

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

September 11, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Scott Funk presiding, convened at 6:04 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the Corralitos Community Center, Padres Hall, 35 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos, CA 95076.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Funk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

| <b><u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u></b> |                       |                                   |                       |
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| <b>PRESENT:</b>                        |                       |                                   |                       |
| <b>Agency</b>                          | <b>Representative</b> | <b>Agency</b>                     | <b>Representative</b> |
| Capitola                               | Kristen Petersen      | County of Monterey                | Mary Adams            |
| Carmel-by-the-Sea                      | Bobby Richards        | County of Monterey                | John Phillips (6:07)  |
| Del Rey Oaks                           | Louise Goetzelt       | County of Santa Cruz              | Greg Caput            |
| Gonzales                               | Scott Funk            | County of Santa Cruz              | Bruce McPherson       |
| King City                              | Carlos Victoria       |                                   |                       |
| Pacific Grove                          | Jenny McAdams         | <b><u>Ex-Officio Members:</u></b> |                       |
| Salinas                                | Steve McShane         | MBCP                              | J.R. Killigrew        |
| San Juan Bautista                      | John Freeman          | MST                               | Lisa Rheinheimer      |
| Sand City                              | Mary Ann Carbone      | SBtCOG                            | Mary Gilbert          |
| Santa Cruz                             | Chris Krohn           |                                   |                       |
| Scotts Valley                          | Derek Timm            |                                   |                       |
| Seaside                                | Jon Wizard            |                                   |                       |
| Watsonville                            | Felipe Hernandez      |                                   |                       |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>                         |                       |                                   |                       |
| Greenfield                             | Lance Walker          | <b><u>Ex-Officio Members:</u></b> |                       |
| Hollister                              | Carol Lenoir          | Caltrans, District 5              | Tim Gubbins           |
| Marina                                 | Lisa Berkley          | MBARD                             | Richard Stedman       |
| Monterey                               | Ed Smith              | MPAD                              | Michael La Pier       |
| Soledad                                | Carla Stewart         | SC METRO                          | Alex Clifford         |
| County of San Benito                   | Jim Gillio            | SCCRTC                            | Guy Preston           |
| County of San Benito                   | Mark Medina           | TAMC                              | Debbie Hale           |

**Others Present:** Gary Richard Arnold; Elisabeth Bertrand, Director of Special Projects; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Xiang Lan, Associate Planner; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Errol Osteraa,

Director of Finance and Administration; Liz Hurtado-Espinosa, Principal Accountant; Will Condon, Planner; Paul Hierling, Senior Planner; Sasha Tepedelenova, Associate Planner; Bobbie Grant, Office Assistant; Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and Ana Flores, Senior Executive Assistant.

#### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The following is a summary of public comment.

Gary Richard Arnold, county of Santa Cruz motioned to a poster referring to two Santa Cruz County supervisors that crushed a speaker in Aptos. Mr. Arnold stated that the speaker was threatened with both physical violence and destruction of their property. He also noted that two Supervisors from Santa Cruz County are present today. Mr. Arnold stated that they did not get help in investigating this from the district attorney or the sheriff. The speaker was talking about 9/11. Mr. Arnold stated that he handed out a copy of a DVD with additional information on 9/11. Mr. Arnold added that most journalists are run through a group called the Institute of Journalism and Natural Resources. According to Mr. Arnold, local reporting is not free, it's not pure, and they are pushing for regional government. Mr. Arnold said that he opposes AMBAG because regionalization is in keeping with the tri-lateral plan to cause the gradual conversion of East and West ultimately leading to the goal of a one role government. National sovereignty is no longer viable. Mr. Arnold said that you will find that it's the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bruce McPherson's vision for the future. The people involved were working through the offices of Sam Farr and Supervisor McPherson instead of doing their duty. This is a deliberate taking away of self-government. Mr. Arnold said that Supervisor McPherson has received tens of thousands of dollars from a triple Chinese communist agent. Mr. Arnold stated that you need to know more of what is going on, who is funding you and encouraged the Board to pull out of AMBAG.

J.R. Killigrew, MBCP, reported that they are delivering a 5% rebate/discount to all their customers that equates to approximately \$13 million in bill savings this calendar year. It will be increased next calendar year to 7% which equates to over \$19 million in bill savings to their customers in the Monterey Bay region. Mr. Killigrew also reported that MBCP and the California Energy Commission have partnered to bring \$7 million for EV infrastructure to the region starting in the end of October.

#### **5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Director McShane announced a town hall community meeting on Clean Energy on September 30, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955. The town hall is a joint meeting with Congressman Jimmy Panetta and Salinas Councilman Steve McShane and will focus on the future of clean energy in Monterey County, how it will affect residents, and get updates on both local and federal legislation impacting clean energy and climate change.

Director Caput welcomed the Board to Corralitos.

Director Petersen announced that the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> the City of Capitola will be having its Art and Wine Festival with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beach Festival happening on the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Director Hernandez welcomed the Board to Corralitos. Director Hernandez encouraged the Board to shop at the Corralitos Market and to check out all the fun activities and events in Watsonville and in the county of Santa Cruz.

Director Freeman stated that the city of San Juan Bautista celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Director Freeman invited the Board to attend its Chicken Festival on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Executive/Finance Committee**

President Funk reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) the minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting; 2) the minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting; 3) list of warrants as of June 30, 2019; and 4) the accounts receivable as of June 30, 2019. The Executive/Finance Committee also received 1) the financial update report from Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration; and 2) a report on the California Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Consensus Principles from Maura Twomey, Executive Director. The Executive/Finance Committee approved support for the California Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Consensus Principles.

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

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that the SAC met on August 15, 2019 in Half Moon Bay. The SAC received presentations on 1) Shoreline Fishing/Gear and Threats to Pelicans; 2) Whales in the Sanctuaries: Threats to Whales and Sanctuary Whale Protection Efforts. Ms. Twomey reported that the SAC also received an update on the MBNMS Management Plan.

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that the application period for Caltrans Planning Grants is open. Applications are due by October 11, 2019. Ms. Twomey gave the Board an update on Section 508 ADA website compliance. The process to convert all the documents is ongoing. AMBAG is also working on updating our website to be compliant.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Minutes of the August 12, 2019 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the August 12, 2019 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

### **B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter**

The AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter was accepted.

### **C. AMBAG Energy Watch Update Report**

The Energy Watch update report was accepted.

**D. Environmental Impact Report for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans – Consultant Agreement**

The Formal Amendment No. 8 to the MTIP FFY 2018-19 to FFY 2021-22 was approved.

**E. Financial Update Report**

The financial update report was accepted.

**Motion made by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

None.

**10. PLANNING**

**A. Local Government Planning Support Grants Program – Central Coast Housing Working Group Appointments**

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave an update on the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program. The Housing and Planning Production Grants Program provides regions and jurisdictions with one-time funding for planning activities to meet RHNA and is administered by the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD). Under the new program funding will be allocated to mega-regions throughout the state. For the Central Coast, the funding will be allocated to the Central Coast Working Group. Representatives from Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties will be appointed to serve on this multi-county working group. AMBAG will choose County representatives and the City Selection Committees will select the city representatives from the small and large cities. A total of \$250 million will be available statewide. \$125 million is available to local jurisdictions and \$125 million to the regions. The Central Coast mega-region is estimated to receive \$6.5 million plus a \$2 million incentive. One COG will be named fiscal agent of the Central Coast Working Group. The Central Coast Working Group is a multi-county working group made up of at least two city members and a county supervisor from each county. The Central Coast Working Group is made up of AMBAG, Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG), San Luis Obispo County of Governments (SLOGOG), and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). The Central Coast Working Group will notify all member cities and counties of 1) its purpose; 2) its membership; 3) timeline; and 4) proposed meeting schedule. If the Central Coast Working Group cannot agree on a fiscal agent, HCD will select one based on capacity and experience in administering programs. The City Selection Committees will select two city representatives (a small and a large) from Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. The Santa Cruz County City Selection Committee is scheduled to meet on September 20, 2019 and the Monterey County City Selection Committee is scheduled to meet on October 4, 2019. Ms. Adamson reported that there is a November 30, 2019 deadline to form the Central Coast Housing Working Group. HCD will issue guidelines and notice of funding availability in early 2020. The deadline for local jurisdictions to submit planning grant applications is July 1, 2020. The Regions deadline to request funds is January 31, 2021 and HCD has 30 days to review. The deadline to expend funds is December 31, 2023 and regions must submit final reports in December 31, 2024.

The following is a summary of public comment.

Gary Richard Arnold stated that he thinks it's outrageous that a COG is making appointments for the county rather than the county making appoints themselves. This is fixed. This is a scam and you know it. McPherson has a reputation that is incredible. He has endorsed Leon Panetta who sent military policy information to a communist espionage agent that has two monuments in front of the courthouse steps. McPherson has also put together regionalism which is anti-self-government. Mr. McPherson has always been a gentleman to me and has always been appropriate in talking to me, like all the others I've criticized. But where you are going is anti-American and it's treasonous. For you to tell the AMBAG Board to make these decisions is wrong and you should recognize that right now and change this right now. If you approve this then you're anti American and not supporting the people who voted you into office.

**Motion made by Director McShane, seconded by Director Carbone to 1) approve Supervisor John Phillips and Supervisor Bruce McPherson as representatives from the Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz, respectively, to the Central Coast Housing Working Group; and 2) confirm AMBAG as the recommendation for fiscal agent of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program for the Central Coast. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

**AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD**

**BOARD MEETING DATE: September 11, 2019**

| <b>Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)</b> |                      |                   |                |                   |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>MEMBER</b>   | <b>AMBAG REP</b>     | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>Item# 8</b> | <b>Item# 10.A</b> |
| Capitola  | Kristen Petersen     | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Carmel-by-the-Sea   | Bobby Richards       | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Del Rey Oaks  | Louise Goetzelt      | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Gonzales  | Scott Funk           | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Greenfield  | Lance Walker         | AB                | -              | -                 |
| Hollister   | Carol Lenoir         | AB                | -              | -                 |
| King City   | Carlos Victoria      | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Marina  | Lisa Berkley         | AB                | -              | -                 |
| Monterey  | Ed Smith             | AB                | -              | -                 |
| Pacific Grove   | Jenny McAdams        | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Salinas   | Steve McShane        | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| San Juan Bautista   | John Freeman         | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Sand City   | Mary Ann Carbone     | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Santa Cruz  | Chris Krohn          | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Scotts Valley   | Derek Timm           | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Seaside   | Jon Wizard           | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| Soledad   | Carla Stewart        | AB                | -              | -                 |
| Watsonville   | Felipe Hernandez     | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| County-Monterey   | Mary Adams           | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| County-Monterey   | John Phillips (6:07) | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| County-Santa Cruz   | Bruce McPherson      | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| County-Santa Cruz   | Greg Caput           | X                 | Y              | Y                 |
| County-San Benito   | Jim Gillio           | AB                | -              | -                 |
| County-San Benito   | Mark Medina          | AB                | -              | -                 |

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