



AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

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Meeting Via GoToWebinar

DATE: May 11, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
(A maximum of three minutes on any subject not on the agenda)
4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **Executive/Finance Committee**
Recommended Action: INFORMATION
 - President BrownReceive oral report.
 - B. **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting**
Recommended Action: DIRECT
 - Director McAdamsReceive a report on the April 15, 2022 SAC meeting.
6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Recommended Action: INFORMATION
 - Maura Twomey, Executive DirectorReceive a report from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Recommended Action: APPROVE

Note: Actions listed for each item represents staff recommendation. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, take any action on the items listed in the consent agenda.

 - A. **Draft Minutes of the April 6, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting**
 - Ana Flores, Clerk of the BoardApprove the draft minutes of the April 6, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 5)
 - B. **Draft Minutes of the April 13, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting**
 - Ana Flores, Clerk of the BoardApprove the draft minutes of the April 13, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 9)
 - C. **AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter**
 - Miranda Taylor, PlannerAccept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 17)

D. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

- Amaury Berteaud, Special Projects Manager

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 25)

E. Resolution in accordance with AB 361 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and Finding of Imminent Risk to Health and Safety of In-Person Meetings as a Result of the Continuing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Declared by Governor Newsom

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Adopt a Resolution 2022-10 in accordance with AB 361 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and finding of imminent risk to health and safety of in-person meetings as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom. (Page 29)

F. Revised 2022 Calendar of Meetings

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Approve the revised 2022 calendar of meetings. (Page 31)

G. Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update

- Miranda Taylor, Planner

Receive an update on the development of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. (Page 33)

H. Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program Advanced Application

- Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

Adopt Resolution 2022-11 authorizing AMBAG staff to submit an application with the State's Department of Housing and Community Development for an advance allocation of \$1,013,374 to support AMBAG's work related to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program and delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute a State Standard Agreement, and any other documentation including amendments to secure the advance allocation. (Page 39)

I. Amendment to the Agreement for Environmental Consultant Services with Rincon Consultants, Inc.

- Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

Authorize the Executive Director to amend the existing agreement with the Rincon Consultants, Inc. for an additional \$6,250 for consultant services related to the preparation of the environmental impact report for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. (Page 43)

J. Financial Update Report

- Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration

Accept the financial update report which provides an update on AMBAG's current financial position and accompanying financial statements. (Page 45)

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

9. ADMINISTRATION

**A. Draft FY 2022-23 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget
Recommended Action: APPROVE**

- Bhupendra Patel, Ph.D., Director of Modeling

Approve the Draft FY 2022-23 Monterey Bay Region OWP and Budget. (Page 51)

10. PLANNING

**A. Available Water Supply to Meet the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation
Recommended Action: APPROVE**

- Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

The AMBAG Board of Directors are asked to approve Resolution 2022-13 requesting that Monterey One Water, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and California American Water provide water supply to meet AMBAG's 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation and that the State Water Resources Control Board immediately lift the Cease and Desist Order. (Page 65)

11. ADJOURNMENT

REFERENCE ITEMS:

- A. Acronym Guide (Page 73)

NEXT MEETING:

Date: June 15, 2022

Location: GoToWebinar

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting: 5:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM

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

April 6, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Kristen Brown presiding, convened at 5:06 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2022 via GoToWebinar.

2. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	County of Monterey	John Phillips
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	County of San Benito	Bea Gonzales
Gonzales	Scott Funk		
Greenfield	Lance Walker		
Hollister	Rick Perez		
Marina	Lisa Berkley		
Monterey	Ed Smith		
Salinas	Steve McShane		
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman		
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings		
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm (5:10)		
Seaside	Jon Wizard		
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino		
ABSENT:			
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
King City	Carlos Victoria	3CE	Catherine Stedman
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	Caltrans, District 5	Scott Eades
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	MPAD	LisAnne Sawhney
County of Monterey	Mary Adams	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
County of San Benito	Betsy Dirks	SBtCOG	Mary Gilbert
County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	SCCRTC	Guy Preston
County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	SC METRO	John Urgo
		TAMC	Todd Muck

Others Present: Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Cynthia Piña, Office Assistant; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no oral or written communications from the public.

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

There were no oral communications from the Board.

5. Resolution in accordance with AB 361 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and Finding of Imminent Risk to Health and Safety of In-Person Meetings as a Result of the Continuing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Declared by Governor Newsom

Resolution 2022-7 was adopted.

Motion made by Director Berkely seconded by Director McShane to approve Resolution 2022-7 in accordance with AB 361 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and Finding of Imminent Risk to Health and Safety of In-Person Meetings as a Result of the Continuing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Declared by Governor Newsom. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Kristen Brown, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD**BOARD MEETING DATE: April 6, 2022**

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)			
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item #5
Capitola	Kristen Brown	X	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	AB	n/a
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	X	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y
Greenfield	Lance Walker	X	Y
Hollister	Rick Perez	X	Y
King City	Carlos Victoria	AB	n/a
Marina	Lisa Berkley	X	Y
Monterey	Ed Smith	X	Y
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	AB	n/a
Salinas	Steve McShane	X	Y
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	AB	n/a
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings	X	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y
Seaside	Jon Wizard	X	Y
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	AB	n/a
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	X	Y
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	AB	n/a
County-Monterey	John Phillips	X	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	AB	n/a
County-Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	AB	n/a
County-San Benito	Betsy Dirks	AB	n/a
County-San Benito	Bea Gonzales	X	Y

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
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April 13, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Kristen Brown presiding, convened at 6:01 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2022 via GoToWebinar.

2. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Kristen Brown	County of Monterey	Mary Adams
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	County of San Benito	Betsy Dirks
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	County of San Benito	Bea Gonzales
Gonzales	Scott Funk (6:07)	County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput
Hollister	Rick Perez	County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig
King City	Carlos Victoria		
Monterey	Ed Smith	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	Caltrans, District 5	Orchid Monroy-Ochoa
Salinas	Tony Barerra	MBARD	Richard Stedman
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	MPAD	William Sabo
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	SBtCOG	Mary Gilbert
Santa Cruz	Sandy Brown		
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm		
Seaside	Jon Wizard		
Soledad	Anna Velazquez		
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino		
ABSENT:			
Greenfield	Lance Walker	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Marina	Lisa Berkley	3CE	Catherine Stedman
County of Monterey	John Phillips	SCCRTC	Guy Preston
		SC Metro	John Urgo
		MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
		TAMC	Todd Muck

Others Present: John Baker, CPUC; Lisa Brinton; Colleen Courtney; Inge Lorentzen Daumer; Jane Haines; Stephanie Hansen; Katie Herlihy; Megan Hunter; Beth Jarosz, PRB; Marjorie Kay; Jonathan Moore; Amy Naranjo; Gabriel Sanders; Rafa Sonnenfeld; Grace Stetson; Alyssa Kroeger; Margaret Sohagi; Amaury Berteaud, Special Projects Manager; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Cynthia Pina, Office Assistant; Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no oral communications from the public.

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

There were no oral communications from the Board.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President Brown reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Resolution 2022-4 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and finding of imminent risk to health and safety of in-person meetings as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom; 2) the minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting; 3) list of warrants as of January 31, 2022; and 4) accounts receivable as of January 31, 2022. The Executive/Finance Committee also received 1) a report on the financials from Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and 2) a report on the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology.

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

Director McAdams reported that the next meeting of the SAC is on April 15, 2022.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director announced that AMBAG was recently awarded a Caltrans planning grant for \$375,000 to fund a mega regional Sustainable Freight Study. The Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study will function as the long-range freight strategy for the Central Coast mega region, which includes Monterey County, San Benito County, Santa Cruz County, San Luis Obispo County, and Santa Barbara County. Ms. Twomey stated that the Central Coast economy is heavily driven by freight dependent industries, including agriculture, and these industries account for more than \$13 billion in gross regional product annually. The study will help assure that our region is positioned to capture state and federal funding to improve and maintain our regional freight system. The study should be completed in early 2025.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the March 9, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the March 9, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Clearinghouse monthly newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

The Sustainability Program update was accepted.

D. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Grant Agreement

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Grant Agreement was approved.

E. Resolution in accordance with AB 361 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and Finding of Imminent Risk to Health and Safety of In-Person Meetings as a Result of the Continuing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Declared by Governor Newsom

Resolution 2022-8 was adopted.

F. Formal Amendment No. 9 to the Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2020-21 to FFY 2023-24

The Formal Amendment No. 9 to the Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2020-21 to FFY 2023-24 was approved.

G. Draft Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2021-22 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

The draft Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2021-22 OWP and budget was approved.

H. Delegation of Authority to Amend Agreement for Legal Services with Sohagi Law Group

The Board authorized the Executive Director to amend the existing agreement with Sohagi Law Group for an additional \$10,000 for legal services related to the preparation of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

I. Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy: Summary of Public Comments and Proposed Changes

The proposed changes to the Draft 2045 MTP/SCS and direct staff to prepare the Final 2045 MTP/SCS and Final EIR.

J. Revised Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies

The Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies were adopted.

K. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Motion made by Director Adams seconded by Director McAdams to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

9. PLANNING

A. 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave an update on the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology. Ms. Adamson reported that the Council of Governments (COG) is responsible for developing a methodology appropriate for each region. The RHNA methodology must further and support the 5 RHNA objectives 1) increase housing supply and mix; 2) promote infill, equity, and environment; 3) ensure jobs-housing balance/fit; 4) promote regional income parity; and 5) Affirmatively furthers fair housing. The statute allows for flexibility but specifies what can and cannot be used as allocation factors. The draft RHNA methodology process included 1) developed and evaluated various RHNA methodology options with extensive public input over a 9-month period; 2) the Board approved the draft RHNA methodology at its January 12, 2022 meeting and directed staff to submit draft methodology to HCD; and 3) HCD completed its review of the methodology and found that the draft FRHNA methodology furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code 65584(d). The final RHNA methodology steps are 1) Step 1: 2022 RGF (base unit allocation) distributes portion of RHNA based on four-year housing growth from the 2022 RGF; 2) Step 2: Jobs, Transit, Resiliency, and AFFH (Unit Allocation) – a) jurisdiction's share of 2022 jobs (15%); b) jobs/housing ratio (31%); c) jurisdictions with existing (2020) transit routes with 15- and 30- minute headways (4%); d) jurisdictions who have the smallest percentages of high fire or high sea level risk (8%); e) jurisdictions full or partial RCAA's and TCAC based on households (42%); 3) Step 3: Income Allocation redistributes a portion of V.L and L income units to RCAA jurisdictions. Ms. Adamson reviewed the final RHNA methodology. Upon approval and direction from the Board of Directors, the next steps include 1) AMBAG staff will release the draft RHNA Plan allocating shares of the regional housing need to AMBAG's member jurisdictions; 2) the release of the draft RHNA Plan initiates a 45-day appeal period allowing a member jurisdiction for HCD to appeal for a revision of the share of the regional housing need proposed to be allocated (Gov. Code, § 65584.05(b)); and 3) the draft RHNA Plan is scheduled for release on April 22, 2022. Lengthy discussion followed.

President Brown opened the public hearing.

Elisabeth Madrigal, Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP), stated that MBEP supports approval of the final RHNA Methodology of Option Z with the 40% AFFH income shift. Each city has completed its review of the methodology and finds that it furthers the statutory objectives describes and governing Code 65584, Section D, of increasing housing supply and mix, promoting infill equity and environment, ensuring jobs housing balance/fit, promoting regional income parity, and the affirmatively furthering fair housing. We ask that you follow staff's recommendation of approving the final RHNA methodology, and authorizing AMBAG staff to release a draft RHNA plan for a 45-day public review period. We commend AMBAG staff and the Board of Directors, for soliciting input from local jurisdictions, the planning directors form, and the general public to develop a methodology option that is well suited to meet the intricate housing needs our region faces. Thank you for your leadership in moving us forward on our existing and projected housing needs. MBEP looks forward to working with all 18

municipalities within the purview of AMBAG as they embark on the next steps of updating the respective housing elements.

Rafa Sonnefeld, YIMBY Law, stated that they have been involved in the RHNA methodology process for the AMBAG region, as well as in regions across the State. We staff the Campaign for Fair Housing Elements, which works with cities to improve their housing elements so that they meet the requirements of certification by HCD. The vote this evening should be an easy one, you have done all the hard work of coming up with a RHNA methodology that each city approved. If you try to make any changes tonight, it's going to be really tough to meet your statutory obligations to get certified housing elements in time, and before your jurisdictions have deadlines for doing rezoning and things like that. So, it's really important that you move forward this evening, just taking the staff recommendation and approving this methodology.

President Brown closed the public hearing. There was brief discussion by the Board.

Director Adams stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Roberson, City of Monterey, for the letter that he sent out on March 17th regarding the RHNA allocations and the water constraints. I greatly appreciate his leadership for building units with the proposed projects on Garten Road. And I appreciate the creative and collaborative thinking to find ways to address this situation. It's very clear that the city is in a difficult situation to have allocation of units without allocation of water credits. From my perspective, I would be supportive of the requested resolution of the AMBAG Board of Directors to request the water agencies, Monterey One, Water Peninsula Management District, and CalAm, to provide the needed water credits and that the State Water Resources Control Board immediately lift the cease-and-desist order. I think that if we were able to make a statement to that effect than it would be, at least something, because we can't go anywhere without water to build any of the houses that are being determined by the RHNA numbers.

Maura Twomey, Executive Director stated that the Board would be taking a vote on the RHNA methodology only. AMBAG staff will come back with a resolution addressing the water issue at the May Board of Directors meeting.

Motion made by Director Caput, seconded by Director Carbone to approve the final RHNA methodology and authorize AMBAG staff to issue the draft RHNA Plan for a 45-day public review period. Motion passed with Directors Ferlito, Timm, and Adams voting No.

B. Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave a report on the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants 2.0 Program. The REAP 2.0 Grant Program integrates housing and climate goals by allowing for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments that support future housing development. REAP 2.0 is intended to 1) infill development; 2) housing for all incomes; 3) vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction; and 4) affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) goals. REAP 2.0 provides funds to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th Cycle of the housing element, including RHNA allocations. REAP 2.0 also provides MPO's with tools and resources to help implement and advance the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). The REAP 2.0 objectives are 1) to accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; 2) Affirmatively furthering fair housing; 3) Coronavirus Economic Recovery; and 4)

VMT reduction. REAP 2.0 is funding with \$500 million from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of 2021 and \$100 million from the State General Fund and will be administered by HCD in collaboration with OPR, SGC and CARB. 85% of the funds will be allocated directly to the MPO's. The remaining funds will be split between non-MPO regions, Tribal entities, as well as statewide competitive pot for Higher Impact Transformative Projects. AMBAG's formula share of the MPO funding is \$10,133,742. HCD released the REAP 2.0 draft guidelines for public review and comment on March 24, 2022. AMBAG staff is reviewing the guidelines and will submit comments to HCD. Public comments are due on March 24, 2022. The final guidelines and the notice of funding availability (NOFA) is expected to be released in late April or early May 2022. Ms. Adamson stated that staff's initial thoughts on the REAP 2.0 draft guidelines are 1) staff is concerned that most of the funding is federal funding and the eligible uses are extremely restricted; and 2) the draft guidelines require that the funding be spent on communities negatively impacted by COVID-19 which also limits how AMBAG can spend the funding. Ms. Adamson reported that after the final guidelines and NOFA are released, AMBAG will work with the Board, partners, stakeholders, and the public to develop 1) priorities and proposed uses; 2) funding amounts and the appropriate blend of planning and implementation; and 3) various other program components. The REAP 2.0 Program timeline includes 1) HCD releases draft guidelines on March 24, 2022; 2) comments are due on the draft REAP 2.0 Program guidelines on April 15, 2022; 3) HCD releases final guidelines and NOFA in late April or early May 2022; 4) AMBAG develops regional approach and submits REAP 2.0 application to HCD in the summer 2022 through December 2022; 5) deadline to submit application for REAP 2.0 Program funds and include a budget, amounts retained by the regional agency and any sub-allocations, and an education outreach strategy on December 31, 2022; 6) Deadline for REAP 2.0 recipient to encumber funds is on June 30, 2024; and 7) deadline for REAP 2.0 funds to be expended is June 30, 2026. Brief discussion followed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Kristen Brown, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 13, 2022

		Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)		
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item #7	Item #9.A
Capitola	Kristen Brown	X	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	X	Y	N
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	X	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y	Y
Greenfield	Lance Walker	AB	N/A	N/A
Hollister	Rick Perez	X	Y	Y
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y
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Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	X	Y	Y
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	N
County-Monterey	John Phillips	AB	N/A	N/A
County-Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	X	Y	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	X	Y	Y
County-San Benito	Betsy Dirks	X	Y	Y
County-San Benito	Bea Gonzales	X	Y	Y

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Miranda Taylor, Planner

SUBJECT: AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the April 2022 Clearinghouse monthly newsletter.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Since March 12, 1984, under adopted State Clearinghouse Procedures, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) was designated the regional agency responsible for clearinghouse operations in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. These procedures implement Presidential Executive Order 12372 as interpreted by the "State of California Procedures for Intergovernmental Review of Federal Financial Assistance and Direct Development Activities." They also implement the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 as interpreted by CEQA Guidelines.

The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to provide all interested parties within the Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz notification of projects for federal financial assistance, direct federal development activities, local plans and development projects and state plans that are proposed within the region. These areawide procedures are intended to be coordinated with procedures adopted by the State of California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

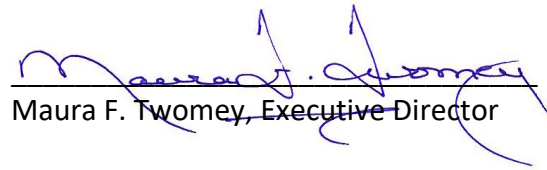
There is no direct financial impact. Staff time for monitoring clearinghouse activities is incorporated into the current AMBAG Overall Work Program and budget.

COORDINATION:

Notices for the Clearinghouse are sent by lead agencies to AMBAG. Interested parties are sent email notifications twice a month with the newsletter attached.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Monthly Newsletter - Clearinghouse items April 1– April 30, 2022.

APPROVED BY:
Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 5/11/22

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

20220403

Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update

County of Santa Cruz
Stephanie Hansen
(831) 454-3112

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Impact Report* (DEIR)

The proposed project is the Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update of the County's General Plan/LCP and County Code. The goal of this update is to implement new policies and code regulations that support more sustainable communities in Santa Cruz County. The proposed project consists of four key components: (1) General Plan/LCP amendments to goals, objectives, policies, and implementation strategies, and text revisions to five chapters; (2) revisions to the Santa Cruz County Code; (3) adoption of County Design Guidelines; and (4) land use and/or zoning map amendments to implement map corrections and identify opportunity sites and vacant and underutilized properties.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

NA

Public review period ends **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Heather Adamson
(831) 264-5086

Notice of Availability

Other

The proposed 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) is the region's long range land use and transportation plan through 2045 for the three-county AMBAG region, including Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. The 2045 MTP/SCS will guide the development of the Regional and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP and FTIP) as well as other transportation programming documents and plans throughout the three-county region. Specifically, the 2045 MTP/SCS is intended to implement regional goals regarding future mobility needs and identify programs, actions and a plan of projects intended to address these needs consistent with adopted goals and policies. The SCS is included as a component of the 2045 MTP/SCS pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 375 and provides a framework for land use patterns that would effectively meet SB 375 greenhouse gas emission requirements.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT EIR: In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21092.1 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, AMBAG has elected to recirculate a portion of the 2045 MTP/SCS Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR).

AMBAG has decided to recirculate a part of Section 6, Other Statutory Considerations, of the Draft EIR, specifically Section 6.4.2(h) (Greenhouse Gas Emissions), Impact GHG-C-1. This decision was made based on the fact that, after completion of the Draft EIR, AMBAG identified a clerical error indicating that the 2045 MTP/SCS would not have a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) impact related to exceeding state GHG reduction targets, when in actuality it would. Because the 2045 MTP/SCS would result in GHG emissions that have direct significant and unavoidable impacts related to exceeding state GHG reduction targets, the 2045 MTP/SCS also contributes considerably to this significant cumulative impact of GHG emissions.

Accordingly, Impact GHG-C-1, set forth in Section 6.4.2(h) (Greenhouse Gas Emissions) of the Draft EIR, has been revised to identify the contribution of the 2045 MTP/SCS to the cumulative impact related to exceeding state GHG reduction targets as cumulatively considerable. The revisions to Impact GHG-C-1 also make minor clarifications to the cumulative construction and operational emissions significance conclusions to make them more clearly consistent with Draft EIR Section 4.8. Minor clarifications do not require recirculation or partial recirculation of a Draft EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5. However, AMBAG in the interests of full public disclosure and involvement has elected to recirculate Section 6.4.2(h) (Greenhouse Gas Emissions) that includes Impact GHG-C-1 for additional public review and comment.

Project Location:

Regionwide

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

Online

Public review period ends **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

20220402

Crockett Todd & Kim L TRS

County of Monterey
Mary Israel
(831) 755-5025

Notice of Availability

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Coastal Development Permit to allow developing within 750 feet of known archaeological resources and Design Approval to allow construction of 200 linear feet of fencing and gates, 560 square feet of terraces, a 66 square foot landing, 500 square feet of driveway, and exterior hot tub and firepit.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Parcel: 009431038000

Public hearing information:

Online

5/12/2022 9:30 AM

Public review period ends **Friday, April 29, 2022**

20220404

San Benito Travelers Station Conditional Use Permit & Site/Architectural Approval

County of San Benito
Stan Ketchum
(408) 802-5800

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The project is proposed on a 2.6-acre site, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Hwy 101 and State Route 129. The third side of the triangular site is boarded by Searle Road. The proposed Traveler's Station is comprised of a 4,000 sq. ft. convenience store, auto fueling and truck fueling services, propane sales, electric vehicle charging stations and a County Informational Kiosk. Travelers Station will operate 24 hours a day.

Project Location:

San Benito County

Parcel: 012030023

Public hearing information:

TBD

Public review period ends **Monday, May 2, 2022**

County of San Benito
Stan Ketchum
(831) 634-5313

Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The proposed project includes an application for a General Plan Amendment, a Specific Plan, a Zone Change, a Vesting Tentative Map, and a Development Agreement to allow the creation of a new automotive research and development campus and business center on an approximately 2,767-acre, triangular-shaped site; please refer to Figure 2 for the Proposed Project Illustrative Site Plan and Figure 3 for the Existing Land Uses. At maximum build-out, the proposed project would include approximately 7,221,159 square feet in testing grounds, research park, e-commerce, and commercial areas (Figure 4). As shown on Figure 3, current land uses on the site are primarily agricultural. The SVIP Project includes the following proposed land uses: testing grounds, a research park, e-commerce, commercial, greenway, agricultural, biological preserve, and infrastructure. Each of the land uses are briefly described below. Table 1. Proposed Land Use Summary below provides the approximate acreage and building area (when relevant) for each of these proposed land uses.

Project Location:

San Benito County

Parcel: 013070006

Public hearing information:

TBD

Public review period ends **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20220406

Capitola Zoning Code/ LCP-IP Amendment- Chapter 17.82, 17.16, 17.20, 17.24

City of Capitola
Katie Herlihy
(831) 475-7300

Notice of Availability

Other

The availability of the draft Chapter 17.82 Objective Standards for Multifamily and Mixed-use Residential Development and Subsequent Amendment to the Capitola Zoning Code/LCP-IP referencing the new code section for your review and comment for a minimum of six weeks prior to adoption. City of Capitola's Ordinance adding chapter 17.82 Objective Standards for Multifamily and Mixed-use Residential Development and amending Chapter 17 .16 Residential Zoning Districts, Chapter 17 .20 Mixed Use Zoning, and Chapter 17.24 Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts to reference the new the new chapter within the proposed Zoning Code/LCP-IP Amendments

Upcoming public hearings on the Objective Standards ordinance are tentatively scheduled as follows:
April 21, 2022 Planning Commission; May 5, 2022 Planning Commission; May 12, 2022 City Council first reading; May 26, 2022 City Council second reading or thereafter if continued.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

ONLINE- Planning Commission

4/21/2022

Public review period ends **Thursday, May 26, 2022**

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By: Miranda Taylor, Planner

More detailed information on these projects is available by calling the contact person for each project or through AMBAG at (831) 883-3750. Comments will be considered by the AMBAG Board of Directors in its review. All comments will be forwarded to the applicants for response and inclusion in the project application. If substantial coordination or conflict issues arise, the Clearinghouse can arrange meetings between concerned agencies and applicants.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Special Projects Manager

SUBJECT: AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Directors accept this report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

AMBAG Sustainability Program Elements

Energy Efficiency Program Development

AMBAG is a founding member of the Rural and Hard to Reach (RHTR) working group, which was created in 2015 to promote the deployment of energy efficiency resources to California's rural communities. In the past two years AMBAG staff has been working with other RHTR members to create a Regional Energy Network (REN). Regional Energy Networks are entities which submit business plans to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to obtain ratepayer funds and implement energy efficiency programs.

In June 2021, RHTR partners executed a memorandum of understanding for the development of the RuralREN and started the process of writing a strategic energy efficiency business plan. On February 16, 2022 RHTR partners organized a workshop of the California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Council (CAEECC) to present the concept of the RuralREN and gather feedback on the business plan. A motion for the creation of the RuralREN as well as the RuralREN 2023-2031 strategic business plan was submitted to the CPUC on March 4, 2022. On March 17, 2022 Chief Administrative Law Judge Simon issued a decision for the RuralREN Motion and strategic business plan to be considered as part of a new application proceeding being created to consider the 2024-2031 strategic business plans for all existing energy efficiency portfolio administrators. In the past month AMBAG worked with the RHTR partners to submit schedule and scope

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related comments as part of this proceeding. The RHTR partners also submitted reply comments to address questions posed by other parties and answered a substantive data request submitted by CPUC staff relating to the RuralREN business plan. The next step in the regulatory process is for a pre-hearing conference to be held on May 17, 2022 and for the Administrative Law Judge to issue a decision on the schedule and scope of the proceeding. AMBAG staff will continue to collaborate with RHTR partners to engage in the regulatory process in order to obtain approval of the RuralREN business plan.

Central California Energy Watch Program implementation in Monterey County

The AMBAG Sustainability Program is acting as a sub consultant to the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) to implement the Central California Energy Watch (CCEW) program in Monterey County. AMBAG staff is conducting outreach to public sector agencies and school districts to inform them about the program, drive program enrollment, and provide energy efficiency technical assistance services. Current efforts are focused on enrolling public agencies and working with jurisdictions as well as school districts to support energy benchmarking and energy auditing.

School Districts

The State of California, over five years, has been releasing funding through the Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act to help schools implement energy efficiency and conservation. To receive this funding, the school district must comply with the Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act – 2013 Program Implementation Guidelines. These guidelines include requirements such as completing energy benchmarks of school facilities, identifying potential energy projects, creating efficiency metrics related to the projects, submitting a funding application to the California Energy Commission called an Energy Expenditure Plan, completing annual reports and submitting a final project completion report. On May 13, 2020, the California Energy Commission extended the Proposition 39 program by one year as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline to complete projects was extended to June 30, 2021, and the deadline to complete the final project completion reports was extended to June 30, 2022.

AMBAG staff is working with six school districts to complete their final project completion reports. As part of this process AMBAG staff is gathering benchmarking data and creating the necessary reports to obtain California Energy Commission staff approval.

Greenhouse Gas Inventories and Climate Action Planning

AMBAG staff works to complete Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventories for all AMBAG Jurisdictions. Staff completed Community-wide GHG Inventories for all jurisdictions in 2005, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2018, and 2019, as well as a baseline Municipal GHG Inventories for all AMBAG jurisdictions in 2005. AMBAG staff has also been able to use the inventories to create a regional roll-up inventory and assist jurisdictions with climate action planning activities.

As part of MOU with AMBAG, Central Coast Community Energy has allocated funding for AMBAG to develop 2018, 2019, and 2020 Community-wide GHG Inventories for all its member jurisdictions in calendar year 2020, 2021, and 2022. This has allowed AMBAG to continue providing GHG inventories to our jurisdictions and enabled continued climate action on the central coast. In the past month AMBAG staff has been conducting data entry on the ClearPath platform in order to calculate the 2020 GHG emissions for each jurisdiction.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

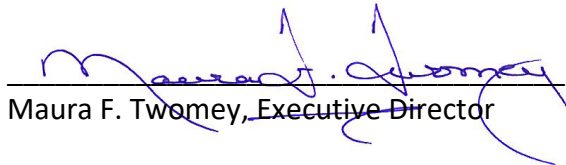
FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget is fully funded under the AMBAG-3CE MOU, a sub consultant agreement with the SJVCEO, and SB1 Planning Funds. All funding is programmed in the FY 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with 3CE, the SJVCEO, as well as local jurisdictions and local community stakeholders.

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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A RESOLUTION

**OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING A
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RALPH M BROWN ACT AND FINDING OF IMMINENT RISK TO HEALTH AND
SAFETY OF IN-PERSON MEETING AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF
EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government code Section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 that clarified the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every (30) days; and,

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19, currently the dominant strains of COVID-19 in the country, are more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus (<https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

WHEREAS, other variants of COVID-19 exist, and it is unknown at this time whether other variants may result in a new surge in COVID-19 cases; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designated to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

WHEREAS, Monterey County and San Benito County currently have a Community Transmission metric of “low” and Santa Cruz County currently has a Community Transmission metric of “medium”; and,

WHEREAS, due to the current pandemic situation, the CDC recommends that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk. The public may choose to wear a mask or respirator that offers greater protection in certain situations, such as when you are with people at higher risk for severe illness, or if you are at higher risk for severe illness; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is empowered to take actions necessary to protect public, health, welfare and safety within the region; and,

WHEREAS, AMBAG has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in meetings of AMBAG's various legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act; and,

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public health and safety, as affected by the emergency cause by the spread of COVID-19, the AMBAG Board of Directors deems it necessary to find that meeting in person for meetings of all AMBAG related legislative bodies as well as subcommittees of the board of Directors subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing as provided in subdivisions (e) of Government Code section 54953; and,

WHEREAS, all teleconference meetings of the AMBAG Board of Directors, AMBAG Executive/Finance Committee, as well as all subcommittees of the Board of Directors shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Government Code section 54953;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors does hereby approve as follows:

1. The AMBAG Board of Directors finds that meeting in person for meeting of all AMBAG related legislative bodies subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.
2. This finding applies to all AMBAG related legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act, including but not limited to, the AMBAG Board of Directors meeting; the AMBAG Executive/Finance Committee; the RAPS, Inc. Board of Directors meeting, and any other standing committees.
3. Staff is directed to return to the Board of Directors no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, or by next Board of Directors meeting (whichever comes first), with an item for the Board to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. The AMBAG Executive Director and AMBAG Counsel are directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May 2022.

Kristen Brown, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



The 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting locations are subject to change and may be held remotely in light of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with AB 361.

2022 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

*** REVISED Date**

*** June 15, 2022**

GoToWebinar

Meeting Time: 6 pm

July 2022

No Meeting Scheduled

August 10, 2022

TBD

Meeting Time: 6 pm

September 14, 2022

TBD

Meeting Time: 6 pm

October 12, 2022

TBD

Meeting Time: 6 pm

November 9, 2022

TBD

Meeting Time: 6 pm

December 2022

No Meeting Scheduled

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Miranda Taylor, Planner

SUBJECT: 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on the development of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

BACKGROUND:

AMBAG is required to develop a Coordinated Plan for the tri-county region. Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) legislation, this plan must be completed and used in developing grant applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. The plan identifies local transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and persons with low incomes, and facilitates applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant program.

The 5310 program provides formula funding to assist private non-profit groups and transit operators in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The funds are apportioned based on each State's share of population for these groups of people and are awarded to projects through a statewide competitive selection process. Funds may be used for capital or operating expenses. The Coordinated Plan, as required by the 2015 FAST Act, must include the following elements:

- An assessment of available services and current transportation providers (public, private, and non-profit);
- An assessment of transportation needs for seniors and persons with disabilities. This assessment can be based on the experiences and perceptions of the planning partners or on more sophisticated data collection efforts, and gaps in service;
- Strategies, activities, and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to achieve efficiencies in service delivery; and
- Priorities for implementation based on resources (from multiple program sources), time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies and/or activities.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the Coordinated Plan is to create a plan to improve transit for individuals that are elderly, disabled, and/or low-income. This is accomplished through identifying where the transit system can better meet these individual's needs, and then identifying projects or changes which would help alleviate these shortcomings. The plan also includes a list of transit services that serves the elderly, disabled, and low-income populations.

The projects and changes identified in this plan are made eligible for Federal funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. In the past, this funding source has been used by transit agencies to replace or purchase new paratransit vehicles, as well as for operating expenses.

Below are key dates for developing the 2022 Coordinated Plan:

- **March - May 2022:** Present an overview of the 2022 Coordinated Plan development process to regional Advisory Committees/Councils, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **April - August 2022:** Develop the Draft Coordinated Plan
- **August - October 2022:** Present the Draft 2022 Coordinated Plan to regional Technical Advisory Committees/Councils, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **September 15 - October 17, 2022:** 30-Day Public Comment Period
- **October 2022:** Prepare the Final 2022 Coordinated Plan
- **November 9, 2022:** AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the Final 2022 Coordinated Plan

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

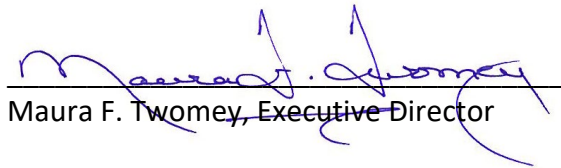
Preparation of the 2022 Coordinated Plan is included in the AMBAG FY 21-22 and Draft FY 22-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

All MTP/SCS planning activities are coordinated with Caltrans, San Benito County Local Transportation Authority, Monterey – Salinas Transit, Santa Cruz METRO, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Council of San Benito County Governments, and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, as well as the Planning Directors Forum which includes the local jurisdictions and other transportation partners.

ATTACHMENT:

1. 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Schedule

APPROVED BY:

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Schedule

January 2022 – Prepare update schedule and meet with RTPA reps to go over timelines

February 2022 - Prepare draft outline/staff report for Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and Board mtgs. Reach out to agency staff for staff report submission deadlines.

March/April 2022 – Present 2022 CPTP development, including schedule and key tasks to Technical Advisory Committees & AMBAG Planning Directors Forum (information item)

- March 17, 2022 – SCCRTC ITAC
- April 7, 2022 – TAMC TAC
- April 25, 2022 –AMBAG Planning Directors Forum

March - May 2022 – Present 2022 CPTP development, including schedule and key tasks to Local Committees- SSTAC & Mobility Advisory Committees (information item)

- March 25, 2022 – SBtCOG SSTAC
- March 30, 2022—MST MAC
- May 5, 2022 – SBtCOG TAC
- May 10, 2022 – SCCRTC E&D TAC

April – August 2022 – Prepare Draft 2022 CPTP (including updating any tables/figures)

April 2022 – Prepare staff report for AMBAG’s May 2022 Board of Director’s Meeting

May 2022 – 2022 CPTP agenda item, including purpose, schedule, expectations to AMBAG Board of Directors (consent item)

- May 11, 2022 – AMBAG Board Mtg

May/June 2022 – RTPAs take Unmet Transit Needs Assessments to their Boards for finalization

- May 2022 – TAMC Board Mtg
- May 2022 – SCCRTC Board Mtg
- June 2022 – SBtCOG Board Mtg

March 2022– Present Draft CPTP Plan to AMBAG Planning Directors Forum

(Overview of Draft plan and notice of upcoming public comment period)

- August 29, 2022 – AMBAG Planning Directors Forum

September 2022 – Present Draft 2022 CPTP Plan and ask Board to release for a 30-day public comment period (Planning report item)

- September 14, 2022 – AMBAG Board Mtg

September 2022 – Present Draft 2022 CPTP to Committees (overview of Draft Plan and notice of upcoming public comment period)

- September 15, 2022 – SCCRTC ITAC
- September 23, 2022 –SBtCOG SSTAC
- September 28, 2022 –MST MAC
- October 6, 2022 – TAMC TAC
- October 6, 2022 – SBtCOG TAC
- October 11, 2022—SCCRTC E&D TAC

September 15- October 17, 2022 – 30 day public comment period

October 2022 – Prepare Final 2022 CPTP, incorporating comments received and other changes

November 2022 – Present Final 2022 CPTP to AMBAG Board for Approval

- November 9, 2022 – AMBAG Board Mtg

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program Advanced Application

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2022-11 authorizing AMBAG staff to submit an application with the State's Department of Housing and Community Development for an advance allocation of \$1,013,374 to support AMBAG's work related to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program and delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute a State Standard Agreement, and any other documentation including amendments to secure the advance allocation.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

AB 140 (2021) resulted in the creation of the second iteration of the Regional Early Action Planning Grants' program (REAP 2.0). The REAP 2.0 Program provides funds to regional governments to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th Cycle of the housing element, including regional housing need allocations. In addition, REAP 2.0 is specifically designed to provide Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and other eligible entities with tools and resources to help implement and advance plans, primarily including Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) as part of Regional Transportation Plans to pursue greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through land use and transportation changes.

The REAP 2.0 Program is funded with \$500 million from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of 2021 (SLFRF) and \$100 million from the State General Fund. The REAP 2.0 Program will be administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (Department), in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Most of the funds (\$510 million) will be allocated directly to the MPOs. The remaining funds are split into a set aside for non-MPO regions for smaller counties and Tribal Entities, as well as a Higher

Impact Transformative Allocation for all eligible entities. AMBAG's formula share of the MPO funding is \$10,133,742.41.

AMBAG is eligible to submit an advanced application to claim 10 percent of the funds to administer the REAP 2.0 program as well as to develop our regional REAP 2.0 program and conduct outreach activities. AMBAG expects to use the advance REAP 2.0 funding to manage and implement the program, develop our regional program framework, establish priorities, and conduct public and stakeholder outreach. HCD requires a resolution of AMBAG's Board of Directors to be included in the advanced application. AMBAG's full application will be submitted by December 2022.

Next Steps

Pending Board action, AMBAG will prepare and submit an advanced application for REAP 2.0 funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Directors may choose not to approve Resolution 2022-11 authorize the Executive Director to submit an advanced application for REAP 2.0 funding. AMBAG staff does not recommend this option because it will impact the development process for AMBAG's REAP 2.0 Program.

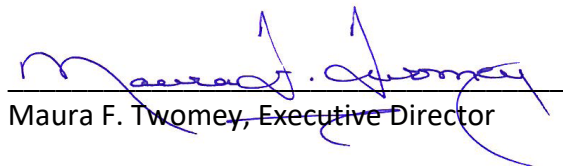
FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution 2022-11

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMITTAL OF ADVANCE ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS 2.0 PROGRAM (REAP 2.0) AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHEREAS the Association of Monterey Bay Area of Governments (AMBAG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties and through that role will administer the Regional Early Action Planning Grants' 2.0 Program (REAP 2.0) for the AMBAG region; and

WHEREAS, the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is authorized to provide up to \$510,000,000 to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government, such as AMBAG ("Applicant") listed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08, subdivisions (a)(1)-(6) under the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program (REAP 2.0), as detailed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08-10; and

WHEREAS, the Department issued a Notice and Request for Advance Allocation on January 3, 2022, for REAP 2.0 grants available to Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Applicant is a Metropolitan Planning Organization eligible to submit a Request for Advance Allocation pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08(c)(3) to develop and accelerate the implementation of the requirements described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1) including, but not limited to, regional engagement in the development of the full application and of an education and outreach strategy; and

WHEREAS, Department shall approve the advance allocation request, subject to the terms and conditions of Eligibility, Guidelines, Notice of Funding Availability (NOFAs), Program requirements, and the Standard Agreement by and between the Department and REAP 2.0 Grant Recipients; and

WHEREAS, to ease the administrative burden and prevent delays the AMBAG Board of Directors delegates authority to the AMBAG Executive Director to execute the Advance Allocation Request, and wishes to authorize the Executive Director to enter into, execute, and deliver the Department's Standard Agreement in the amount of \$1,013,374 and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the

REAP 2.0 Advance Allocation on behalf of AMBAG obligations related thereto and all amendments the Department deems necessary and in accordance with REAP 2.0; and

WHEREAS, to retain adequate safeguards the AMBAG Board of Directors wishes to ensure that prior to execution of the Department's Standard Agreement and any amendments thereto that such documents will be reviewed by legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director shall annually submit to the AMBAG Board of Directors any changes in funding described herein as part of the OWP.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY the AMBAG Board of Directors that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May 2022.

Kristen Brown, President

Maura Twomey, Secretary



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Agreement for Environmental Consultant Services with Rincon Consultants, Inc.

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to amend the existing agreement with the Rincon Consultants, Inc. for an additional \$6,250 for consultant services related to the preparation of the environmental impact report for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In September 2020, AMBAG entered into an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for environmental consultant services for the development of the environmental impact report (EIR) for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). On April 15, 2022, AMBAG, as the lead agency for the EIR for the 2045 MTP/SCS, partially recirculated the Draft EIR for a 46-day public review period. AMBAG did not originally anticipate the costs associated with partially recirculating the Draft EIR in the existing agreement. In order to complete the development of Final EIR for the 2045 MTP/SCS, an amendment to the existing Rincon Consultants, Inc. agreement in the amount of \$6,250 is warranted.

Next Steps

Pending Board action, AMBAG will execute an amendment to the Rincon Consultants, Inc. agreement in the amount of \$6,250 bringing the total agreement to \$256,250..

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Directors may choose not to authorize the Executive Director to amend the Rincon Consultants, Inc. agreement. AMBAG staff does not recommend this option because it may impact the development process for the EIR for the 2045 MTP/SCS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

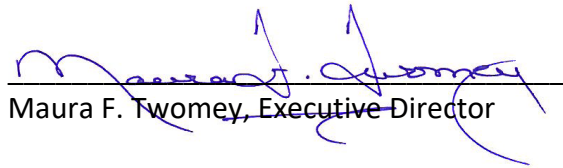
Planning activities for the 2045 MTP/SCS are funded with FHWA PL, FTA 5303 and SB 1 planning funds and are programmed in the FY 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

All MTP/SCS planning activities are coordinated with the MTP/SCS Executive Steering Committee and Staff Working Group which includes participation from Caltrans District 5, Monterey Salinas Transit, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, San Benito County Council of Governments, and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, as well as the Planning Directors Forum and the RTPAs Technical Advisory Committees which includes the local jurisdictions.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

APPROVED BY:
Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Financial Update Report

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors accept the Financial Update Report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through February 28, 2022, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Balance Sheet for February 28, 2022, reflects a cash balance of \$3,007,758.00. The accounts receivable balance is \$518,903.81, while the current liabilities balance is \$318,054.91. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2022, reflects a positive Net Position of \$13,431.31. This is due to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of revenue over expense of \$168,115.22. Changes in Net Position are to be expected throughout the fiscal year (FY), particularly at the beginning due to collection of member dues which are received in July and the timing of various year-end adjustments required after our financial audit.

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The following table highlights key Budget to Actual financial data:

Budget to Actual Financial Highlights
For Period July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022

Expenditures	Budget Through February 2022	Actual Through February 2022	Difference
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,632,169.00	\$ 1,482,580.73	\$ 149,588.27
Professional Services	\$ 5,067,375.00	\$ 1,208,918.57	\$ 3,858,456.43
Lease/Rentals	\$ 60,667.00	\$ 53,721.18	\$ 6,945.82
Communications	\$ 16,533.00	\$ 11,823.46	\$ 4,709.54
Supplies	\$ 74,267.00	\$ 14,616.73	\$ 59,650.27
Printing	\$ 11,133.00	\$ 1,875.18	\$ 9,257.82
Travel	\$ 46,800.00	\$ 14.01	\$ 46,785.99
Other Charges	\$ 228,692.00	\$ 253,562.75	\$ (24,870.75)
Total	\$ 7,137,636.00	\$ 3,027,112.61	\$ 4,110,523.39
Revenue			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 7,176,441.00	\$ 3,195,227.83	\$ 3,981,213.17
Note: AMBAG is projecting a surplus, therefore budgeted revenues do not equal expenses.			

Revenues/Expenses (Budget to Actual Comparison):

The budget reflects a linear programming of funds while actual work is contingent on various factors. Therefore, during the fiscal year there will be fluctuations from budget-to-actual.

Professional Services are under budget primarily due to the timing of work on projects performed by contractors. Work is progressing on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). This work is not performed in a linear fashion while the budget reflects linear programming. In addition, the Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program (REAP) provides \$7,931,330 in funding of which a large portion will pass through to partner agencies. It is in its early stages.

Since AMBAG funding is primarily on a reimbursement basis, any deviation in expenditure also results in a corresponding deviation in revenue. Budget-to-actual revenue and expenditures are monitored regularly to analyze fiscal operations and propose amendments to the budget if needed.

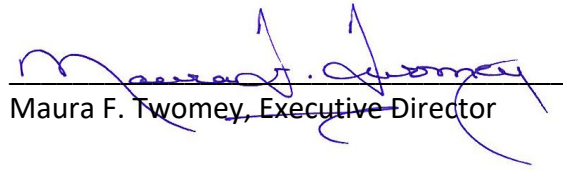
COORDINATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2022
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022
3. Cash Activity for March 2022

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

AMBAG
Balance Sheet - Attachment 1
As of February 28, 2022

	<u>February 28, 2022</u>		<u>February 28, 2022</u>
Assets		Liabilities & Net Position	
Current Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and Cash Equivalents		Current Liabilities	
Mechanics Bank - Special Reserve	300,639.16	Accounts Payable	180,935.53
Mechanics Bank - Checking	462,757.15	Employee Benefits	137,119.38
Mechanics Bank - REAP Checking	2,240,174.60	Mechanics Bank - Line of Credit	0.00
Petty Cash	500.00	Total Current Liabilities	<u>318,054.91</u>
LAIF Account	3,687.09		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>3,007,758.00</u>		
Accounts Receivable		Long-Term Liabilities	
Accounts Receivable	518,903.81	Deferred Inflows - Actuarial	258,986.95
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>518,903.81</u>	Net Pension Liability (GASB 68)	1,888,153.69
		OPEB Liability	13,789.24
Other Current Assets		Deferred Revenue	2,146,882.94
Due from PRWFPA/RAPS	85.00	Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>4,307,812.82</u>
Prepaid Items	14,949.95		
Total Other Current Assets	<u>15,034.95</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>4,625,867.73</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>3,541,696.76</u>		
Long-Term Assets			
Net OPEB Asset	96,473.00		
FY 2002-2003 Housing Mandate Receival	82,186.00		
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(16,437.20)		
Deferred Outflows - Actuarial	533,833.49		
Deferred Outflows - PERS Contribution	272,963.59		
Total Long-Term Assets	<u>969,018.88</u>		
Capital Assets		Net Position	
Capital Assets	319,089.93	Beginning Net Position	(154,683.91)
Accumulated Depreciation	(190,506.53)	Net Income/(Loss)	168,115.22
Total Capital Assets	<u>128,583.40</u>	Total Ending Net Position	<u>13,431.31</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>4,639,299.04</u></u>	Total Liabilities & Net Position	<u><u>4,639,299.04</u></u>

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Profit & Loss - Attachment 2
 July - February 2022

	July - February 2022	July - February 2022
Income		
AMBAG Revenue		174,299.08
Cash Contributions		212,232.15
Grant Revenue		2,660,243.11
Non-Federal Local Match		148,453.49
Total Income		3,195,227.83
Expense		
Salaries		939,675.97
Fringe Benefits		542,904.76
Professional Services		1,208,918.57
Lease/Rentals		53,721.18
Communications		11,823.46
Supplies		14,616.73
Printing		1,875.18
Travel		14.01
Other Charges:		
BOD Allowances	8,250.00	
Workshops/Training	1,259.97	
GIS Licensing/CCJDC Support	13,608.00	
REAP Travel/Classes/Events	2,608.83	
SB1/MTIP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expenses	16,182.40	
Recruiting	784.95	
Model Expenses	217.12	
Dues & Subscriptions	15,180.34	
Depreciation Expense	21,581.50	
Maintenance/Utilities	512.72	
Insurance	24,918.04	
Interest/Fees/Tax Expense	5.39	
Total Other Charges		105,109.26
Non-Federal Local Match		148,453.49
Total Expense		3,027,112.61
Net Income/(Loss)		168,115.22

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Cash Activity - Attachment 3
For March 2022

Monthly Cash Activity	July-21	August-21	September-21	October-21	November-21	December-21	January-22	February-22	March-22	April-22	May-22	June-22	TOTAL
1. CASH ON HAND													
[Beginning of month]	4,140,366.44	4,161,723.11	3,647,705.41	3,625,765.50	3,443,520.63	3,425,278.73	3,135,121.91	3,380,246.29	3,007,758.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2. CASH RECEIPTS													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	108,597.78	107,565.48	14,000.18	61,432.23	707,415.96	6,068.12	41,911.38	56,039.07	7,427.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,110,457.48
(b) Grant Revenue	180,907.52	21,585.44	193,707.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	378,169.08	309,021.44	198,259.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,281,651.20
(c) REAP Advance Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(d) Borrowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	289,505.30	129,150.92	207,707.97	61,432.23	707,415.96	6,068.12	420,080.46	365,060.51	205,687.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,392,108.68
4. TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	4,429,871.74	4,290,874.03	3,855,413.38	3,687,197.73	4,150,936.59	3,431,346.85	3,555,202.37	3,745,306.80	3,213,445.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5. CASH PAID OUT													
(a) Payroll & Related *	185,064.62	189,829.59	172,248.66	197,590.98	179,470.13	213,078.25	161,573.75	188,552.45	188,530.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,675,938.84
(b) Professional Services	18,658.78	334,934.61	32,380.92	30,636.83	531,139.86	65,623.12	5,800.19	518,521.81	157,896.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,695,593.10
(c) Capital Outlay	0.00	77,185.31	10,389.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87,574.44
(d) Lease/Rentals	12,500.53	6,550.66	6,942.40	7,112.08	6,642.99	6,326.00	979.73	12,913.50	6,663.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,631.67
(e) Communications	1,922.95	1,378.55	1,376.91	1,610.99	1,389.15	1,170.80	1,608.83	2,145.52	1,410.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,013.79
(f) Supplies	145.65	881.31	4,507.02	4,732.31	435.45	1,158.52	986.17	1,647.37	855.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,349.71
(g) Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,191.20	0.00	0.00	683.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,875.18
(h) Travel	38.04	0.00	138.80	289.85	0.00	66.94	50.17	80.00	815.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,479.52
(i) Other Charges	49,818.06	32,408.59	1,664.04	1,704.06	6,580.28	7,610.11	3,957.24	13,688.15	6,685.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	124,115.82
(j) Loan Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	268,148.63	643,168.62	229,647.88	243,677.10	725,657.86	296,224.94	174,956.08	737,548.80	363,542.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,682,572.07
7. CASH POSITION	4,161,723.11	3,647,705.41	3,625,765.50	3,443,520.63	3,425,278.73	3,135,121.91	3,380,246.29	3,007,758.00	2,849,903.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	

MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Bhupendra Patel, Ph.D., Director of Modeling

SUBJECT: Draft FY 2022-23 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Approve the Draft FY 2022-23 Monterey Bay Region OWP and Budget by adopting resolution 2022-12 (Attachment 1) and authorize staff to submit the Draft FY 2022-23 OWP to Caltrans and federal agencies for their approval;
- 2) Certify AMBAG's adherence to the metropolitan transportation planning process within the region and authorize Executive Director to sign the certification (Attachment 2); and;
- 3) Authorize AMBAG staff to execute OWP Agreements to release funds for metropolitan transportation planning use.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) calls for the development of the Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget by the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), as the federally designated MPO for the tri-county (Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties) Monterey Bay Region, annually develops and maintains the OWP and Budget. Generally the Overall Work Program (OWP) and the AMBAG Budget are linked documents.

The Draft FY 2022-23 OWP is developed in consultation and coordination with the region's Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA), transit operators, Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Draft FY 2022-23 Overall

Work Program (OWP) includes transportation and air quality related planning activities proposed for the Monterey Bay Region for the state fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

At the March 9, 2022 meeting, staff presented the Draft FY 2022-23 OWP and Budget for AMBAG Board review and comments. Following the meeting, staff provided the same draft document to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA for their review and comments. AMBAG staff incorporated the comments received from the state and federal agencies in this final Draft FY 2022-23 OWP, as appropriate. A synopsis of the Draft FY 2022-23 OWP and Budget is provided in the Attachment 3. The Draft FY 2022-23 OWP and Budget is separately enclosed with the agenda packet and also available to view or download from the AMBAG website at <https://ambag.org>

Upon Board approval, the FY 2022-23 OWP will be forwarded to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA for their final approval.

Draft FY 2022-23 AMBAG Budget

Generally, the OWP and the AMBAG Budget are linked documents. The AMBAG Draft FY 2022-23 Budget mirrors the activities and funding programmed in the Draft FY 2022-23 OWP. Staff provided the Draft FY 2022-23 AMBAG Budget at the March 9, 2022 Board of Directors meetings. The FY 2022-23 AMBAG draft Budget is balanced as required by the AMBAG bylaws.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The staff time to carryout draft OWP and Budget activities is funded through FHWA PL, FTA 5303 and other State and local funds as programmed in the approved FY 2021-22 OWP.

COORDINATION:

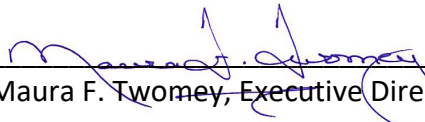
Preparation of the Draft FY 2022-23 OWP has been coordinated with Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG), Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD), Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2022-12 approving federal and State portion of the Draft FY 2022-23 OWP
2. Certificate of AMBAG's adherence to the metropolitan transportation planning process within the region

3. Synopsis of the Draft FY 2022-23 OWP and Budget
4. Draft FY 2022-23 OWP and Budget (separately enclosed).

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT
THE AMBAG FY 2022-2023 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments has been designated by the Governor of the State of California as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay area; and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) calls for the development of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), or Overall, Work Program (OWP) and Budget under direction of the MPO in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly-owned transit; and

WHEREAS, in the Monterey Bay Region, the Comprehensive, Cooperative and Continuous transportation planning process also includes the regional transportation planning agencies, transit operators, Caltrans, the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations; and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan planning regulations under Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) require the MPO and Caltrans to annually certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with the following applicable laws and regulations:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and subpart C of 23 CFR part 450;
- 2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d–1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- 4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-94) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- 6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- 8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

- 9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- 10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments is an eligible recipient of Federal, State, and local funding; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts for grants awarded for Federal, State, and local funding; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) wishes to delegate authorization to execute any agreements and any amendments thereto to the AMBAG Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG's 2022-2023 fiscal year Overall Work Program and Budget describes the work and tasks to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program and Budget provide for the funds necessary for AMBAG to accomplish its stated work and tasks in FY 2022-2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments:

1. Does hereby adopt the AMBAG FY 2022-2023 Overall Work Program and Budget including the list of AMBAG approved positions and salary ranges; and
2. Authorizes AMBAG staff to execute Overall Work Program Agreements to release federal and state transportation planning funds for Overall Work Program use; and
3. Certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with applicable laws and regulations; and
4. Authorizes the AMBAG Executive Director or her designee to enter into contracts for grants awarded for Federal, State, and local funding, and
5. Authorizes the Executive Director or her designee to take further actions as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution, such as executing amendments and certification for funding applications.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2022.

Kristen Brown, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

FY 2022/2023 FHWA and FTA Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification

In accordance with 23 CFR part 450, the California Department of Transportation and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monterey Bay urbanized area(s), hereby certify that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and subpart C of 23 CFR part 450;
- 2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
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MPO Authorizing Signature

Title

Date

Caltrans District Approval Signature

Title

Date

Attachment 3

Synopsis of the Draft FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget

The Draft FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget includes transportation and air quality planning activities to be accomplished by AMBAG in consultation and collaboration with the region's Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), transit operators (Monterey Salinas Transit and Santa Cruz Metro Transit District), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The OWP establishes transportation, air quality and other regional planning objectives, methods and timing for achieving those objectives, and identifies planning responsibilities and funding to complete the work. The OWP also serves as a management tool for AMBAG staff in that it identifies all projects and services to be provided during the year beyond those mandated by the metropolitan transportation planning process. The draft OWP and Budget, therefore, present an annual blueprint for the agency's use of resources for the state fiscal year 2022-23 (from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

The draft FY 2022-23 OWP programs various federal, state, regional and local funds to accomplish planning and project activities as included in the draft OWP. There are 28 work elements (WEs) included in the draft FY 2022-23 OWP, as follows:

- WE 101 **Overall Work Program (OWP), Budget and Administration:** The OWP provides an overview of the region's Metropolitan Planning activities, with a focus on performance based transportation planning approach. The document is AMBAG's project management and monitoring tool for local, state, and federal funded transportation and air quality planning activities for the Monterey Bay Area.
- WE 112 **Transportation Plans Coordination and Interagency Liaison:** The main objective of this work element is to facilitate the Comprehensive, Cooperative and Continuous transportation planning process of metropolitan transportation planning and air quality planning activities for the tri-county (Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz) Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area.
- WE 113 **Public Participation Plan:** This work element is to maintain the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and update the Title VI Plan. The PPP contains strategies and requirements for engaging the public on the various components of transportation planning activities/projects prepared by MPO (AMBAG).
- WE 122 **Water-Related Plans Coordination and Interagency Liaison:** The purpose of this work element is to collect, process and transmit timely information and facilitate an interagency liaison role for regional water related issues.
- WE 231 **GIS Analysis, Data Collection, Uniformity, Coordination and Access:** The purpose of this work element is to collect regional employment, transportation, economic, population, housing, water quality, land use, traffic/truck counts, goods movements and other data used for the development of the Regional Travel

Demand Model, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, and corridor/transit planning studies.

- WE 251 **Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM):** The RTDM is used to support metropolitan transportation and air quality planning and programming activities within the tri-county Metropolitan Planning Area. AMBAG staff in consultation with Caltrans, local and regional agencies continuously collect, analyze and applies most recent population, employment and land use data to develop and enhance the RTDM as well as provides technical assistance/guidance to regional agencies, cities and counties including Caltrans for model use and its applications.
- WE 259 **Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool:** Under this work element, staff at AMBAG, BCAG, SLOCOG, SRTA, TRPA and Caltrans are partners in developing a cost-effective and fully functional integrated land use monitoring and scenario development framework/tool for each MPO.
- WE 331 **AMBAG Community-wide Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Local Jurisdictions Program:** Under this program AMBAG will complete the annual Community-wide GHG Inventories for the jurisdictions in the 3CE's service territory.
- WE 332 **Central California Energy Watch technical services:** AMBAG is a consultant to the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO), conducting outreach and implementing projects as part of the Central California Energy Watch (CCEW) Program in Monterey County.
- WE 333 **Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study:** AMBAG Received a Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) planning grant to conduct the Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study. AMBAG will first be creating a carbon model to calculate the carbon stored in the natural and working lands of the Monterey Bay Area. The potential impact of different land use scenarios, climate futures, mitigation measures, and adaptation measures will then be modeled.
- WE 343/344 **Regional Early Action Planning:** In September 2019, the adopted FY 2019-20 California Budget (AB 74) and associated housing trailer bill (AB 101) established the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, including the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) and directed the California Central Coast to create a multiagency working group to oversee implementation of this program. AMBAG was selected as the fiscal agent for the REAP funding in the Central Coast.
- WE 345 **Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program 2.0:** The purpose of REAP 2.0 is supporting transformative planning and implementation activities that include, but are not limited to, accelerating infill and affordable development; supporting residents through realizing multimodal communities; shifting travel behavior through reducing driving; and increasing transit ridership, walking, and biking as primary modes of transportation.

- WE 411 **Clearinghouse:** This work element allows AMBAG to monitor regionally significant projects and their impact on the regional travel demand model and regional transportation performance targets.
- WE 502 **Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc. Administration (RAPS):** RAPS Administration oversees the operation of AMBAG's nonprofit arm, Regional Analysis and Planning Services (RAPS), Inc.
- WE 511 **Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc. Technical Assistance:** Provides technical assistance to government agencies, non-profit organizations and private entities, as requested.
- WE 530 **Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority Administration:** Provides administrative services to the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority.
- WE 538 **Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency:** Provides Clerk of the Board and administrative services to the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency.
- WE 607/608 **Sustainable Communities Planning:** These work elements will conduct local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that further the AMBAG's MTP/SCS, contribute to the State's GHG reduction goals, targets and other sustainability goals.
- WE 610 **Transportation Performance Management (TPM):** Under this Work Element staff will conduct research, identify, collect and develop a Transportation Performance Management (TPM) measure analysis framework for future use as established under MAP-21 and FAST Act.
- WE 621 **Elderly & Disabled & Americans with Disabilities Act:** The purpose of this work element is to perform outreach, education, and coordination related to the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPTP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) as it relates to the CPTP.
- WE 622/624 **Metropolitan Transportation Planning:** The purpose of these work elements is to develop/update and implement the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Monterey Bay Metropolitan Planning Region, in accordance with MAP-21/FAST Act's regulations. AMBAG, SCCRTC, TAMC, SBtCOG, Caltrans, transit agencies (MST and SC METRO) coordinate and cooperatively develop the region's MTP. The MTP consists of a regional vision, policies and goals, transportation improvement projects and a financial forecast. The development and adoption of the MTP is a multi-year project.
- WE 641/642 **Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP):** The MTIP implements the Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), as required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, including projects that meet the region's performance measures and goals, as stated in the adopted 2045 MTP/SCS. The main objective of these work elements is to develop and maintain the federally mandated MTIP for FFY 2022-23 to FFY 2025-26 for the

AMBAG Region as a part of the metropolitan transportation planning requirements.

- WE 680 **Rail Planning/Corridor Studies:** The purpose of this work element is to conduct and/or participate in feasibility studies, prepare plans for regionally significant major corridor studies including but not limited to rail, transit, and highway corridors within the tri-county Monterey Bay Region.
- WE 685 **California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study:** AMBAG Received a Caltrans Planning grant to conduct central Coast Sustainable Freight Study. The purpose of this study is to assess opportunities for improved operations, safety, capacity, and efficiency on all significant freight corridors from San Benito County through Santa Barbara County with a focus on the freight mobility needs through diverse interregional corridors including three MPO regions and five counties.

Draft FY 2022-23 AMBAG Budget Highlights:

The Draft FY 2022-2023 Budget is balanced as required by the AMBAG By-Laws. It reflects the continuation of steps taken by the Board of Directors and AMBAG staff to bring transparency, as well as improvement to the AMBAG budget and financial management. The details, projected outcomes, assumptions and potential risk factors affecting the FY 2022-2023 fiscal year budget are detailed below:

Revenue related summary

- Revenue of \$19,860,856 is anticipated for FY 2022-2023. The draft Budget assumes passage of the State budget in a timely fashion and assumes no delay in the receipt of revenues.
- Federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is programed in the draft OWP for AMBAG's transportation and air quality related planning activities and totals \$2,766,855 or 13.9% of total FY 2022-2023 funding.
- Senate Bill 1 (SB1) funding will provide revenues of \$335,537 or 1.7% of total FY 2022-2023 funding.
- The Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program (REAP) is providing \$15,809,096 or 79.7% of total FY 2022-2023 funding.
- The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (FHWA SPR Part 1) will provide revenue of \$300,000 or 1.5% of total FY 2022-2023 funding.
- The State Agricultural Land Conservation (SALC) Planning Grant will provide revenue of \$246,000 or 1.2% of total FY 2022-2023 funding.
- Local sources including RAPS, Monterey Harbormaster and the General Fund provide the remaining 2.0% or \$403,368 of total FY 2022-2023 funding.
- Toll credits of \$259,907 will be utilized in FY 2022-2023 to remain in compliance with federal and state matching requirements to receive transportation planning grant funding.

Expenditure related summary

- Salaries and Fringe Benefits of \$3,358,218 assume AMBAG will remain fully staffed for FY 2022-2023.
- Professional services are specialized services that are required for project implementation/completion. FY 2022-2023 projected costs are \$15,958,393. This includes the encumbrance of regional REAP funds for which AMBAG is the Fiscal Agent and will pass on to the member agencies.
- The ability to use toll credits for our non-federal local match will reduce the demand on our General Fund. This will allow those funds to be used for other

purposes, including the ability to build a reserve which is reflected in the current budget.

- The General Fund Budget includes costs unallowable under any of AMBAG's grants or other fund sources, which include CALCOG related expenditures, fees and interest payments.

The FY 2022-2023 draft budget reflects staff's best projection of revenues and expenditures that AMBAG may encounter over the next fiscal year. Staff will continue to monitor and when necessary, bring to the Board of Directors amendments with more informed projections.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Available Water Supply to Meet the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

The AMBAG Board of Directors are asked to approve Resolution 2022-13 requesting that Monterey One Water, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and California American Water provide water supply to meet AMBAG's 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation and that the State Water Resources Control Board immediately lift its Cease and Desist Order.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

California State Housing Element Law governs the process for local governments to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone within their communities. The RHNA process is used to determine how many new homes, and the affordability of those homes, each local government must plan for in its Housing Element to meet the housing needs of households of all income levels.

The Housing Element Law requires AMBAG, acting in the capacity of Council of Governments (COG), to develop a methodology for allocating existing and projected housing needs to local jurisdictions within the AMBAG region, located in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. The Housing Element Law sets forth a process, schedule, objectives, and factors to use in developing the RHNA methodology and RHNA Plan. The Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG) performs this same function for San Benito County.

RHNA is an estimate of additional housing units needed for all income levels in the region from the start until the end date of the projection period. RHNA is not a prediction of building permits, construction, or housing activity, nor is it limited due to

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existing land use capacity or growth. A community is not obligated to provide housing to all in need. RHNA is a distribution of housing development capacity that each city and county must zone for in a planning period and is not a construction need allocation.

As part of the RHNA process, State law (Government Code 65584 et seq.) requires AMBAG to develop a methodology to allocate a portion of the Regional Housing Need Determination (RHND) to every local government in the AMBAG Region. AMBAG received its 6th Cycle RHND of 33,274 units from HCD in late August 2021 for the planning period beginning June 30, 2023 and ending December 15, 2031.

AMBAG is responsible for developing a methodology to allocate 33,274 units amongst all the jurisdictions within the COG region. AMBAG released the Draft 6th Cycle RHNA Plan on April 22, 2022 allocating shares of the regional housing need to AMBAG's member jurisdictions. The release of the Draft RHNA Plan initiates a 45-day appeal period allowing a member jurisdiction or HCD to appeal for a revision of the share of the regional housing need proposed to be allocated. (Gov. Code, § 65584.05(b).) The close of the comment/appeal period ends on June 6, 2022.

The City of Monterey sent a letter to the AMBAG Board of Directors on March 17, 2022 regarding an update on its immediate need for water in order to meet its RHNA allocation. (Attachment 1). As part of this letter, the City of Monterey requested that the AMBAG Board of Directors request an update from the various groups (Monterey One Water, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and California American Water) about the water supply and the ability for the region to obtain this water by 2023. In addition, the City of Monterey requests that the AMBAG Board of Directors pass a resolution requesting these agencies provide this water by 2023 and that the State Water Resources Control Board immediately lift the Cease and Desist Order since the illegal diversions have ceased. Resolution 2022-13 is included as Attachment 2.

ALTERNATIVES:

The AMBAG Board of Directors could choose not to approve the resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Planning activities for RHNA are funded with Regional Early Access Planning and Senate Bill 1 planning funds and are programmed in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.

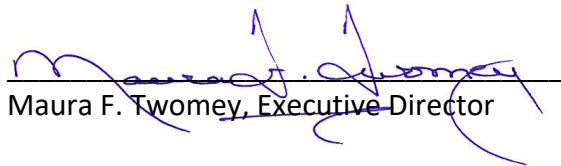
COORDINATION:

All RHNA planning activities are coordinated with the HCD, SBtCOG, and the Planning Directors Forum, which includes all the local jurisdictions within the AMBAG region.

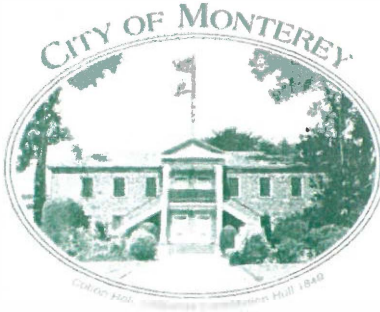
ATTACHMENTS:

1. City of Monterey Letter, dated March 17, 2022
2. Resolution 2022-13

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



Attachment 1
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March 17, 2022

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RE: City of Monterey Regional Housing Needs Allocation

Dear Board of Directors,

The City of Monterey wanted to update the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) on the immediate need for water by 2023.

AMBAG recently completed its State-mandated task of designating the number of housing units that will need to be planned for in each jurisdiction from 2023 to 2031. The State's goal is for those units to be constructed during this timeframe as well.

The City of Monterey wants to build the expected housing units that are ultimately assigned by our fellow jurisdictions through the AMBAG RHNA process.

Monterey was assigned 3,654 housing units (1,177 very low income, 769 low income, 462 moderate-income, and 1,246 market-rate) to place housing closer to jobs and address equity metrics such as placing more housing in communities that are predominately white with higher incomes. The aspirational goal to address these issues is impossible without an immediate water supply.

The City has reviewed with MPWMD staff the water credits needed per residential type. The City estimates needing between **367 to 406 acre-feet by 2023** to meet the regionally and State required RHNA.

The City also wanted to update the Board on its efforts to construct housing. In terms of upcoming development, the City continues to lose out on housing development opportunities. While the City's implementation of new policies is working and have attracted experienced and solvent developers, the inability of the SWRCB to respond to requests made by the City and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has led to a significant reduction in the scopes of the projects. Stated differently, while the State's legislature and the Governor have repeatedly prioritized increasing the supply of affordable housing opportunities, the SWRCB remains tone-deaf to the requests expressed by the City, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Senator Laird, and housing advocates.

The following example demonstrates what our rental community is losing:

The Garden Road area allows 405 new housing units. The City received applications to construct housing at four sites along Garden Road. The original anticipated unit count was 298 units if the City could obtain additional water from the Water District's reserve category. The District conditionally allocated reserve water; however, the State Water Resources Control Staff indicated it would violate the Cease and Desist Order unless the project used no more water than it did before rezoning. As a result, this opportunity was lost, and projects were reduced to 180 units consistent with the onsite water credits/use. A loss of 118 units could have housed between 300 and 400 residents.

Table 1
Garden Road Housing Opportunities

Address	Original Application - # of Units	Downsized Projects due to Water	Project Status
2000 Garden Road	72	34	AR Preliminary and Final Permit Approved
2300 Garden Road	99	64	ARC Review Scheduled 3/15
2560 Garden Road	63	25	Application Incomplete 2/2022
2600 Garden Road	64	57	ARC Preliminary Review Approved
Total	298	180	

Source: City of Monterey Community Development Department

There is no quick fix to reverse this fate. The projects were re-scoped, and plans were redrawn. Costs borne by the developers have been incurred.

The City has also inventoried its properties for affordable housing projects. Four sites were identified for 100% affordable housing projects, and a Request for Proposal was released. The City has selected two affordable housing developers for Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) discussions. These developers can potentially build 150 units that are 100% affordable housing. However, these sites do not have adequate-sized water meters or supply for the housing to be constructed.

In sum, there have been 118 affordable housing units lost as a result of water unavailability for the Garden Road area, and 150 low-income units are in abeyance.

The City of Monterey wanted the AMBAG Board of Directors to understand from our perspective the quandary of meeting State-mandated housing requirements, being designated additional housing units to be constructed between 2023-2031, and the need for water supply to be available in 2023 to meet the City and region's housing targets. The City would appreciate the support from AMBAG in obtaining water through its various partners so that the City can build the RHNA housing allocation. The City requests that the AMBAG Board request an update from the various groups (Monterey One Water, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and California American Water) about the water supply and the ability for the region to obtain this water by 2023. Furthermore, the City requests that the AMBAG Board pass a resolution requesting these agencies provide this water by 2023 and that the State Water Resources Control Board immediately lift the Cease and Desist Order since the illegal diversions have ceased. If the CDO is lifted, developers could set new water meters and work within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District credit system.

Sincerely,



Clyde Roberson,
Mayor

cc. Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director, AMBAG (mtwomey@ambag.org)
Senator John Laird, 17th Senate District
Assemblymember Mark Stone, 29th Assembly District

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUESTING AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLY TO MEET THE 6TH CYCLE
REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION**

WHEREAS, AMBAG is a joint powers authority organized and subject to the laws of the State of California, specifically Government Code Section 6500 et. seq.;

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65584(d), requires AMBAG as the council of governments for Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, to prepare a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan every eight years;

WHEREAS, the methodology to prepare AMBAG's RHNA plan must further the following objectives: (1) Increasing the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability. (2) Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, protecting environmental and agricultural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns (3) Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing (4) Balancing disproportionate household income distributions (5) Affirmatively furthering fair housing; and

WHEREAS, HCD provided AMBAG with a regional housing need number of 33,274 units distributed by four income categories based on the regional percentages of very low (23.6 percent), low (15.5 percent), moderate (18.5 percent), and above moderate (42.4 percent) income households; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG released the Draft 6th Cycle RHNA Plan on April 22, 2022 allocating shares of the regional housing need to AMBAG's member jurisdictions. The release of the Draft RHNA Plan initiates a 45-day appeal period allowing a member jurisdiction or HCD to appeal for a revision of the share of the regional housing need proposed to be allocated. (Gov. Code, § 65584.05(b).)

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey sent a letter dated March 17, 2022 to the AMBAG Board of Directors providing an update on the difficulty in meeting the State-mandated housing requirements, being designated additional housing units to be constructed between 2023-2031, and the need for water supply to be available in 2023 to meet the City of Monterey's and region's housing targets; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey requests support from AMBAG in obtaining water through its various partners so that the City of Monterey can build the RHNA housing allocation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey requests that the AMBAG Board request an update from the various groups (Monterey One Water, Monterey Peninsula Water Management

District, and California American Water) about the water supply and the ability for the region to obtain this water by 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey requests that the AMBAG Board pass a resolution requesting these agencies provide this water by 2023 and that the State Water Resources Control Board immediately lift the Cease and Desist Order since the illegal diversions have ceased;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY the AMBAG Board of Directors that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May 2022.

Kristen Brown, President

Maura Twomey, Secretary



AMBAG Acronym Guide	
ABM	Activity Based Model
ADA	Americans Disabilities Act
ALUC	Airport Land Use Commission
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
ARRA	American Reinvestment and Recovery Act
3CE	Central Coast Community Energy
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Federal Legislation)
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
CalVans	California Vanpool Authority
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CCJDC	Central Coast Joint Data Committee
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CHTS	California Households Travel Survey
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CTC	California Transportation Commission
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DOF	Department of Finance (State of California)
EAC	Energy Advisory Committee
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GHG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIS	Geographic Information System
ICAP	Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement

LTA	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
LTC	Local Transportation Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act
MBARD	Monterey Bay Air Resources District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPAD	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MST	Monterey-Salinas Transit
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
OWP	Overall Work Program
PG&E	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RAPS, Inc.	Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc.
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RTDM	Regional Travel Demand Model
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SB 375	Senate Bill 375
SBtCOG	Council of San Benito County Governments
SCCRTC	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
SCMTD	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
S RTP	Short-Range Transit Plan
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAMC	Transportation Agency for Monterey County
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VT	Vehicle Trips