

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

February 12, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Steve McShane presiding, convened at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the Marina Library, Community Room, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina, CA 93933.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Wizard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>					
PRESENT:					
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative		
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	County of Monterey	Mary Adams		
Del Rey Oaks	Louise Goetzelt	County of Monterey	John Phillips		
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput		
Hollister	Carol Lenior	County of San Benito	Mark Medina		
King City	Carlos Victoria	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u> Caltrans, District 5 MBARD MBCP MST MPRA	John Olejnik Richard Stedman J.R. Killigrew Lisa Rheinheimer William Sabo		
Marina	Lisa Berkley (6:04)				
Monterey	Alan Haffa				
Salinas	Steve McShane				
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman				
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone				
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings				
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm				
Seaside	Jon Wizard				
ABSENT:					
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Bobby Richards			<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u> SBtCOG SC METRO SCCRTC TAMC	Mary Gilbert Alex Clifford Guy Preston Debbie Hale
Greenfield	Lance Walker				
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams				
Soledad	Carla Stewart				
Watsonville	Felipe Hernandez				
County of Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson				
County of San Benito	Jim Gillio				

Others Present: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration; Amaury Berteaud, Assistant Special Projects Manager; Bhupendra Patel, Director of

Modeling; Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration; 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

None.

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

John Olejnick, Senior Transportation Planner, Planning Management Liaison, Caltrans District 5 reported that there are significant changes to CEQA law relative to transportation of SB743. They change the metric of transportation management from level of service to vehicle miles traveled (VMT). All the changes seek a reduction. The law went into effect in December 2019 and we have been in a grace period until July 2020. There are still questions on how they will be implemented. The changes apply to all transportation projects and land use projects. Caltrans Headquarters sent out a policy memorandum regarding the transportation impacts seeking comment. The California Resources Board and the Governor's office of Planning and Research are taking the lead on SB743 and VMT reduction. They have a set of technical guidelines that set thresholds.

Maura Twomey, Executive Director stated that AMBAG received the policy memorandum and Heather Adamson, Director of Planning forwarded the link to all the Planning Directors. Comments are due to Caltrans Headquarters on February 20, 2020.

Director Caputo announced that the Local Sponsors of the Pajaro River Flood Risk Reduction Project received \$1.8 million for the design phase of the 100-year plan for the Pajaro River.

6. 2020 BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President McShane made the following committee appointments:

Executive/Finance Committee:

Steve McShane, President
Kristen Petersen, 1st Vice President
Lance Walker, 2nd Vice President
Scott Funk, Past President
John Freeman, City of San Juan Bautista
Ed Smith, City of Monterey

Regional Analysis &
Planning Services, Inc.:

Steve McShane, President
Kristen Petersen, 1st Vice President
Lance Walker, 2nd Vice President
Scott Funk, Past President
Tom Rowley, Chair, Monterey County Public Member
Maura Twomey, Chief Executive Officer
Jennie Sarmiento, Santa Cruz County Public Member
Mark Tognazzini, San Benito County Public Member

California Association of Councils
of Governments:

Lisa Berkley, as delegate
Scott Funk, as alternate

Sanctuary Advisory Council:	Steve McShane , as delegate Kristen Petersen & Jenny McAdams , as alternates
Transportation Agency for Monterey County:	Maura Twomey , as delegate Heather Adamson , as alternate
CalVans:	Steve McShane , as delegate Scott Funk , as alternate
Sanctuary Subcommittee:	Steve McShane , City of Salinas Kristen Petersen , City of Capitola John Freeman , City of San Juan Bautista Ed Smith , City of Monterey Bruce McPherson , County of Santa Cruz Steve Scheiblauber , Public Member

Motion made by Director Haffa, seconded by Director Carbone to approve the 2020 Board and Committee Appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. AMBAG Energy Watch 2019 Program Report

Amaury Berteaud, Assistant Special Projects Manager gave a presentation on the AMBAG Energy Watch 2019 Program. Mr. Berteaud reported that from 2006 -20019, the AMBAG Energy Watch Program has 1) an energy savings of 110 million annual kWh; 2) \$75 million saved from being spent on energy to be used other ways in the community; and 3) provided technical assistance to acquire \$42+ million in grants or loans for the jurisdictions, school districts and special districts. Seven energy efficiency projects across 65 facilities locations and parks were completed in 2019. These projects are estimated to deliver 3,073,778 kWh in annual energy savings and reduce energy costs by \$643,815 every year. Four energy efficiency projects across 25 facility locations and parks are in the process of completion in 2020. These projects are estimated to deliver 511,477 kWh in annual energy savings and are estimated to deliver 18,051 therms in annual energy savings. These upgrades will reduce energy costs by \$120,068 every year. The 2019 Beacon Award were awarded to 1) the city of Santa Cruz received a Silver Beacon Award; 2) The city of Pacific Grove received two spotlight Beacon Awards; and 3) the County of San Benito Received a Spotlight Beacon Award. Mr. Berteaud reported that the California Energy Commission made \$36.7 million available in Proposition 39 funding for the AMBAG region’s school districts. Staff worked with 80 percent of the school districts and \$33.3 million of the Proposition 39 funding went to 1) conduct energy benchmarking and energy audits; 2) define energy efficiency project scopes; 3) write Energy Expenditure Plans to request funding allocations from the California Energy Commission; 4) write technical specification documents for RFP processes; 5) support project implementation and provide rebates; 6) prepare the annual progress reports for the California Energy Commission; and 7) prepare the Energy expenditure Plans final completion reports. Using Proposition 39 funds, the Energy Watch Program 1) wrote Energy Expenditure Plans for 162 individual school sites; 2) over 200 schools and district offices were retrofitted with LED lighting and major HVAC, solar and smart thermostat projects were completed; 3) more than \$2 million in annual energy savings are being generated (10 million kWh) from LED lighting projects alone; 4) 95% of Proposition 39 projects are

completed; and 5) AMBAG designed the “Energy Watch Champion Award” to recognize School Districts for their leadership in implementing Proposition 39 projects. The AMBAG Energy Watch 1st and 2nd Quarter 2020 major initiatives are 1) energy benchmarking for AMBAG jurisdictions and school districts; 2) 2018 Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory preparation; 3) climate planning and energy action strategy technical support for all jurisdictions; 4) energy education and training for jurisdictional and school district staff; 5) 2020 Beacon Award recognition for AMBAG jurisdictions; and 6) complete Proposition 39 Energy Expenditure Plan amendments and final reports. Brief discussion followed.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President McShane reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting; 2) list of warrants as of November 30, 2019; and 3) accounts receivable as of November 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 draft 2022 Regional Growth Forecast from Heather Adamson, Director of Planning.

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

President McShane reported that the next SAC meeting is scheduled on Friday, February 21, 2020 in Santa Cruz. The SAC will be discussing the MBNMS 2020 Work Plan.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director introduced Miranda Taylor. Ms. Taylor is a new intern and will be working with Heather Adamson, Director of Planning in the Housing and Planning Program. Ms. Twomey also reported that the Central Coast Housing Working Group (CCHWG) held its first meeting on January 31, 2020 in Paso Robles. The CCHWG 1) selected Mike LeBarre from King City as its Chair; 2) selected Jimmy Pauling from Arroyo Grande as its Vice Chair; 3) approved the CCHWG’s Charter; and 4) appointed AMBAG as its fiscal administrator. AMBAG is continuing to work with its partner COG’s and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in implementing the Housing Grant Program on the Central Coast. Ms. Twomey reported that the HCD released a Notice of Funding Availability and Guidelines for the Local Early Action Program for the preparation and adoption of planning documents, process improvements, and to facilitate compliance in implementing the 6th Cycle of regional housing needs assessments. HCD is going to be holding application workshops around the State in February and March 2020. AMBAG is currently working with HCD to schedule a workshop at the end of March 2020 in the Central Coast in conjunction with the Planning Directors Forum. All jurisdictions are eligible to submit an application for the grant funding. The grant funding is dependent on the jurisdictions size and ranges from \$65,000 to \$500,000 for jurisdictions in the AMBAG region. The deadline to apply for funds is July 1, 2020. The funds must be expended by December 31, 2023. The funding can be used to augment any SB 2 funding or to develop the 6th cycle housing element which is due in December 2023. There is no local match requirement. Ms. Twomey encouraged all jurisdictions to apply for the funding.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the January 8, 2020 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the January 8, 2020 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. Revised FSTIP/MTIP Formal Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures

The revised FSTIP/MTIP formal Amendment and Administrative Procedures were adopted.

E. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Item 10.E E. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy: Regional Performance Measures was pulled from the consent agenda.

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

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy: Regional Performance Measures

Director Cummings had a question on the regional performance measures under Healthy Communities. The Healthy Communities performance measure states “protect the health of our residents; foster efficient development patterns that optimize travel, housing, and employment choices and encourage active transportation”. When looking through some of the performance measures, it didn’t seem like there was anything tracking housing. Where in these measures is there an opportunity to track the production and different types of housing from very low to market value?

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning stated that there is one metric under Healthy Communities which states “growth in opportunity areas” which is a percentage of future growth in areas that are more transit oriented. These metrics are forecasted for future scenarios, instead of measuring historical tracking or monitoring. . That is information that can be included in other parts of the Transportation Plan. Staff is already compiling that information because each local jurisdiction has to submit an annual report on tracking building permits and construction from very low, low, moderate, and above moderate. This information wouldn’t necessarily be a performance metric at the regional level that would help us evaluate future scenarios.

Director Berkeley asked if revisions can be made in the future to the performance measures once they are approved at this meeting. Director Berkeley stated that she would like to do more research into how these performance measures compare to the UN's Sustainable Development goals.

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning stated that this list was reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee which is comprised of Public Works staff and Planning Directors for each of the jurisdictions. They felt that this was a good set of measures that would help evaluate future scenarios. As part of the action, staff will need to develop the methodology to calculate each of these scenarios. Over the next year as staff develops the methodology, they will report back to the Board. If the Board is not seeing meaningful results, then staff can look at a different measurement. Staff will be reporting back to the Board over the next couple years.

Motion made by Director Cummings, seconded by Director Berkley to approve the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Regional Performance Measures. The motion passed unanimously.

12. PLANNING

A. Draft 2022 Regional Growth Forecast

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave a presentation on the draft 2022 Regional Growth Forecast. Ms. Adamson reported that the 2022 Regional Growth Forecast (Forecast) for the AMBAG region shows slowing growth for employment and population. The Forecast is 1) updated every four years; 2) forecasts population, housing and employment for the tri-county region; 3) base year is 2015 and the horizon year is 2045; 4) it's the basis for planning for growth in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), transportation project level analysis, corridor studies, and economic analysis; and 5) input for the Regional Travel Demand Model which forecasts travel patterns. The Forecast alone does not guide the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The RHNA methodology for disaggregation also considers 1) fair share (avoiding disproportionate income categories); 2) lack of serve capacity such as water (by statute); 3) market demands for housing; 4) needs of farm works; and 5) needs generated by a university or college. Ms. Adamson added RHNA discussion will begin in 2021 following the development of the Forecast. The draft Forecast projects that the region will add approximately 65,500 jobs between 2015 and 2045, for a total of approximately 440,500 jobs by 2045. The regional growth rate is slightly lower than state and national forecasts. The Forecast process is based on a methodology that predicts employment growth using a model based on local data as well as state and national trends. The AMBAG Industry Employment Forecast is driven by projected national and statewide trends for all industries in the region using a shift-share model. The base year revisions to the Forecast are 1) the 2015 remains the base year, however, the data will be updated through 2019; 2) there will be a complete re-benchmark of employment by industry using data from the California Employment Development Department, Info USA, and extensive research by AMBAG staff to reconcile both databases. The AMBAG Population Forecast is based historical trends in the ratio of population to employment in the AMBAG region. Employment growth trends influence population growth. The draft Forecast projects that the region's population will grow by just under 92,400 people between 2015 and 2045, for a total population of 858,000 in 2045. This is lower than prior forecasts and reflects the slowing growth rates seen at both the state and national level. The draft forecast also

predicts an older age distribution with a larger proportion of the population age 75 and older. Ms. Adamson added that 1) employment data have been re-benchmarked to better reflect local industry 2) population growth has slowed dramatically; 3) The California Department of Finance's forecast update is dramatically lower than prior projection; and 4) housing growth may not slow as much as population growth with an older population more likely to live alone. The next steps in the process are 1) schedule one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions to discuss draft forecast and obtain local planning data and info; 2) AMBAG Board is scheduled to accept regional numbers in March 2020; and 3) subregional disaggregation to the jurisdictions to follow with the draft ready in early summer 2020. Lengthy discussion followed.

Director Wizard had questions on the draft 2022 Regional Growth Forecast.

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning stated that she would follow-up on Director Wizard's questions and would provide answers as soon as possible.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: February 12, 2020

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)					
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item# 10	Item# 11.A	--
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	AB	-	-	-
Hollister	Carol Lenoir	X	Y	Y	-
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y	-
Marina	Lisa Berkley	X	Y	Y	-
Monterey	Alan Haffa	X	Y	Y	-
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	AB	-	-	-
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	Jon Wizard	X	Y	Y	-
Soledad	Carla Stewart	AB	-	-	-
Watsonville	Felipe Hernandez	AB	-	-	-
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	Y	-
County-Monterey	John Phillips	X	Y	Y	-
County-Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson	AB	-	-	-
County-Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	X	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)