

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

JUNE 12, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Scott Funk presiding, convened at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Marina Library, Community Room, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina, CA 93933.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director McAdams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. 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	Kristen Petersen	County of Monterey	Mary Adams (6:03)
Del Rey Oaks	Louise Goetzelt	County of San Benito	Mark Medina
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson
Hollister	Carol Lenoir	County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput (6:12)
King City	Carlos Victoria		
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	<b><u>Ex-Officio Members:</u></b>	
Salinas	Steve McShane	MBCP	Beth Trenchard
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	SBtCOG	Mary Gilbert
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	SC METRO	
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings		
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm		
Seaside	Alissa Kispersky		
Watsonville	Felipe Hernandez (6:12)		
<b>ABSENT:</b>			
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Bobby Richards	<b><u>Ex-Officio Members:</u></b>	
Marina	Lisa Berkley	Caltrans, District 5	Aileen Loe
Monterey	Ed Smith	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Soledad	Carla Stewart	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
County of Monterey	John Phillips	SCCRTC	Guy Preston
County of San Benito	Jim Gillio	TAMC	Debbie Hale

**Others Present:** Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Elisabeth Bertrand, Director of Special Projects; Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration; Bhupendra Patel, Director of

Modeling; Amaury Berteaud, Special Projects Associate; Elizabeth Hurtado-Espinosa, Principal Accountant; Sasha Tepedelenova, Associate Planner; Xiang Lan, Associate Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Bobbie Grant, Office Assistant; and Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

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

None.

Director Adams arrived.

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

None.

Directors Caput and Hernandez arrived.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Under Threat: Protecting the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary from Plastic Pollution**

Mr. Tim Goncharoff, Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on protecting the MBNMS from plastic pollution.

**7. 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 May 8, 2019 meeting; 2) list of warrants as of April 30, 2019; and 3) the accounts receivable as of April 30, 2019. The Executive/Finance Committee also received 1) the financial update report from Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration; 2) an update on Housing Planning and Production Grants Program from Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and 3) a report from Maura Twomey, Executive Director on the Federal Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule.

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

Director McShane reviewed the agenda for the June 21, 2019 SAC meeting. Director McShane added that the only action item on the agenda would be for the approval of the anti-plastic pollution resolution that supports a comprehensive approach to plastic pollution mitigation. By consensus, the Board directed Director McShane to vote in favor of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Resolution to support anti-plastic pollution measures.

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

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that the Central Coast Coalition met with Paul Van Konynenburg, California Transportation Commission. The Central Coast Coalition presented their projects from the central coast region ahead of the next SB1 funding cycle.

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Minutes of the May 8, 2019 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the May 8, 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**

The Energy Watch update report was accepted.

### **D. Addition of AFLAC Employee Benefit**

The addition of employee funded AFLAC supplemental insurance to the AMBAG Employee Benefit Package was approved.

### **E. Information Technology Support Services Contract**

The five-year agreement for informational technology support services with Monterey Computer Corporation not to exceed \$100,000 was approved.

### **F. Website Support Services Contract**

The five-year agreement for website support services with Planeteria Media not to exceed \$50,000 was approved.

### **G. Extension of Legal Services Contract**

The one-year extension of the current contract for legal services was approved.

### **H. Financial Update Report**

The financial update report was accepted.

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

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

None.

## **11. ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan**

Sean Vienna, Planner gave an update on the draft 2019 Public Participation Plan (PPP). The PPP is a required guide for all public involvement activities conducted by AMBAG and will cover a four year period from 2019–2023. The PPP contains the procedures, strategies and techniques used by AMBAG for public involvement in all programs and projects that use federal funds. The PPP is also a federal and state planning requirement. AMBAG prepares and adopts the PPP every 4 years and the last PPP was adopted in 2015. The key sections of the draft 2019 PPP are 1) public participation plan guiding principles; 2) 2019 PPP timeline; 3) incorporating Limited-English Proficiency (LEP) populations into the PPP; 4) PPP procedures and development process; 5) interest parties and public engagement; 6) online and visualization outreach strategies; 7) appendices – including how AMBAG will engage the public and stakeholders throughout the development of the 2045 MTP/SCS (appendix G). The differences between the 2015 and the 2019 PPPs are 1) seven guiding principles expanded to show how we meet each of our goals and foster continued engagement with the public; 2) incorporated the LEP populations into public participation process in coordination with the new 2018 Title VI Plan; 3) included a detailed timeline of the 2019 PPP process; and 4) enhanced online visualization outreach strategies to keep up with current trends. Mr. Vienna stated that the AMBAG Board will be asked to release the Draft 2019 PPP for a minimum of 45-day public comment review period and schedule a public hearing. A public hearing on the draft 2019 PPP will be conducted at the August 14<sup>th</sup> AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. Public comment and review period closes on August 28, 2019. The AMBAG Board will be asked to adopt the final 2019 PPP at their October 9, 2019 meeting.

**Motion made by Director McAdams, seconded by Director McShane to release the Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan for a minimum of 45-day public comment review period and to schedule a public hearing for the Draft 2019 PPP for the August 14, 2019 Board of Directors meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **B. Update on Housing Planning and Production Grants Program**

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave an update on the Housing and Planning Production 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. 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). AMBAG, along with three other Council of Governments (COG's) in the Central Coast mega region, will need to select Board members representing Monterey and Santa Cruz counties to serve on this multi-county working group. 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 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. Each region shall establish priorities and allocate funds by 1) sub-allocate funds directly and equitable to local agencies or sub-regional entities in a grant program; 2) providing local agencies with technical assistance, and planning to accelerate additional housing production; 3) updating a housing element to comply with state law; 4) supporting enhanced local planning activities, and environmental analysis that will support housing development and location-efficient housing consistent with adopted regional plans; 5) providing funding for the formation or augmentation of a regional, sub-regional, or local housing trust funds; and 6) implementing the new RHNA requirements. The Central Coast Working Group will also 1) develop an education and outreach strategy; 2) survey member cities and counties to identify how to expend the funds and develop the regional action plan; and 3) hold two public workshops. Expenditures shall be limited to housing-related planning activities to promote and streamline development by 1) rezoning and encouraging development by updating planning documents and zoning ordinances; 2) completing environmental clearance to eliminate the need for project-specific review; 3) establishing Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones; 4) revamping local planning processes to speed up production; and 5) creation or improvement of accessory dwelling unit ordinances. The maximum grant amounts shall be awarded as follows 1) \$1,500,000 to very large localities (with populations over 750,000); 2) \$750,000 to large localities (population 300,000 to 749,999); 3) \$500,000 to medium to large localities (population 100,000 to 299,999); 4) \$300,000 to medium localities (population 60,000 to 99,999); 5) \$150,000 to small localities (population 20,000 to 59,999) and 6) \$65,000 to very small localities (population under 20,000). The timeline is as follows 1) August 15, 2019: HCD makes the award determinations and issue a notice of funding availability for the planning grants; 2) December 31, 2019: Deadline for local jurisdictions to submit planning grant applications; 3) September 15, 2019 – January 31, 2020: Regions request funds. HCD has 30 days to review and may disburse up to 50% of the funds at that time; 4) Early 2020: Regions develop an education plan; 5) December 2020: Regions develop and submit action plans that includes the funding allocation, identification of best practices in the region, mechanism to report successes in the region, amounts of planning funding retained by the region; 6) January 1, 2022: Deadline for regions to expend funds; and 7) December 31, 2022: Regions submit report on status of plans and use of planning grant funds. The long term reforms to RHNA remain in the bill. These include a process to “revamp” RHNA and look for ways to better connect transportation and housing policies. The condition on an approved housing element for local streets and road funding funds is still included. Ms. Adamson added that the Senate Conference Committee approved a budget framework on Sunday, June 9, 2019. The vote to allocate the funds within the budget is scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2019. A statement with language detailing how the funds should be spent will follow and could be voted on between now and the end of August. AMBAG will continue to coordinate with CALCOG and other COG’s and update the AMBAG Board at their August 2019 Board of Directors meeting. Brief discussion followed.

### **C. Federal Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule**

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave a report on the SAFE Vehicles Rule. In August 2018, the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency (NHTSA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) proposed the SAFE Vehicles Rule. The proposed rule would hold the national fuel efficiency standard at 2020 levels. The proposed rule repeals California's higher fuel efficiency standards and negatively impacts the State's ability to meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals as well as public health, housing, equity and goods movement goals. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Caltrans use a model called EMFAC to demonstrate that each region and the State comply with the conformity requirements of the federal Clean Air Act. If the standards are rolled back, the EMFAC model will not meet federal planning requirements. As a result, transportation agencies will be unable to demonstrate that their projects conform to federal Clean Air Act requirements. MPOs and Caltrans (for rural non-attainment areas) will be unable to make new transportation conformity determinations for their plans and programming documents. Ms. Adamson stated that areas that are defined as "non-attainment area" will be affected, which would be most of California. AMBAG is currently in attainment. This could change if new air quality standards are implemented. Also, changes at the state to keep projects moving could affect transportation projects locally even in attainment areas. The Consequences of failing to conform are 1) CALCOG estimates that just under 2,000 projects totaling over \$130 billion may face project delivery delays or loss of funding. Of that, roughly \$22 billion may be at risk in the first six months should action be finalized by late spring 2019. Ms. Adamson added that if California were required to follow the federal rollback proposal, global warming emissions could increase by almost 15 million metric tons per year by 2025. That is roughly equivalent to putting an additional 2.8 million cars on the state's roads for a year. The Final SAFE Vehicles Rule effective date is unknown but could be at any time. August 3, 2019 is the deadline for MPO designated for ozone non-attainment for 2015 standard to receive federal approval. The California Transportation Commission adopts the STIP Fund Estimate (which often triggers need for TIP amendments in August 2019. TIPs are due to the California Transportation Commission in December 2019. Staff will continue to reach out to our congressional delegation, U.S. DOT, and the U.S. EPA. Staff will also coordinate with our state partners. Brief discussion followed.

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

## AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 12, 2019

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)						
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item# 9 Consent	Item# 11.A Draft PPP	--	--
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	X	Y	Y	-	-
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Bobby Richards	AB	-	-	-	-
Del Rey Oaks	Louise Goetzelt	X	Y	Y	-	-
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y	Y	-	-
Greenfield	Lance Walker	X	Y	Y	-	-
Hollister	Carol Lenoir	X	Y	Y	-	-
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	Justin Cummings	X	Y	Y	-	-
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y	Y	-	-
Seaside	Alissa Kispersky	X	Y	Y	-	-
Soledad	Carla Stewart	AB	-	-	-	-
Watsonville	Felipe Hernandez	X (6:12)	Y	Y	-	-
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X (6:03)	Y	Y	-	-
County-Monterey	John Phillips	AB	-	-	-	-
County-Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson	X	Y	Y	-	-
County-Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	X (6:12)	Y	Y	-	-
County-San Benito	Jim Gillio	AB	-	-	-	-
County-San Benito	Mark Medina	X	Y	Y	-	-

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