

Report on ABAG to MCCMC

April 22, 2015

MARIN PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON PLAN BAY AREA: As previously reported, the Marin ABAG delegates agreed to host a public workshop on Plan Bay Area 2017 on May 16, 2015. It begins at 9:00 am to 12:30 at the Novato City Hall 901 Sherman Avenue. Attached is the agenda. All elected officials are encouraged to join this important discussion.

REMINDER – APPLICATIONS FOR PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS (PCA) ARE DUE MAY 30, 2015: In February 2015, ABAG noticed jurisdictions and open space/park districts of the opportunity to remove an existing PCA, confirm an existing PCA or nominate a new PCA by May 30, 2015. The letter provided the process for confirming and/or submitting a new PCA application. The letter also provided an update on the four designations of PCAs which are:

- 1) Natural Landscapes – areas critical to the functioning of wildlife and plant habitats, aquatic ecosystems and the region’s water supply and quality.
- 2) Agricultural Lands – farmland, grazing land and timberland that support the region’s agricultural economy and provide additional benefits such as habitat protection and carbon capture.
- 3) Urban Greening – existing and potential green spaces in cities that increase habitat connectivity, improve community health, capture carbon emissions and address stormwater.
- 4) Regional Recreation – existing and potential regional parks, trails and other publicly accessible recreation facilities.

A copy of the application materials, a sample resolution and additional information about the designations is available online at: <http://abag.ca.gov/vision/conservation/>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

ABAG Spring General Assembly and Business Meeting -- Thursday, April 23, 2015 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Oakland Asian Cultural Center** 388 9th Street, Suite 290. To register: <http://abag.ca.gov/events/ga/2015/>. This General Assembly focuses on Green Streets and Infrastructure Strategies: Sharing Best Practices Around Creating Complete Communities, Drought Protection, and Water Management.

The keynote speaker, David Sedlak, Professor at UC Berkeley, will speak about a more resilient, sustainable water system to avoid the economic, social and environmental damage of climate change, population growth and water quality concerns in the SF Bay Area. The title of his presentation is: ‘2050: The Year We Completed Our Urban Water Transformation’. There will be a panel discussion on what water protective/conserving initiatives local governments and water districts are doing to prepare for 2050. In addition, there will be for the first time at the General Assembly caucuses of jurisdictions (small cities and towns; older suburbs and larger cities) to discuss the common challenges, opportunities and relevant best practices. The Business meeting will start at 6:00 pm which includes a vote on ABAG’s 2015-2016 Budget and workplan.

PLAN BAY AREA UPDATE 2017 PUBLIC WORKSHOP – May 16, 2015 9:00am to 12:30pm at Novato City Hall 901 Sherman Avenue.

Please direct questions to Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato (phone: 415-883-9116; email: peklund@novato.org or pateklund@comcast.net)

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP
PLAN BAY AREA UPDATE 2017
MAY 16, 2015 -- 9:00 to 12:30
Novato City Hall -- 901 Sherman Avenue**

Purpose:

- Share lessons learned from Plan Bay Area 2013
- Inform and obtain feedback on the key milestones, methodology for forecasting future growth and goals and performance targets for Plan Bay Area Update 2017
- Discuss next steps

9:00 – 9:30: REGISTRATION and INFORMATION TABLES

9:30 – 9:45: WELCOME and INTRODUCTION TO PLAN BAY AREA 2017

- ✓ **Welcome and Lessons Learned from Plan Bay Area 2013** – Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem City of Novato (5 minutes)
- ✓ **Key Milestones for Plan Bay Area Update 2017** – Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director (10 minutes)

9:45 – 10:15: Public Comment/Questions

10:15 – 10:35: FORECASTING FUTURE GROWTH – Elizabeth Brekhus, Mayor, Town of Ross introduction of Cynthia Kroll, ABAG Chief Economist

10:35 – 11:10: Public Comment/Questions

11:10 – 11:20: Break

11:20 - 11:40: GOALS, PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND VITAL SIGNS – Doug Kelly, Vice Mayor, City of San Anselmo introduction of ABAG or MTC staff person.

11:40 - 12:00: Public Comment/Questions

12:00 - 12:15: WRAP-UP AND CONTINUED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ **Next Steps – Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato**
 - Report on what we heard today – comments, suggestions and Q&A
 - Send additional comments or questions, to: <http://planbayarea.org/get-involved/join-us.html>
 - ABAG/MTC has committed to a public forum each year as Plan Bay Area Update 2017 progresses.

12:15 – 12:30: Time for Conversation with Public, Panelists and Elected Officials
