overview of the Draft 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). The Final Coordinated Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Directors in November 2025.

BACKGROUND:

AMBAG is required to develop a Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) for the tri-county region. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) / Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, this plan must be completed and used in developing applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. The plan identifies local transportation needs for seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means to facilitate applications for the FTA Section 5310 program.

The FTA Section 5310 program provides funding to assist private non-profit groups and public transportation providers in meeting the transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities when the transportation services provided are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The funds are apportioned based on each State's share of the population of these demographics and awarded to projects through a statewide competitive process. Funds may be used for capital or operating expenses. The Coordinated Plan, as required by the 2021 BIL/IIJA, must include the following elements:

- An assessment of currently available transportation services (public, private, and non-profit);
- An assessment of transportation needs for seniors and persons with disabilities. This assessment can be based on the experiences and perceptions of the planning partners or on more sophisticated data collection efforts;
- Strategies, activities, and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to achieve efficiencies in service delivery;
- Priorities for implementation based on resources (from multiple program sources), time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies and/or activities; and
- Where less than 100 percent of the demand response fleet is accessible, a demonstration of how the requirement for equivalent service will be met.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the Coordinated Plan is to improve public transportation for seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means. This is accomplished through identifying where the public transportation system can better meet these needs and describing projects or changes which would help alleviate the shortcomings. The Plan also includes a list of public transportation services that serves these populations.

The projects and changes identified in this Plan are made eligible for federal funding through the FTA Section 5310 grant program. In the past, this funding source has been used by public transportation agencies to replace or purchase new paratransit vehicles, as well as for operating expenses.

The Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan is composed of six main chapters, each of which is summarized below:

Chapter 1: Executive Summary

The executive summary provides an overview of the main points of the longer document.

Chapter 2: Introduction

The introduction provides background on the purpose of the plan, an overview of the federal requirements, and associated funding sources.

Chapter 3: Monterey County

This chapter covers the federal requirements for Monterey County. It provides the community setting, describes the public outreach that was conducted, assesses the currently available transportation services, assesses the transportation needs for the target populations, lists strategies/activities/projects to address the identified gaps, and priorities their implementation.

Chapter 4: San Benito County

This chapter covers the federal requirements for San Benito County, as described for Chapter 3.

Chapter 5: Santa Cruz County

This chapter covers the federal requirements for Santa Cruz County, as described for Chapter 3.

Chapter 6: Conclusion

The conclusion provides next steps.

NEXT STEPS:

The Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan is being presented at various meetings throughout the region, including the RTPAs' Technical Advisory Committees and other transportation related committees. The Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan is available on the AMBAG website at <https://www.ambag.org/plans/monterey-bay-area-coordinated-public-transit-human-services-transportation-plan>.

The public comment period will close on September 26, 2025. All comments should be sent to Regina Valentine, AMBAG, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 or via email at rvalentine@ambag.org. Staff will incorporate comments received into the Final 2025 Coordinated Plan, which is scheduled to be requested for Board adoption at the November 12, 2025 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Planning activities for the 2025 Coordinated Plan are funded with federal PL and are programmed in the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.


COORDINATION:

The Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan was prepared in coordination with the public transit agencies, the RTPAs, and their Technical Advisory Committees, which includes the local jurisdictions.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan (separately enclosed)

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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2025 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

September 10, 2025	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
October 8, 2025	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
November 12, 2025	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
December 2025	No Meeting Scheduled

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AMBAG Acronym Guide	
ABM	Activity Based Model
ACFR	Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
ADA	Americans Disabilities Act
ALUC	Airport Land Use Commission
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
ARRA	American Reinvestment and Recovery Act
3CE	Central Coast Community Energy
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Federal Legislation)
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CalVans	California Vanpool Authority
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CCJDC	Central Coast Joint Data Committee
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CHTS	California Households Travel Survey
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CTC	California Transportation Commission
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DOF	Department of Finance (State of California)
EAC	Energy Advisory Committee
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GHG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIS	Geographic Information System
ICAP	Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems

JPA	Joint Powers Authority
LTA	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
LTC	Local Transportation Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act
MBARD	Monterey Bay Air Resources District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPAD	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MST	Monterey-Salinas Transit
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
OWP	Overall Work Program
PG&E	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RAPS, Inc.	Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc.
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RTDM	Regional Travel Demand Model
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SB 375	Senate Bill 375
SBtCOG	Council of San Benito County Governments
SCCRTC	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
SCMTD	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
S RTP	Short-Range Transit Plan
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAMC	Transportation Agency for Monterey County
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VT	Vehicle Miles Trips