



# AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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**DATE: November 12, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Monterey Bay Air Resources District, Board Room, 3rd Floor  
24580 Silver Cloud Court  
Monterey, CA 93940**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA  
(A maximum of two minutes on any subject not on the agenda)**
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
6. **APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE**  
**Recommended Action: APPOINT**
  - President Timm

President Timm will appoint a Nominating Committee to propose a Slate of Officers for 2026.

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## 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 SAC meeting is scheduled on November 21, 2025.

## 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 September 10, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft minutes of the September 10, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 5)

### B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

Accept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 11)

### C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

- Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 19)

**D. Draft 2026 Calendar of Meetings**

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft 2026 Calendar of Meetings. (Page 23)

**E. Amendment No. 8 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey**

- President Timm

Approve the Amendment No. 8 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey. (Page 25)

**F. Draft Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-26 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget**

- Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling

Approve the Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-26 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget. (Page 29)

**G. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Alignment Form Amendment**

- Will Condon, Associate Planner

Approve the amendment to the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Alignment Form for the Santa Cruz Metro project and execute the contract with the agency consistent with the CRP Guidelines. (Page 33)

**H. Contract for Legal Services**

- Jessica Agee, Director of Finance & Administration

Approve a five-year contract for legal services with Fenton and Keller, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement for an amount not to exceed \$102,000. (Page 37)

**I. 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 43)

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

## 11. PLANNING

### A. Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report

**Recommended Action: APPROVE**

- Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the release the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review on November 17, 2025 and schedule public hearings in January 2026. (Page 49)

### B. Final 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

**Recommended Action: APPROVE**

- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the Final 2025 Monterey Bay Region Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. (Page 55)

## 12. PROGRAMS

### A. Update on the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network

**Recommended Action: INFORMATION**

- Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

Staff will provide an update on the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network. (Page 59)

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

### Reference Items:

- A. Acronym Guide (Page 63)

### Next Meeting:

**Date:** January 14, 2026

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

**September 10, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President Timm presiding, convened at 6:00 p.m. September 10, 2025 at the MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. AB 2449 VOTE ON ‘EMERGENCY’ CAUSE**

None.

**4. ROLL CALL**

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

**Others Present:** Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Will Condon, Associate Planner; Regina Valentine, Senior Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Chris Duymich, Senior 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**

President Timm reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Minutes of the August 13, 2025 meeting 2) list of warrants as of June 30, 2025; and 3) accounts receivable as of June 30, 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 Funk reported that the Advisory Council received presentations on the MBNMS's Superintendent's response to the batter fire, update on the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation, an update on vessel incident responses for the MBNMS and West Coast region; and on changes to the SAC seat composition which would include adding a seat to include the indigenous community representation.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that AMBAG, through its Central California Rural REN program, has been leveraging funding to support our public agencies participation in PG&E's energy efficiency program. This includes a program that provides a no cost water heater replacement. All electric heat pump water heaters have already been installed at MBARD and the Monterey Regional Airport. We wanted to report that other jurisdictions are in the process of participating and have received no cost energy audits and project proposals.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Draft Minutes of the August 13, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting**

The draft minutes of the August 13, 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. Financial Update Report**

The financial update report was accepted.

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

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

None.

**11. PLANNING**

**A. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update**

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave an update to the 2050 MTP/SCS. The 2050 MTP/SCS is 1) a long-range plan for transportation investments; 2) federal and state law requires that an MTP/SCS be prepared every four years; 3) must provide a 20+ year horizon planning period; 4) detailed work program and schedule was approved in April 2023; and 5) it's scheduled for adoption in June 2026. Ms. Adamson outlined the 1) SCS scenario that includes land use patterns and transportation investments; 2) land use inputs; 3) transportation projects in the counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito developed with local and regional partners; and 4) financial assumptions that total \$16 billion regionwide. Ms. Adamson reported that the Programmatic EIR is underway and will serve as the EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS as well as the EIR for each of the RTPA's county-level Regional Transportation Plan. The draft EIR is scheduled to be released for public comment in late 2025. Staff will continue to implement outreach strategies that are included the Board adopted Public Involvement Plan followed. Additional workshops/public hearings on the draft 2050 MTP/SCS and EIR will be held in early 2026.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq. of the State of California, the Board of Directors may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters.

**A. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE**

Government Code Section 54957 - Title: Executive Director

**13. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION**

President Timm stated that there is nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

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Derek Timm, President

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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD**  
**BOARD MEETING DATE: September 10, 2025**

		<b>Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent)</b> <b>Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)</b>	
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>AMBAG REP</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Item 9</b>
Capitola	Susan Westman	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	AB	N/A
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	X	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	AB	N/A
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	X	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y
Seaside	Alex Miller	AB	N/A
Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez	X	Y
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	X	Y
County Monterey	Kate Daniels	AB	N/A
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	AB	N/A

(\* = 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:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the September and October 2025 Clearinghouse monthly newsletter.

**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.

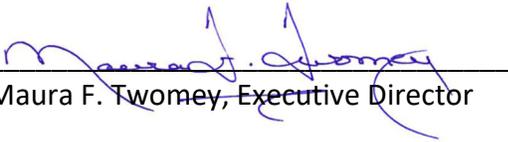
**COORDINATION:**

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 Newsletter - Clearinghouse items September 1 – October 31, 2025.

**APPROVED BY:**



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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**Attachment 1**

**AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE**

**The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 11/12/25**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS**

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**20251001**

**Soledad General Plan 2045**

City of Soledad

Ariana Mora

(831) 223-5020

Notice of Preparation (NOP)

The City is preparing a comprehensive update to its existing General Plan, which will guide land use, development, infrastructure, and environmental policy through the year 2045. General Plan 2045 consolidates required and optional elements—such as land use, circulation, housing, conservation, safety, and environmental justice—into seven integrated chapters and a separately updated housing element. Each element includes goals (broad desired outcomes), policies (decision-making guidance), and programs (specific actions for implementation). The proposed project introduces updated land use designations that affect allowed densities, development intensities, and land use types across Soledad. As part of the planning process for the proposed General Plan 2045, the City has prepared a land use map using place types intended to replace the City’s current General Plan land use map.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Soledad

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

City Hall, 248 Main Street, Soledad, California 93960

11/3/2025 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

City of Scotts Valley  
Taylor Bateman  
(831) 440-5630

#### Notice of Availability

The purpose of the Plan is to create a vision, policies, and objective standards to guide new development within the Plan area in a way that supports existing and new businesses, residents, and the overall community. The Plan would manage and direct changes in development patterns within the Plan area through 2045 and guide present and future land uses, development intensity and scale, urban design, economic development, circulation management and mobility, infrastructure and public services, and community benefits. The project will allow for up to 657 residential units (consistent with the City's Housing Element), up to 82,000 square feet of commercial uses, and up to 35,000 square feet of public/civic uses. The project will include adoption of amendments to the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, changing certain existing land use designations in the Plan Area, creating new zoning districts, and updating existing or establishing new development standards to replace some of the current zoning provisions applicable to the Plan Area.

#### Project Location:

Santa Cruz County  
Scotts Valley

Parcel: Multiple

#### Public hearing information:

Future public hearings to be held, however no dates have yet been identified.

Public review period ends **Monday, November 24, 2025**

Marina Coast Water District

Jack Gao

(831) 883-5962

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The proposed project involves construction of a new 2.16-million-gallon potable water reservoir (B2) adjacent to the existing B1 reservoir to meet current and future demands of the Ord Community as identified in MCWD's 2020 Master Plan. The project also includes associated site and infrastructure improvements. The B2 reservoir would connect to the existing B1 transmission main through approximately 270 feet of 20-inch pipeline. Site improvements include a paved access road and driveway connection to Colonel Durham Street, a 90-foot retaining wall, a percolation basin, 8-foot perimeter fencing, and a 12-foot swing gate. At the B1 reservoir yard, improvements include relocating the booster pump station, upgrading electrical panels, adding an emergency generator, replacing inlet/outlet valves, and removing fencing between the yards to create one contiguous facility. Activities are expected to begin in 2025 and last 18 months, with weekday work hours.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Seaside

Parcel: 031261002000

Public hearing information:

Not Applicable

Public review period ends

**Monday, September 29, 2025**

Marina Coast Water District  
Andrew Racz  
(831) 883-5933

Notice of Availability

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of a new sanitary sewer lift station at the northern end of Glorya Jean Tate Park. Under existing conditions, wastewater from the northern portion of Marina currently flows west under SR 1 in an existing 18-inch sewer main toward the defunct MCWD wastewater treatment plant, where MCWD collected wastewater was treated prior to the opening of the Monterey One Water (M1W) Regional Treatment Plant. Wastewater is then pumped back under SR 1 in a sanitary sewer force main in Lake Drive and Reservation Road, which terminates in a manhole at the west end of Seaside Court.

The new lift station will transmit wastewater flow through a new sanitary sewer force main that would be installed within the following public roadways: Drew Street, Abdy Way, Cardoza Avenue, Reservation Road, and an existing pipeline easement crossing two commercial properties, ending at a new manhole at the west end of Seaside Court where the proposed project would tie into the existing MCWD system. In addition, the proposed project includes the replacement of the existing gravity sewers in Seaside Court with a new larger gravity sewer. The new lift station would eliminate the need to continue pumping wastewater to the west side of SR 1. The existing pump station will remain operational to continue serving development on the west side of SR 1. In addition to serving existing connections, the proposed project would add wastewater conveyance capacity to facilitate planned population growth associated with the Marina Station Development.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Marina

Parcel: 033073002000

Public hearing information:

Not Applicable

Public review period ends **Friday, October 3, 2025**

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY ACTION: FY 2025-26 FEE RATES FOR FACILITY, GENERATION & HANDLING**

Department of Toxic Substances  
OAL Reference Attorney  
(916) 323-7811  
Other

State law requires the Board to establish a schedule of fee rates based upon the costs of the administration and collection of fees and the statewide general administrative costs assessed to the DTSC Accounts. Fee rates must allow for a reserve of not more than 10 percent in each of the DTSC Accounts at an amount determined by the Board to be sufficient to ensure that all programs funded by the account will not be adversely affected by any revenue shortfalls or additional baseline expenditure adjustments. The Board established a subcommittee of two board members to recommend fee rates for FY 2025-26. On June 17, the subcommittee held a public workshop to provide public outreach regarding its proposal to increase fee rates for FY 2025-26. This proposal was adopted by the Board on August 27, 2025.

Project Location:

Statewide

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

N/A

Public review period ends **Monday, September 15, 2025**

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*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:** November 12, 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 California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued decision D.24.09.31, approving the creation of the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network (CCR REN) with a \$36 million budget. The CCR REN filed a business plan on December 31, 2024 to described its approach to the implementation of energy efficiency programs, primarily from 2025 through 2027. The business plan was approved on August 28, 2025. 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 implement 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. Projects at small businesses continue to be installed, and a number of public agencies have been referred to programs that offer rebates for energy efficiency and

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electrification upgrades. AMBAG staff also hosted one-on-one interviews with jurisdictional staff to identify facilities and programs needs at community centers and libraries that could serve as resiliency centers.

AMBAG staff also continued coordinating with CCR REN partners, community stakeholders, and jurisdictional staff to design programs for the next energy efficiency portfolio cycle, from 2028 to 2031. Business Plan applications for this new cycle are due to the CPUC on February 16, 2026.

### **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 continue analyzing the 691 responses received in the community survey.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

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

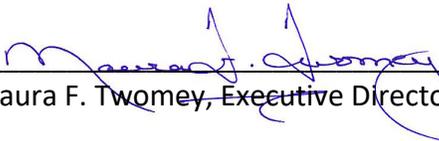
#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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:**

  
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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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## Draft 2026 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

<b>January 14, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>February 11, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>March 11, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>April 8, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>May 13, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>June 10, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>July 2026</b>	<b>No Meeting Scheduled</b>
<b>August 12, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>September 9, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm

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<b>October 14, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>*November 18, 2026</b>	<b>MBARD Board Room</b> <b>24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>December 2026</b>	<b>No Meeting Scheduled</b>

**\* The AMBAG November Board of Directors meeting has been moved to the third Wednesday of the month due to Veteran's Day Holiday.**



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** AMBAG Board of Directors

**FROM:** Derek Timm, President

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 8 to the Employment Agreement  
between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve Amendment No. 8 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey.
2. Approve a one time Employee Performance Retention Fund in the amount of \$4,000 to be distributed at the discretion of the Executive Director by December 31, 2025.
3. Direct Executive Director to develop Goals for 2026 and present to the Board of Directors at the January 2026 AMBAG Meeting.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

The AMBAG President Derek Timm met with the Executive Director Maura Twomey and negotiated an Amendment to her Employment Agreement on September 10, 2025. Amendment No. 8 contains the following changes to the Employment Agreement:

- Awards a one-time Extension & Employee Retention Bonus in the amount of \$3,000.
- Adds one year to the agreement, extending the term to August 19, 2027.

In addition to the above noted changes to the Employment Agreement, the Board President negotiated the following terms with the Executive Director:

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- AMBAG will fund a one time Employee Performance Retention Fund in the amount of \$4,000 to be distributed at the discretion of the Executive Director by December 31, 2025.
- The Executive Director will present her 2026 Goals to the Board of Directors at the January 2026 AMBAG Meeting.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Amendment No. 8 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey.

**APPROVED BY:**



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Derek Timm, President

Attachment 1

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
AND MAURA F. TWOMEY

**AMENDMENT NO. 8**

This AMENDMENT NO. 8 (Amendment) to the EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (Agreement) dated November 8, 2017 is between the ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) and MAURA F. TWOMEY (TWOMEY) and is dated November 12, 2025.

In accordance with Section 6.2 of the Agreement, the AMBAG Board of Directors performed an evaluation of TWOMEY for the period of August 20, 2024 to August 19, 2025. Based on this evaluation, AMBAG and TWOMEY agree to the Amendment with the following revisions to the terms of the Agreement:

- A. Section 4.6 is added to read:

TWOMEY shall receive a one-time Extension & Employee Performance Bonus in the amount of \$3,000 payable after the Amendment to the Agreement is approved and signed.

- B. Section 6.1 is amended to read:

**Term.** This agreement shall be for a period of ten (10) years commencing August 20, 2017 and ending August 19, 2027, unless terminated by either party in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 6.3 of this Agreement, or until terminated by death or permanent disability of TWOMEY. If AMBAG terminates the employment of TWOMEY without cause under Article 2 of this Agreement TWOMEY is entitled to severance benefits equal to six (6) months of her then current salary. AMBAG shall also provide a payout equivalent to a period not to exceed six (6) months following such termination for the continuation of TWOMEY's health benefits, life insurance and long-term disability insurance. If this Agreement is terminated as a matter of law by the death of TWOMEY, the heirs of TWOMEY are not entitled to any future compensation or benefits that TWOMEY may have earned had the agreement not been terminated by death.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have executed this Amendment on the day and year written below.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ MAURA F. TWOMEY

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEREK TIMM  
AMBAG President

Approved as to form:

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ AMBAG Counsel



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** AMBAG Board of Directors

**FROM:** Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Bhupendra Patel, Ph.D., Director of Modeling

**SUBJECT:** Draft Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-26 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Draft Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-26 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) call for the development of the Overall Work Program (OWP) by the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), as the federally designated MPO for the tri-county (Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties) Monterey Bay Region, annually develops and maintains the OWP and Budget. Generally, the Overall Work Program (OWP) and the AMBAG Budget are linked documents.

The FY 2025-26 OWP is developed in consultation and coordination with the region’s Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA), transit operators, Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FY 2025-26 OWP includes transportation and air quality related planning activities proposed for the Monterey Bay Region for the state fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

The FY 2025-26 OWP and Budget was approved by the AMBAG Board of Directors at the May 14, 2025 meeting and the FY 2025-26 OWP was jointly approved by FHWA and FTA on June 3, 2025.

The AMBAG OWP and Budget is subject to periodic adjustments resulting from changes in

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activities as well as revisions in revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year. The proposed Draft Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 OWP and Budget accounts for the following changes:

- Applying FY 2025-26 Caltrans approved Indirect Cost Rate 93.87% to all work elements in the OWP and updating Budget accordingly.
- Updating carryover funds from FY 2024-25 as finalized by Caltrans as per the year end reconciliation letter.
- Programming the FY 2025-26 final funding allocation as per the Caltrans letter dated October 16, 2025.
- Removal of work element WE 222 that was not grant funded and previously included as a placeholder.
- Removal of work element WE 613 that expended all funds and had no carryover from FY 2024-25.
- Line-item adjustments to expenditures, text changes in task and deliverable sections, and/or technical corrections to WE 101, 113, 125, 251, 334, 335, 336, 338, 345, 346, 347, 348, 616, 622, and 629.

For your reference, Draft Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 OWP and Budget is separately enclosed with the agenda (Attachment 1).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Staff time to carry out OWP and Budget activities is funded through FHWA PL, FTA 5303, and other State and local funds as programmed in the approved FY 2025-26 OWP.

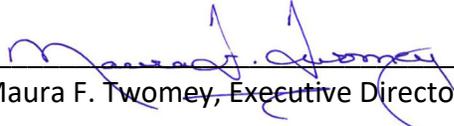
**COORDINATION:**

Preparation of the Draft Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 OWP has been coordinated with Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG), Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD), Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft Amendment 1- FY 2025-26 OWP and Budget (separately enclosed)

**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:** William Condon, Associate Planner

**SUBJECT:** Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Alignment Form Amendment

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the amendment to the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Alignment Form for the Santa Cruz Metro project and execute the contract with the agency consistent with the CRP Guidelines.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

On November 15, 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or IIJA) was signed into law. The BIL authorizes a new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) federal funding to projects that decrease transportation emissions, which are defined as the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions that result from on-road, highway sources. California receives annual apportionments of CRP over five years. The apportionments are split, with 65% as Local CRP and 35% as State CRP. Over the course of five years, California state is expected to receive approximately \$550 million apportioned to the program, with almost \$6.8 million of that total amount expected to be allocated within the AMBAG MPO planning area. Both Local and State CRP funds must be invested in alignment with the Carbon Reduction Strategy.

IIJA requires Caltrans, in partnership with the MPOs, to develop a Carbon Reduction Strategy and submit it to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval by November 2023. ESTA submitted the final Carbon Reduction Strategy, available at the link below, to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on November 15, 2023.

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/esta/documents/carbon-reduction/120123-final-carbon-reduction-strategy-a11y.pdf>

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Although IIJA allows for a variety of projects to be funded through CRP that support the reduction of transportation emission, in accordance with California’s Transportation Carbon Reduction Strategy, applicants should nominate projects that support the State’s three CRP pillars: bicycle and pedestrian, rail and transit, and zero emission vehicles and infrastructure.

**Local CRP Funding and Process**

Local CRP funding is apportioned by population throughout California based on 2020 US Census Urbanized Areas (UZA). Local CRP apportioned to UZAs within a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary must be programmed by the MPO and cannot be suballocated within the MPO boundary. The MPO must use a competitive, performance-driven process to select projects for CRP funds. The AMBAG region is expected to receive a total of \$6.83 Million CRP fund. The annual apportionments for FFY 2022 to FFY 2026 are as follows:

MPO	FFY 2022	FFY 2023	FFY 2024	FFY 2025	FFY 2026*
AMBAG	\$1,344,707	\$1,371,601	\$1,387,278	\$1,415,024	\$1,415,024

In consultation with region’s RTPAs and transit agencies, AMBAG staff developed project selection criteria and process for the CRP funding, which was approved by AMBAG Board at your February 14, 2024 meeting. Based on the call for projects for CRP funding, AMBAG received six applications from eligible applicants. All CRP project applications were evaluated by AMBAG staff using AMBAG Board approved CRP project selection criteria. All six projects were approved for funding by the AMBAG Board at the May 8, 2024 meeting. The projects were subsequently approved by Caltrans and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review and programming.

**Santa Cruz METRO Project Application Change**

Based on direction from FHWA and FTA, the Project Alignment Form for the Santa Cruz Metro project has been revised. Under the amended Project Alignment Form, the CRP award will now fund capital investments as opposed to operations. The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Zero Emission Bus purchase is in full alignment with CRP eligibility and scope requirements, focusing on implementing tangible infrastructure improvements that support emission reduction goals and advance regional sustainability objectives.

METRO is requesting \$2 million from AMBAG’s regional apportionment of CRP funds to support the purchase of four Hydrogen Fuel Cell/Zero Emission Buses that will enable METRO to reestablish express bus service on the Highway 1 corridor, which is one of the primary corridors identified in METRO’s Zero Emission Intercity Transit Service Expansion Project. This service provides a critical link between Watsonville and Santa Cruz area, providing access to jobs and educational opportunities. This service is also in line with the vision for the Highway 1 corridor established by the Santa Cruz County

Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) and the Highway 1/Bus on Shoulders (BOS) program. The buses will operate on the first BOS facility in northern California.

**Next Steps**

Pending Board of Directors approval, AMBAG staff will work with Santa Cruz METRO staff to amend the existing contract and begin the process for project programming and disburse funds. AMBAG staff will submit the required CRP Project Alignment Form to Caltrans for their concurrence. After Caltrans’ signing of the CRP Project Alignment Confirmation Form, staff will program this project in the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board of Directors could choose not to approve the amendment to the CRP Project Alignment Form. AMBAG staff does not recommend this option as it will delay implementation of the Carbon Reduction Program and may cause the region to lose funding.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

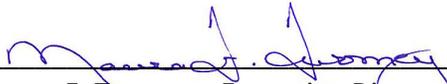
Staff time for CRP fund related activity is funded through federal funds and is programmed in the approved FY 2025-26 OWP.

**COORDINATION:**

The CRP fund related activity is developed in coordination and consultation with the following partner agencies:

- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Council of San Benito County Governments
- Monterey-Salinas Transit
- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
- Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
- Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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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:** Contract for Legal Services

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve a five-year contract for legal services with Fenton & Keller and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement for an amount not to exceed \$102,000.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) requires a contractor to provide ordinary legal advice and legal opinions to AMBAG and its Executive Director, assist in the drafting and preparation of contracts and agreements and to engage in legal research, study and review necessary to properly advise and protect the interests of AMBAG. AMBAG also requires the contractor to provide extraordinary legal services such as the preparation of complex legal documents and litigation services.

Responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on September 25, 2025, for legal services were received on or before October 17, 2025, from the following legal firms:

- Fenton & Keller
- Redwood Public Law
- Ross & Swartz

AMBAG's Evaluation Committee reviewed all firm proposals based on responsiveness and the evaluation criteria included in the RFP. A short list of the highest ranked firms was created for further consideration. Fenton & Keller was selected by the Evaluation Committee to provide legal services for the five calendar years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Total legal services fees for all five years are \$102,000. Fees for FY 2025-2026 are included in the Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget. Subsequent years will also be funded by inclusion in the OWP and Budget in the fiscal year in which the work is performed.

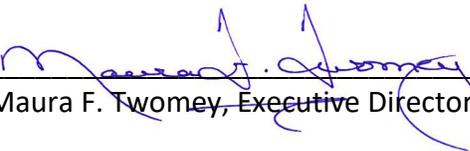
**COORDINATION:**

AMBAG staff posted the RFP on AMBAG's website, direct emailed firms on AMBAG's legal vendor's list and posted on the Request for Proposal Database (RFPDB) to advertise AMBAG's RFP.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Draft Agreement with Fenton & Keller

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

## Attachment 1

### AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS AND FENTON & KELLER, ATTORNEY AT LAW

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this first day of January, 2026, by and between the ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization {MPO) and joint powers authority, hereinafter referred to as "AMBAG", and FENTON & KELLER, ATTORNEY AT LAW hereinafter referred to as "Attorney", both of whom understand as follows:

- A. Term: The term of this Agreement commenced on January 1, 2026, and shall continue until December 31, 2030, unless terminated pursuant to paragraph I. of this Agreement. At least six months prior to contract termination, the Executive Director of AMBAG shall conduct a performance review of the consultant and a cost analysis. Based on the results of the performance evaluation and cost analysis, the AMABG Board may elect to amend this contract for an additional period of time not to exceed five (5) years.
- B. Compensation. Attorney will provide ordinary legal services to the AMBAG for a retainer of \$X,XXX.00 per month. Extraordinary legal services, with the exception of litigation, shall be charged at the rate of \$XXX.00 per hour. Litigation services shall be charged at the rate of \$XXX.00 per hour. Extraordinary legal services shall require prior approval of the Executive Director while litigation services shall require prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- C. Ordinary Services. Ordinary legal services shall include legal advice and legal opinions to AMBAG and its Executive Director in the regular course of business and concerning all such matters as administrative procedures, AMBAG board actions, and shall include attendance at AMBAG meetings as requested. Attorney is to be responsible for assisting in the drafting and preparing ordinary contracts and agreements, and engaging in whatever legal research, study and review necessary to properly advise and protect the interests of AMBAG.

- D. Extraordinary Legal Services. Extraordinary legal services shall include the preparation of complex legal documents, and complex legal opinions.
  
- E. Litigation Services. Litigation services shall include litigation services not covered under paragraph D. Attorney shall notify and receive authorization from the Board of Directors prior to rendering litigation legal services.
  
- F. AMBAG Obligations. For the provision of legal services, AMBAG shall provide any and all documents and materials necessary to carry out the terms of this agreement as requested by Attorney.
  
- G. Reimbursement of Costs. In addition, Attorney shall be reimbursed for all out-of-pocket expenses and costs advanced or paid on behalf of the AMBAG, including court reporter fees and charges, court costs, costs of outside investigators or experts pertaining to AMBAG litigation, long-distance telephone calls and long-distance facsimile (fax) transmissions, mileage reimbursement on the same basis as other AMBAG employees, if requested by Attorney.
  
- H. Miscellaneous. AMBAG recognizes that XXXX, Attorney at Law...  
(describe practice and location)  
  
AMBAG recognizes the Attorney also serves as ... (describe other endeavors, if any, which may be in potential conflict and remediation)
  
- I. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AMBAG has caused this agreement to be signed and executed on its behalf by its Board of Directors, and duly attested by its representative, Derek Timm, Maura F. Twomey and the Attorney has signed and executed this agreement in duplicate originals the day and year first herein above written.

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Derek Timm, President  
AMBAG Board of Directors

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Date

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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:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through August 31, 2025, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Balance Sheet for August 31, 2025, reflects a cash balance of \$2,971,516.09. The accounts receivable balance is \$860,697.91, while the current liabilities balance is \$506,492.99. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2025, reflects a positive Net Position in the amount of \$351,166.86. This is due in part to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of revenue over expense of \$152,158.30. 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.

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The following table highlights key Budget to Actual financial data:

**Budget to Actual Financial Highlights**  
**For Period July 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Through August 2025</b>	<b>Actual Through August 2025</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 595,379.00	\$ 496,302.66	\$ 99,076.34
Professional Services	\$ 1,419,625.00	\$ 407,068.76	\$ 1,012,556.24
Lease/Rentals	\$ 13,250.00	\$ 12,829.54	\$ 420.46
Communications	\$ 4,133.00	\$ 3,547.49	\$ 585.51
Supplies	\$ 41,917.00	\$ 25,215.93	\$ 16,701.07
Printing	\$ 3,876.00	\$ -	\$ 3,876.00
Travel	\$ 14,617.00	\$ 9,887.33	\$ 4,729.67
Other Charges	\$ 25,683.00	\$ 20,306.31	\$ 5,376.69
Non-Federal Local Match	\$ 74,545.17	\$ 74,545.17	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,118,481.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,049,703.19</b>	<b>\$ 1,143,321.98</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 2,167,285.00	\$ 1,201,861.49	\$ 965,423.51
Note: AMBAG is projecting a surplus, therefore budgeted revenues do not equal expenses.			

**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 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.

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 August 31, 2025
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
3. Cash Activity for September 2025

**APPROVED BY:**



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



**Profit & Loss - Attachment 2**

August 2025

	Aug-25	Aug-25
<b>Income</b>		
AMBAG Revenue		181,192.10
Cash Contributions		31,889.50
Grant Revenue		914,234.72
Non-Federal Local Match		74,545.17
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,201,861.49</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Salaries		309,791.90
Fringe Benefits		186,510.76
Professional Services		407,068.76
Lease/Rentals		12,829.54
Communications		3,547.49
Supplies		25,215.93
Printing		0.00
Travel		9,887.33
Other Charges:		
BOD Allowances	850.00	
BOD Refreshments/Travel/Nameplates/Dinner/Other	550.76	
Workshops/Training	700.00	
GIS Licensing/CCJDC Support	0.00	
CCR REN Travel/Classes/Events/Recruitment/Other	714.14	
SBI/MTIP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expenses	0.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	2,700.00	
Depreciation Expense	8,098.20	
Maintenance/Utilities	0.00	
Insurance	6,693.21	
Interest/Fees/Tax Expense	0.00	
<b>Total Other Charges</b>		<b>20,306.31</b>
Non-Federal Local Match		74,545.17
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>1,049,703.19</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		<b>152,158.30</b>

**AMBAG**  
**Cash Activity - Attachment 3**  
**For September 2025**

Unaudited

Monthly Cash Activity	July-25	August-25	September-25	October-25	November-25	December-25	January-26	February-26	March-26	April-26	May-26	June-26	TOTAL
<b>1. CASH ON HAND</b>													
[Beginning of month]	4,212,310.51	3,798,610.52	2,971,516.09	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	1,74,741.75
<b>2. CASH RECEIPTS</b>													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	107,036.69	64,088.60	3,616.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,090,666.53
(b) Grant Revenue	326,349.90	369,164.01	395,152.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(c) REAP Advance Payment	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
(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
<b>3. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	433,386.59	433,252.61	398,769.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,265,408.28
<b>4. TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE</b>	4,645,697.10	4,231,863.13	3,370,285.17	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41
<b>5. CASH PAID OUT</b>													
(a) Payroll & Related	309,774.68	241,785.75	242,393.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	793,954.36
(b) Professional Services	493,711.25	1,004,753.86	178,608.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,677,073.42
(c) Capital Outlay	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
(d) Lease/Rentals	12,382.77	0.00	6,320.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,703.72
(e) Communications	2,905.18	1,671.39	2,792.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,369.12
(f) Supplies	3,793.08	3,887.51	2,923.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,603.87
(g) Printing	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
(h) Travel	7,479.54	2,363.53	379.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,222.91
(i) Other Charges	17,040.08	5,885.00	3,653.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,578.98
(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
<b>6. TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</b>	847,086.58	1,260,347.04	437,072.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,544,506.38
<b>7. CASH POSITION</b>	3,798,610.52	2,971,516.09	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41	2,933,212.41



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** AMBAG Board of Directors

**FROM:** Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

**SUBJECT:** Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the release the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review on November 17, 2025 and schedule public hearings in January 2026.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The 2050 MTP/SCS is the blueprint for a regional transportation system that further enhances our quality of life, promotes sustainability, and offers more mobility options for people and goods. The MTP/SCS is built on an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the transportation system so it meets the diverse needs of our changing region through 2050.

The 2050 MTP/SCS contains a robust transportation network, with a diversity of projects that will provide residents and visitors with a variety of travel choices. The transportation network, in conjunction with how local jurisdictions develop land, will provide additional opportunities for walking, biking, getting to work, going to school, shopping and playing.

Passed in 2008, Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) encourages planning practices that create sustainable communities. SB 375 also charged the California Air Resources Board (CARB) with setting regional targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2035. AMBAG must prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the MTP. The SCS must demonstrate how the region will meet its target for reducing greenhouse gas

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emissions from automobiles and light trucks. The 2050 MTP/SCS demonstrates that our region meets the regional GHG target.

The following sections present a brief overview of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS. The 2050 MTP/SCS adoption process section describes the process to obtain public input on the 2050 MTP/SCS and major milestones leading to the Board considering adoption of the 2050 MTP/SCS in June 2026.

## **Vision**

AMBAG adopted a framework of goals and policy objectives to guide the development of the MTP/SCS. The five goal areas are:

- *Mobility – Build and maintain a safe and robust multimodal transportation network.*
- *Environment – Create a sustainable and healthy region for all.*
- *Communities – Develop, engage, connect, and sustain communities that are livable and thriving.*
- *Economic – Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all.*
- *Equitable – Plan for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.*

## **Transportation Investments**

The Draft 2050 MTP/SCS contains a number of improvements to our multimodal transportation system. The MTP sets forth an integrated approach to transportation investments that maximizes the benefits of the existing transportation system by investing in system preservation and maintenance, along with strategic system expansion and management strategies. The transportation investments will provide more travel choices for our region’s residents and visitors.

## **Sustainable Communities Strategy**

The SCS demonstrates the region’s ability to meet the GHG emission reduction target set forth by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The SCS outlines the region’s plan for integrating the transportation network within an overall land use pattern that responds to projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and transportation demands while reducing GHG emissions. The overall SCS land use development pattern complements the proposed transportation network which emphasizes multimodal system enhancements, system preservation, and improved access to high quality transit.

## **Financial Plan**

The Financial Plan includes a revenue forecast of local, state and federal sources that are reasonably expected to be available through 2050. Total revenues estimated for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS are approximately \$16 billion.

## **Performance Measures**

In support of the goals and policies established through public participation efforts and stakeholder involvement, more than a dozen performance measures were established to measure how well the MTP/SCS performs. The performance measures quantify the transportation, environmental, economic and equity benefits of the MTP/SCS.

## **Public Participation**

AMBAG engaged a wide range of stakeholder groups, elected officials, community groups, and the general public through a series of meetings and workshops. The input received through this process has shaped the 2050 MTP/SCS in a meaningful way. AMBAG will continue to involve and engage the stakeholders and the public in the process of refining and finalizing the 2050 MTP/SCS.

## **Environmental Impact Report**

AMBAG, in consultation with the RTPAs and the consulting team, is preparing an EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS. Prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Draft EIR evaluates the impacts of the 2050 MTP/SCS on the physical environment at the program level. The Program EIR also serves as the EIR for each of the RTPA's 2050 Regional Transportation Plans. The Program EIR analyzes a range of impacts resulting from future development consistent with the regional growth projections and from improvements to the regional transportation network. It also analyzes three alternatives to the proposed 2050 MTP/SCS. The EIR provides the framework for subsequent project level environmental analysis of specific projects, in which individual project impacts will be evaluated separately as project features are defined.

## **2050 MTP/SCS and EIR Adoption Process**

To obtain public input on the development of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS, a broad range of media and communication avenues have been and will be utilized to provide information, solicit participation and input and allow for ongoing feedback and updates. A major goal of this public involvement effort is to reach out to both nontraditional and traditional audiences, to include them in the transportation planning process.

AMBAG will hold public workings and public hearings, in January 2026, to allow for public comment on the 2050 MTP/SCS and the EIR. The public workshops/hearings schedule and format will provide opportunities information to be shared and public comments to be submitted. Staff proposes the following Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and EIR public workshops/hearings to be scheduled:

- Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 12pm (General)
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6pm (General, as part of AMBAG Board meeting)
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 12pm (General)
- Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6pm (San Benito County focus)
- Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6pm (Monterey County focus)
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6pm (Santa Cruz County focus)

Anticipated upcoming major milestones include:

- **November 17, 2025** – Beginning of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **January 2026** – Public workshops/hearings on Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **January 30, 2026** – Close of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **February/March 2026** – Review and response to comments and consider proposed changes to the 2050 MTP/SCS
- **June 2026** – AMBAG Board considers certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Final 2050 MTP/SCS

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The AMBAG Board of Directors could choose not to direct staff to release the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and EIR; however, this would delay the scheduled adoption of the 2050 MTP/SCS.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Planning activities for the 2050 MTP/SCS are funded with FHWA PL, FTA 5303, and SB 1 planning funds and are programmed in the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.

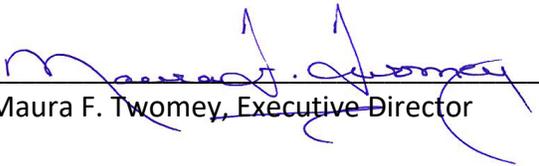
**COORDINATION:**

All MTP/SCS planning activities are coordinated with the MTP/SCS Executive Steering Committee and Staff Working Group which includes participation from Caltrans District 5, Monterey Salinas Transit, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Council of San Benito County Governments, and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, as well as the Planning Directors Forum and the RTPAs Technical Advisory Committees, which includes the local jurisdictions.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

**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:** Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** Final 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the Final 2025 Monterey Bay Region Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan.

**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.

***2025 Coordinated Plan Organization***

The Final 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.

***Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan Public Comment Period***

The Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan was released for a public review period August 4 through September 26, 2025. In addition, staff presented the Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan at numerous advisory committees, the Planning Directors Forum, and the Board of Directors meeting in August 2025. Staff received 16 comments from individuals and agencies during the public review period. These comments and staff responses on how the feedback was incorporated in the Final 2025 Coordinated Plan are provided in Appendix D of the document.

Staff requests the Board of Directors approve the Final 2025 Monterey Bay Region Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan, which is included as Attachment 1.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board of Directors could choose not to approve the 2025 Coordinated Plan. AMBAG staff does not recommend this alternative as it is a federal requirement for FTA 5310 funding eligibility.

**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.

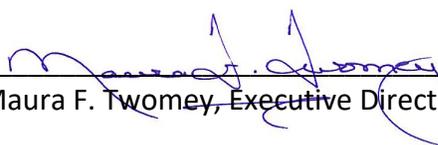
**COORDINATION:**

The 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. Final 2025 Coordinated Plan (separately enclosed)

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** AMBAG Board of Directors

**FROM:** Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

**SUBJECT:** Update on the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff will provide an update on the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

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 supports communities that have historically not participated in energy efficiency programs in 14 central California counties.

In order to establish the governance structure of the CCR REN the AMBAG Board of Directors approved a CCR REN memorandum of understanding (MOU) on October 9, 2024. This MOU defined and formalized the working relationship among the partners as well as shared goals, objectives, roles, and norms of decision making. CCR REN partners then submitted the CCR REN Business Plan to the California Public Utilities Commission for review on December 31st. The County of San Luis Obispo, as the lead administrator for the CCR REN, then entered a contract with Southern California Edison to receive the CCR REN funding on December 19, 2024. On February 12, 2025, the AMBAG Board of Directors authorized AMBAG to enter into a funding agreement with

the County of San Luis Obispo to codify contractual relationships and invoicing modalities for the work that AMBAG staff and consultants are performing as part of the CCR REN. At the meeting the board also authorized the executive director to negotiate and execute a contract with Vistar Energy Inc to develop a Monterey Bay Residential Energy Modelling tool. AMBAG staff then worked with CCR REN partners to launch CCR REN programs throughout April and May.

In the past months, AMBAG staff have been working with partners to implement the CCR REN programs and are excited to provide an update on the progress achieved to date. For the commercial program, thirteen projects have been completed including four in the AMBAG region, distributing approximately \$300,000 in incentives. For the residential program, a consultant is actively building a residential energy modelling tool, which will allow residents to look up their address and model the impact of making energy efficiency retrofits. Staff are also working to launch an energy-efficiency kit offering for residents to save energy by installing simple free energy efficiency measures such as LED lightbulbs and power strips. For the Codes and Standards program, staff have organized two in person workshops, hosted seven online training courses, as well as launched the energy codes coach services, which provides jurisdictional staff and contractors technical assistance in answering codes questions. In the public sector, AMBAG is actively promoting existing programs that are already available to public agencies and working to provide technical assistance to identify deep retrofit opportunities. So far, technical assistance has been provided to 31 public agencies and \$200,000 in potential incentives has been identified.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The implementation of CCR REN programs is fully funded under 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.

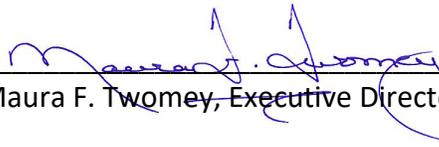
**COORDINATION:**

AMBAG is working with partners to launch the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network. Partners include San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties, the High Sierra Energy Foundation, and the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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<b>AMBAG Acronym Guide</b>	
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 <sup>st</sup> 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 Trips