

## Report on ABAG to MCCMC

May 20, 2015

**MARIN PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON PLAN BAY AREA:** The Marin ABAG delegates hosted a successful public workshop on Plan Bay Area 2017 on May 16, 2015 at Novato City Hall. The workshop focused on the lessons learned from Plan Bay Area 2013, the key milestones, goals, performance targets and growth forecasts for Plan Bay Area Update 2017. The presenters included Pat Eklund (ABAG Executive Board member); Brad Paul (ABAG Deputy Director); Elizabeth Brekhus (Ross Mayor and ABAG delegate) who introduced Cynthia Kroll (ABAG's Chief Economist) to present the methodology used for forecasting Marin's population, employment, household growth and looked back on the accuracy of past ABAG projections; and, Doug Kelly (San Anselmo Vice Mayor and ABAG delegate) who introduced Brad Paul to present the Plan Bay Area 2013 goals and performance targets. The audience also was shown "Vital Signs" which shows the progress to date on the performance targets for Plan Bay Area. ABAG also displayed several boards of information on Plan Bay Area. Thank you to all who helped make the public workshop successful and attended the public workshop including: **Doug Kelley** (delegate - San Anselmo), **Elizabeth Brekhus** (delegate-Ross), **Kevin Haroff** (alternate-Larkspur), **Ray Withy** (delegate-Sausalito); **Linda Pfeiffer** (alternate-Sausalito); **Maribeth Bushey** (delegate-San Rafael), **Stephanie Moulton-Peters** (Mill Valley); and, **Damon Connolly** (Supervisor-County delegate). A special thank you to 50+ community members who attended the public workshop; and, to **Brad Paul**, Deputy Director, ABAG; **Cynthia Kroll**, Chief Economist, ABAG; and, **Hing Wong**, Marin County liaison for ABAG; for your outstanding presentations and participation. The workshop can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/fGaGwR16ueA>

**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. 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/>

**MTC PLANNING/ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** On May 8, 2015, MTC provided an update on their "Value Pricing Pilot (VPP) Parking Pricing Analysis Project" which is a two year regional initiative to support the development of local and regional parking policies and the implementation of Plan Bay Area. This project is funded by a \$560,000 grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This project has two major components:

1. A new regional parking database, including supply, policies and occupancy, and related analytical tools for use by local and regional agencies, and
2. An analysis of key parking policy questions and potential regional policy recommendations, for consideration by the MTC Commission. The policy issues that MTC has identified are:
  - a. Supply & Demand in the Bay Area
  - b. Parking Requirements & Unbundling
  - c. Parking Structure Analysis
  - d. Employee Programs
  - e. Enacting Regional Parking Pricing Policies

In several of the policy issues above, MTC recommendations included requirements for cities/towns/counties as part of Plan Bay Area without consideration of the community character, population or local considerations. I provided feedback that not all cities, towns and counties should be treated the same; and, that future grants should not require reduced parking requirements or unbundling of parking in PDAs as a condition of certain funding (e.g., OBAG). I stated that there are significant differences between the urban, suburban and rural communities that should be respected in Plan Bay Area and in future policies and programs of Regional and State agencies. Several other MTC Commissioners and ABAG Board Members reinforced the comment that MTC should not require no or limited parking for developments in either PDAs or TPAs since every community is different. MTC will bring the revised recommendations to our June meeting. I will ask for feedback through our Marin ABAG delegates.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Marin ABAG delegates: Meeting will be scheduled for June 2015.

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