

Report on ABAG to MCCMC

May 2018

ABAG General Assembly: The ABAG General Assembly is May 31, 2018 at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco -- Yerba Buena Room. See attached agenda. If you want to carpool, pool let me know. To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/association-of-bay-area-governments-general-assembly-tickets-44456308014>

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	State of the Council of Governments
10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Plenary – Building a Resilient Region

ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD: On May 17, 2018, the ABAG Executive Board met and took the following actions:

1. State Legislation:

- **AB 2923 (Chiu):** BART Transit Oriented Development – OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED [League of CA Cities is opposed]. Vote was 13:11 (Eklund supported the opposed position)
- **SB 828 (Wiener):** Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Allocation – SUPPORT AND SEEK AMENDMENTS [League of CA Cities is watch]. Vote was 17:7 (Eklund opposed the support position)
- **AB 1771 (Bloom):** Regional Housing Needs Allocation – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED [League of CA Cities is watch]. Vote was unanimous.
- **SB 831 (Wieckowski) and SB 1469 (Skinner):** Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) – SUPPORT AND SEEK AMENDMENTS. [League of CA Cities, CA State Assn of Counties, Urban Counties of CA, and Rural County Representatives of CA are opposed]. Vote 18:5 (Eklund opposed the support position)
- **AB 2372 (Gloria):** Floor Area Ratio Bonus – SUPPORT [League of CA Cities is watch]. Vote was 23:0 (Eklund abstained)

2. SF Bay Economic Development District:

Approved staff request to submit an application to the US Economic Development Administration (US EDA) to designate the 8 County (with exception of Sonoma County who has previously received the designation) San Francisco Bay Area as a Regional Economic Development District (EDD). This designation will make jurisdictions and organizations in the Bay Area more competitive for grants and other programs from Federal and state agencies and foundations. ABAG developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and obtained endorsements from a majority of the Bay Area counties on the vision, goals and objectives, and concept of an EDD.

3. Board Member Announcement:

Pat Eklund requested the ABAG Executive Board discuss either prepare a draft public participation plan for Plan Bay Area 2050 or 'piggy back' on the draft MTC public participation plan. The Executive Director will place this on a future ABAG Executive Board meeting and indicated that he would prefer that ABAG 'piggy back' on the MTC public participation plan.

Pat Eklund also thanked Brad Paul and Bobby Lu for participating in the Marin ABAG delegate/alternate meeting in April 2018; and, suggested that other ABAG Board Members may want to attend an upcoming meeting to get a better understanding of how we involve the ABAG delegates/alternates in Marin County in ABAG activities/issues.

4. North Bay Fires:

Henry Gardner, former ABAG Executive Director and Oakland City Manager, reported on lessons learned from his six-month work with the City of Santa Rosa on fire recovery and rebuild efforts (paid for by ABAG/MTC). Some of the lessons learned included:

- a) Consider establishing a higher reserve in your budget due to the immediate reduction in property and sales taxes. Recently, the State legislature approved a backfill of the loss revenue to the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma for 3 years; however, this is not automatic and is highly dependent upon the financial status of the State of CA;
- b) Immediately start working with FEMA on assistance for renters. Unfortunately, the City and County did not get ahead of this for renters, but did for homeowners. Many renters did not know that there is a 60-day deadline for submitting claims;
- c) Many of the homeowners/renters were either under insured and/or not insured at all (especially seniors who have paid off their mortgages). Need to encourage residents and property owners to be sure they are adequately insured to rebuild to current building standards.

- d) Document in writing all communications with FEMA including whether expenditures/claims are reimbursable. Unfortunately, unless well documented, FEMA's initial determination on whether an expenditure/claim will be reimbursed, has been reversed by the federal auditor causing communities who borrowed funds to fight the fire, or recover from a disaster have experienced a reversal of FEMA's initial decision on a claim by the federal auditor due to lack of documentation; and,
- d) Debris removal and contamination is a huge issue. Not only is the cost an issue, but how and where to take the debris. Sonoma County was lucky in that they had just created a new 'cell' in their landfill which was to last for decades. Unfortunately, 80% of the new 'cell' was filled with the debris from these fires.
- e) CEQA relief was critical for the re-build. It is not automatic and communities need to be prepared.
- f) Communities are never prepared enough. These fires strained everyone. Remember that mutual aid is not automatic – it takes time for responders in other communities to respond and set up their efforts. So, communities are on their own and need to be better prepared.

Marin ABAG Delegate and Alternate Meetings: Thank you to the ABAG delegates/alternates who attended our April meeting where we discussed Plan Bay Area 2050 and the CASA effort. Our next ABAG delegate/alternate meeting is confirmed for **May 29, 2018 beginning at 6:30 pm** at the Central Marin Police Authority office in Larkspur. Remember that two members of your Council can attend. See attached draft agenda. The next Marin ABAG delegate/alternate meeting is scheduled for **July 30, 2018** beginning at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS¹

- **May 23, 2018** -- **MTC Commission, 9:30 am**
- **May 23, 2018** -- **SF Bay Estuary Implementation Committee, 9:30 am -- 1515 Clay Street, Oakland**
- **May 29, 2018** -- **Marin ABAG Delegates/Alternates meeting 6:30 to 8:30 pm**
- **May 31, 2018** -- **ABAG General Assembly, 9:00 am**
- **June 6, 2018** -- **ABAG Housing Subcommittee of Regional Planning Committee, 10:30 am**
ABAG Regional Planning Committee, 12:30 pm
- **June 8, 2018** -- **MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committee, 9:00 am**
MTC Legislative and ABAG Administrative Committee, 9:30 am
- **June 13, 2018** -- **MTC Policy Advisory Council, 1:30 pm**
- **June 20, 2018** -- **ABAG/MTC Legislative Action Day and Workshop, Sacramento**
CASA Technical Committee, 11:00 to 2:00 pm
- **June 27, 2018** -- **MTC Commission, 9:30 am**
- **July 18, 2018** -- **CASA Technical Committee meeting, 11:00 to 2:00 pm**
- **July 19, 2018** -- **ABAG Legislative Committee, 4:00 pm**
ABAG Executive Board, 7:00 pm
- **July 25, 2018** -- **MTC Commission, 9:30 am**
CASA Steering Committee meeting, 12:00 to 2:00 pm
- **July 30, 2018** -- **Marin ABAG Delegates/Alternates meeting 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

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

¹ All meetings are held at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco, unless noted otherwise.



BUILDING A RESILIENT REGION

The Bay Area is facing a new complex set of 21st century challenges that require us to work collaboratively together, across disciplines, across jurisdictional boundaries, across different levels of government to develop solutions that will make us more resilient when facing this uncertain future. Becoming a more resilient region will enable our communities to bounce back from the shocks and stresses that cause impacts from droughts to extreme storms and flooding and expanded wildfire seasons. Our efforts to foster resiliency should also factor in the basic, inalienable rights of Bay Area residents to a roof over their heads, access to good jobs, mobility options and clean air.

A hotbed of innovation and high-tech, the Bay Area is primed to apply its collective brainpower and creativity to the next generation of resiliency tools and approaches. Working together across the region, we have the ability to be out in front, managing our future, rather than reacting to it. Join your colleagues at the ABAG General Assembly to hear about innovations already taking place in Bay Area cities, towns and counties to meet this new future head on.

9 AM

REGISTRATION OPENS

9:30 AM

STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

10 AM

ABAG BUSINESS MEETING

Budget Approval and Bylaws Update

11 AM

PLENARY SPEAKER AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Jeremy Nowak, Brookings Institution in Conversation with Journalist, Conor Dougherty, NY Times

Jeremy Nowak is a co-author of *The New Localism: How Cities Can Thrive in Era of Populism*, recent book focusing on the place where innovation and solutions happen and how it can be used to address our most serious social, economic, and environmental challenges. Power is shifting in the world: downward from national governments and states to cities and metropolitan communities; horizontally from the public sector to networks of public, private and civic actors; and globally along circuits of capital, trade, and innovation.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Elected officials will discuss topics from *The New Localism*, moderated by Jeremy Nowak

PANELISTS

Supervisor **David Rabbitt**, Sonoma County, ABAG President

Councilmember **Gregory Scharff**, City of Palo Alto, ABAG Vice President

Councilmember **Julie Pierce**, City of Clayton, ABAG Immediate Past President

Councilmember **Lynette Gibson McElhaney**, City of Oakland

Mayor **Lily Mei**, City of Fremont

12:15 – 12:45 PM

BOOK SALES AND SIGNING, JEREMY NOWAK

12:30 PM

LUNCH AND BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Lessons Learned from Fires, Earthquakes, Resilient by Design, and Community Choice Aggregation

1. WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE FIRES

Lessons for Recovery: Protecting Lives, Supporting Community and Building Back Better

Moderator: Alix Bockleman, Deputy Executive Director, ABAG-MTC

Supervisor **David Rabbitt**, Sonoma County, ABAG President

Supervisor **Diane Dillon**, Napa County

Henry Gardner, Recovery Advisor, Former ABAG Executive Director, Former Oakland City Manager

Logan Pitts, Sonoma County Field Representative, Office of Senator Dodd, State of California

2. EARTHQUAKES

Outsmart Disaster: Inventorying Existing Buildings and Providing Water for Fire Fighting

Moderator: Ken Hudnut, Science Advisor for Risk Reduction

Councilmember **Gregory Scharff**, City of Palo Alto, ABAG Vice President

Fire Chief **Dave Brannigan**, City of Berkeley

Ken Hudnut, Science Advisor for Risk Reduction, U.S. Geological Survey

2:15 PM

RECONVENE

Report out from work groups and closing remarks

2:45 PM

POSTER BOARD SESSION

10 RbD Projects in the lobby

3 PM

RECEPTION IN RINCON PLACE

3. FLOOD/SEA LEVEL RISE

Resilience by Design (RbD): South San Francisco and North Richmond Projects

Moderator: Josh Bradt, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, Member Advisory Committee RbD

Supervisor **Dave Pine**, San Mateo County

Supervisor **John Gioia**, Contra Costa County

Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Program Director, San Bruno Mountain Watch

Juliana Gonzales, Executive Director, The Watershed Project

Richard Mullane, Principal, Hassell Studio

Tim Mollette-Parks, Associate Principal, Mithun

4. ENERGY/COMMUNITY CHOICE

Aggregation: Actions/Regional Energy Coordination

Moderator: Councilmember, Pradeep Gupta, City of South San Francisco

Supervisor **Scott Haggerty**, Alameda County

Don Bray, Director, Silicon Valley Clean Energy

Nick Chaset, CEO, East Bay Community Energy

Samuel Golding, President, Community Choice Partners, Inc.

MARIN ABAG DELEGATES/ALTERNATES COMMITTEE MEETING

May 29, 2018 -- 6:30 PM

Purpose:

- Overview of Application for SF Bay Area Economic Development District
- Discussion on Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process for 2022-2030
- Review Draft Agenda for Plan Bay Area Public Workshop in September 2018
- Prepare for General Assembly – May 31, 2018
- Proposed agenda topics for July 30, 2018 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Overview of Application for SF Bay Area Economic Development District

- ✓ Cynthia Kroll, ABAG/MTC staff, will provide an overview of the proposed Regional Economic Development District, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), Proposed Organization Structure for the District and benefits for Cities and Counties.

Discussion on Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process for 2022-2030

- ✓ Gillian Adams, ABAG/MTC staff, will provide an overview of the proposed process and timeline for the RHNA allocation to be adopted in July 2021.

Review Draft Agenda for Marin Public Workshop on Plan Bay Area

- ✓ Pat Eklund, will review proposed agenda and format

General Assembly

- ✓ Brad Paul and Bobby Lu, ABAG/MTC staff, will review the proposed Bylaw changes and proposed Budget and Workplan for 2018-2019

Proposed agenda for Marin ABAG Delegate/Alternate July 30, 2018 meeting

- ✓ Finalize agenda for Plan Bay Area 2050 Public Workshop and Open House co-sponsored by Marin ABAG delegates/alternates and Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM)

Proposed Future Meetings:

- ✓ Marin ABAG Delegate/Alternate Meeting -- July 30, 2018
- ✓ Marin Plan Bay Area Public Workshop and Open House – September 15 or 22
- ✓ Marin ABAG Delegate/Alternate Meeting – October 29, 2018