



AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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Voting members must attend the physical meeting to count toward quorum.

DATE: January 10, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

**LOCATION: Monterey Bay Air Resources District , Board Room, 3rd Floor
24580 Silver Cloud Court
Monterey, CA 93940**

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AMBAG Board of Directors meeting online:**

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On September 13, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 (Rubio). The new amendments to the Brown Act go into effect on January 1, 2023. AB 2449 provides alternative teleconference procedures to allow members of the AMBAG Board of Directors to participate remotely under very limited circumstances.

Persons who wish to address the AMBAG Board of Directors on an item to be considered at this meeting are encouraged to submit comments in writing at info@ambag.org by Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 5 PM. The subject line should read "Public Comment for the January 10, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting." The agency clerk will read up to 3 minutes of any public comment submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board at aflores@ambag.org or at 831-883-3750 Ext. 300.

AMBAG Board Member(s) Meeting Remotely:

Manu Koenig: 5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
Rick Perez: 453 7th Street, Hollister, CA 95023

831-234-3922
831-524-2275

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **AB 2449 VOTE ON “JUST “ AND “EMERGENCY” CAUSE**
Recommended Action: APPROVE
 - Maura Twomey, Executive DirectorReceive oral report.
4. **ROLL CALL**
5. **ELECTION OF 2024 AMBAG OFFICERS**
Recommended Action: APPROVE
 - President Freeman
 - A. **Report from Nomination Committee Chair**
Recommended Action: INFORMATION
 - B. **President**
Recommended Action: APPROVE
 - C. **1st Vice President**
Recommended Action: APPROVE
 - D. **2nd Vice President**
Recommended Action: APPROVE
6. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
(A maximum of one minutes on any subject not on the agenda)
7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **Executive/Finance Committee**
Recommended Action: INFORMATION
 - AMBAG PresidentReceive oral report.

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- B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting**
Recommended Action: DIRECT
- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

The next meeting is scheduled on February 16, 2024.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

A. 2024 Goals for the Executive Director

Approve the goals for the Executive Director. (Page 7)

10. 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 November 8, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft minutes of the November 8, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 9)

- B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter**
- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

Accept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 15)

- C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update**
- Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 27)

- D. AMBAG Line of Credit Renewal and Extension**
- Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration

Approve request for renewal of \$100,000 line of credit and extend the maturity date of the loan. (Page 31)

- E. 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 35)

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

12. PLANNING

A. Final Draft 2026 Regional Growth Forecast

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the tri-county final draft regional growth forecast for planning purposes and direct staff to begin subregional allocation forecast. (Page 41)

B. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Draft Project Selection Criteria

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Will Condon, Associate Planner

AMBAG staff will present the draft Carbon Reduction Program project selection criteria. Board members are asked to discuss the draft project selection criteria and provide feedback. (Page 47)

13. CLOSED SESSION

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq. of the State of California, the Board of Directors may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9

1. Potential Litigation (1 matter)

14. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Recommended Action: REPORT

- AMBAG President

Receive a report from AMBAG President.

15. ADJOURNMENT

REFERENCE ITEMS:

- A. 2024 AMBAG Meeting Schedule (Page 53)
- B. Acronym Guide (Page 55)

NEXT MEETING:

Date: February 14, 2024

Location: MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting: 5:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors
FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director
SUBJECT: 2024 Goals for the Executive Director
MEETING DATE: January 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Goals for the Executive Director.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Executive Director has developed the following goals and related completion dates for the 2024 year:

- Implementation of the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program 2.0 – Ongoing
- Acceptance of the Regional Growth Forecast for planning purposes – November 2024
- Maintain and enhance relationship with Regional, State and Federal partners – Ongoing
- Continued financial stability for the agency - Ongoing

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

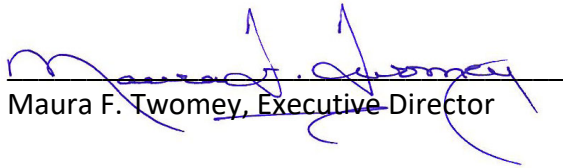
FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

COORDINATION:

The Executive Director coordinated the preparation of the goals and accomplishments with the Board President, John Freeman.

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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

November 8, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President John Freeman presiding, convened at 6:01 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at the MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AB 2449 VOTE ON ‘EMERGENCY’ CAUSE

None.

4. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Kristen Brown	County of Monterey	Mary Adams
Carmel	Karen Ferlito	County of San Benito	Kollin Kosmicki
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	County of San Benito	Dom Zanger
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez
Greenfield	Robert White		
King City	Carlos Victoria	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Marina	Brian McCarthy	3CE	Catherine Stedman
Monterey	Alan Haffa	Caltrans, District 5	Orchid Monroy-Ochoa
Salinas	Steve McShane	MBARD	Amy Clymo
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	MPAD	Carl Miller
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	TAMC	Todd Muck
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome		
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm		
Seaside	Alex Miller		
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino		
ABSENT:			
Hollister	Rick Perez	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Pacific Grove	Nick Smith	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	SBtCOG	Binu Abraham
County of Monterey	Glenn Church	SCCRTC	Guy Preston
County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	SC Metro	Michael Tree

Others Present: Beth Jarosz, Population Reference Bureau; Vanessa Diffenbaugh; Jessica S.; Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration; Jessica Lu, Planner; Elizabeth Lippa, Administrative Assistant; Will Condon, Associate Planner; Regina Valentine, Senior Planner; Diane Eidam, Retired Annuitant; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Paul Hierling, Senior Planner; and Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

President Freeman nominated Director’s McShane, Brown, and Freeman to the Nomination Committee.

Motion made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Victoria to appoint Director’s McShane, Brown, and Freeman to the Nomination Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

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

Director McShane gave an update on the CalVans Program.

Director Brown announced that Guy Preston, Executive Director of SCCRTC is retiring.

Director Adams reported that Les Girard, County of Monterey is retiring.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President Freeman reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting 2) list of warrants as of August 30, 2023; and 3) accounts receivable as of August 30, 2023. The Executive/Finance Committee also received a report on the financials from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

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

Director Funk gave a report on the MBNMS emergency meeting held on October 13, 2023.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director announced that Gina Schmidt, AMBAG GIS Coordinator was selected to attend the California Academy for Regional Leaders. The Leadership Academy is sponsored by CALCOG and is designed to help professionals in regional government to develop and enhance their leadership skills.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the October 11, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the October 11, 2023 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. Draft 2024 Calendar of Meetings

The 2024 Calendar of Meetings was approved.

E. Amendment No. 6 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey

Amendment No. 6 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey was approved.

**F. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy:
Vision and Goals**

The vision and goals for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy were approved.

**G. Audio Visual Design & Installation, Monterey Bay Area Resources District
Main Conference Room: Cost Sharing Agreement**

The Board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a cost sharing agreement with the Monterey Bay Air Resources District to fund consultant services for Audio Visual Design & Installation, Monterey Bay Area Resources District Main Conference Room for an amount not to exceed \$93,000.

**H. Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework:
Consultant Agreement**

The Board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with Ecology Action for consultant services on the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework in an amount not to exceed \$358,728.

I. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Motion made by Director Hernandez seconded by Director McShane to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

12. PLANNING

A. 2026 Regional Growth Forecast

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning presented the revised 2026 Regional Growth Forecast. The revised draft forecast assumptions for Population are 1) birth rates continue to fall for younger ages and rise for older ages; 2) death rates decline slightly; and 3) domestic out-migration eases (slightly more than in the first draft) as housing supply grows. The revised draft forecast assumptions for Jobs are 1) some industries will continue to grow: agriculture-related jobs, healthcare, and social assistance; 2) some industries might shrink: retail, information; and 3) the ratio of retail and self-employment jobs per capita trends slightly downward as the population ages. The revised draft forecast assumptions for Housing are 1) aging population leads to smaller household sizes; 2) construction and policies begin to ease overcrowding; and 3) vacancy rates slowly return to normal. Next steps include 1) complete draft regional growth forecast in Winter 2023/2024; and 2) begin subregional allocation in early 2024.

B. Final 2023 Public Participation Plan

Regina Valentine, Senior Planner gave a presentation on the final 2023 Public Participation Plan. The 2023 Public Participation Plan is a comprehensive document that guides the public participation process for AMBAG, regional planning agencies, and local jurisdictions in the tri-county Monterey Bay region.

Motion made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Carbone to adopt the 2023 Public Participation Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 – Regional Competitive Grant Program Awards

Paul Hierling, Senior Planner gave a presentation on the REAP 2.0 Regional Competitive Grant Program awards. The projects recommended for award are 1) Watsonville Transit Center; 2) City of Monterey – Madison Street Affordable Housing Development; 3) City of Salinas – 34-38 Soledad Street Affordable Housing Predevelopment; and 4) City of Scotts Valley – Town Center Affordable Housing Predevelopment Costs.

Kim Cole, City of Monterey, thanked the AMBAG Board for supporting the City of Monterey's Madison Street Affordable Housing Development project.

Motion made by Director Ferlito, seconded by Director Montesino to approve the projects recommended for award for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Regional Competitive Grant Program. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Carbon Reduction Program Overview

Will Condon, Associate Planner gave a presentation on the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from on-road highway sources. The State is expected to receive a total of \$550 million over five years. The apportionments are split with 65% as Local CRP and 35% State CRP. Next steps

include 1) development of project selection criteria in December 2023; 2) consultation with partner agencies in October – December 2023; 3) draft CRP project selection criteria for AMBAG Board approval in January/February 2024; 4) call for projects, review and selection in Spring 2024; 5) AMBAG Board approval in June 2024; 6) MTIP Programming in September 2024; 7) Obligation (E76) deadline is September 30, 2025; and expenditure deadline is September 30, 2030.

E. AMBAG Complete Streets Policies

Regina Valentine, Senior Planner gave a presentation on the AMBAG Complete Streets Policies. Complete streets prioritize safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles. Staff will begin to develop the Complete Streets Policies in coordination with member agencies. Next Steps include 1) present to Committees and Boards in November 2023; 2) prepare draft in December 2023/January 2024; 3) draft to Committees and Board in February 2024; 4) public comment from February 1 – March 15, 2024; 5) prepare final policies in March 2024; 6) final policies to Committees in April 2024; and 7) Board adoption on May 8, 2024.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

John Freeman, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: November 8, 2023

MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item 5	Item 10	Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)	
					Item 12.B	Item 12.C
Capitola	Kristen Brown	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Greenfield	Robert White	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hollister	Rick Perez	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marina	Brian McCarthy	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Monterey	Alan Haffa	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pacific Grove	Nick Smith	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Salinas	Steve McShane	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Seaside	Alex Miller	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
County Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
County Monterey	Glenn Church	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
County Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
County Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
County San Benito	Kollin Kosmicki	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
County San Benito	Dom Zanger	X	Y	Y	Y	Y

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



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the November – December 2023 Clearinghouse monthly newsletters.

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 November 1 – December 31, 2023.

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 1/10/2024

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

20231101

Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvements

California Department of Transportation

Matt C. Fowler
(805) 779-0793

Notice of Availability

Notice of Public Hearing

The project would make intersection operational improvements and wildlife connectivity improvements along State Route 68 in Monterey County from post mile 4.8, west of the Josselyn Canyon Road intersection, to post mile 13.7, east of the San Benancio Road intersection. Nine intersections within this 8.9-mile stretch of State Route 68 are proposed for improvements, and include Josselyn Canyon Road, Olmsted Road, State Route 218, Ragsdale Drive, York Road, Pasadera Drive, Laureles Grade Road, Corral de Tierra Road, and San Benancio Road.

The purpose of the project is to reduce travel delays, vehicle collisions, and collisions between wildlife and vehicles, as well as to improve access for bicyclists and pedestrians within the highway corridor. Under consideration are two project build alternatives that would either convert the nine existing signalized intersections into one- or two-lane roundabouts (Build Alternative 1) or modify the intersections with additional lane configurations and upgrades to signal systems and equipment (Build Alternative 2). Both build alternatives would also include a wildlife connectivity improvement component that would install new underground culverts at five locations along State Route 68 to facilitate large mammal crossing of the highway and installation of directional fencing at four of the culverts to guide wildlife to the culverts and deter them from entering onto State Route 68.

Project Location:

Monterey County
Del Rey Oaks/Monterey

Parcel: Multiple

Public hearing information:

1021 Monterey Salinas Highway, Salinas, California 93908; 11/16/23 at 3:00pm 100 Howard Street, Salinas, California 93901; 12/6/23 at 3:00pm 1 Portola Plaza, Monterey, California 93940
11/15/2023 3:00 PM

Public review period ends **Monday, January 8, 2024**

County of Monterey Housing

Melanie Beretti
(831) 755-5285

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Impact Report* (D

The project consists of three draft ordinances amending the Monterey County Code (MCC) for the purpose of establishing regulations, standards, and circumstances under which vacation rentals may be allowed. These regulations also provide an amortization of investment for existing vacation rental operations to enable those operations to continue for a limited time, provided that the vacation rental activity was established prior to the effective date of the respective ordinances and that the operator is pursuing all necessary County permits, licenses, and entitlements. The regulations limit establishment of vacation rentals to existing, legally established single-family dwellings, with a cap of 6 percent of the total residential single-family housing units in each land use planning area except the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan Area and low-density residential zoning districts in the Carmel Land Use Plan Area (none allowed).

Project Location:

Monterey County
countywide

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

Housing & Community Development, 1441 Schilling Place, South Second Floor, Salinas CA,
Time/Date To Be Determined

Public review period ends **Monday, January 29, 2024**

City of Santa Cruz Water Dep
Jessica Martinez-Mckinney
(831) 420-5322

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Impact Report* (D

The Proposed Project would replace and substantially upgrade the majority of the existing water treatment processes at the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant (GHWTP) and associated infrastructure with modern facilities. The Proposed Project would improve the GHWTP to: meet current seismic, building, electrical, and fire code requirements; support the treatment of wet season water to facilitate implementation of the City's Water Supply Augmentation Strategy and Securing Our Water Future Policy; increase the City's treatment reliability to meet current and anticipated future water quality requirements; and improve the ability to treat variable and degraded source water quality conditions, such as those associated with post-wildfire, severe storms, and droughts. Characteristics and elements of the Proposed Project include the following: reliable water treatment plant capacity, new and upgraded water treatment and related processes, new and upgraded buildings, infrastructure and site improvements, project operations and maintenance. Project construction is anticipated to commence in phases over a four-year period (from 2025 through 2029) while maintaining ongoing operations and continuous production of drinking water at GHWTP.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
countywide

Parcel: 06014105

Public hearing information:

Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room, 155 Center Street, Santa Cruz

1/17/2024 5:30 PM

Public review period ends **Monday, February 5, 2024**

California Department of Transportation

Hannah Butler
(805) 458-2234

Notice of Availability

Notice of Public Hearing

Caltrans proposes to replace the existing concrete Limekiln Creek Bridge, located in Monterey County on State Route 1 near Lucia. Within the limits of the proposed project, State Route 1 is a two-lane undivided highway with two 10- to 12-foot lanes and 0- to 4-foot non-standard shoulders. The proposed project lies exclusively within the Limekiln State Park property. The entrance to Limekiln State Park is directly off the highway at the southern abutment. There is also access to the beach from Limekiln State Park underneath the Limekiln Creek Bridge. The existing bridge consists of eight piers and two abutments and is approximately 580 feet long and experiencing deterioration.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Big Sur

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

Virtual, Visit <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects/05-1f510> for Meeting Link

1/17/2024 5:30 PM

Public review period ends **Monday, February 5, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20231201

**Santa Cruz County Local Coastal Program Amendment
No. LCP-3-SCO-23-0004-1-Part B**

California Coastal Commission
Kevin Kahn, Central Coast D
(831) 427-4863

Other

Public hearing and potential action on request by Santa Cruz County to update the Local Coastal Program to incorporate increased land use sustainability principles, including primarily making changes to facilitate increased housing within existing developed areas able to accommodate it.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
countywide

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

California Coastal Commission, Central Coast District, 725 Front Street #300, Santa Cruz CA

12/15/2023 9:00 AM

Public review period ends **Friday, December 15, 2023**

20231205

City of Del Rey Oaks Housing Element Update

City of Del Rey Oaks

Karen Minami
(831) 394-8511

Notice of Public Hearing

The project under consideration is the City of Del Rey Oaks 2023 Draft Housing Element Update, including implementation of the Housing Element which would amend the General Plan and rezone certain properties to provide adequate sites to address regional housing needs (RHNA). This 2023 Update revises specific policies and programs in the 2019 document related to general plan amendment and rezoning for specified areas of the City. Thus, the project includes the adoption of the 2023 Housing Element Update, as well as the general plan amendment and rezoning proposed for implementation through programs of the Housing Element.

Project Location:

Monterey County
Del Rey Oaks

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

City of Del Rey Oaks Council Chambers, 650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940

12/6/2023 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

20231206

City of Scotts Valley 2023-2031 Housing Element

City of Scotts Valley

Sarah Wikle
(831) 440-5634

Notice of Public Hearing

Consider a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the City of Scotts Valley's 2023-2031 Housing Element, finding that the changes are exempt from CEQA review under Section 15061 (b)(3).

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
Scotts Valley

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley CA

12/7/2023 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

City of Scotts Valley

Sarah Wikle

(831) 440-5634

Notice of Public Hearing

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The proposed Sandraya Height Land Division (the project) is a land division to create nine single-family residential lots, on an existing 5.88-acre lot (the project site). The project site is located within the R-1-20 Single Family Residential Zoning District, which requires a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet. The residential lots would range in size from 20,053 sf to 22,852 sf. Six of the proposed lots would accessed via a new access road that would connect to Grace Way and Casa Way and would include a cul de sac and concrete driveway aprons. The remaining three lots would be accessed from a new cul de sac at the end of San Augustin Way.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County

Scotts Valley

Parcel: 02311336

Public hearing information:

City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley CA 95066

12/14/2023 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Thursday, December 14, 2023**

Department of Toxic Substan

Michael Ernest
(916) 322-3385

Other

DTSC is proposing a regulation to list laundry detergents containing NPEs as a Priority Product. DTSC has determined that there is potential for exposure to NPEs from these products and there is potential for that exposure to cause or contribute to significant or widespread adverse impacts.

If you would like to submit a comment for this regulatory proposal, you may do so at <https://calsafer.dtsc.ca.gov/>. Your comments will be available to the public, may be read by other interested parties, and will become part of the permanent rulemaking record. Comments must be made by the deadline, December 31, 2023, to be considered.

NPEs are a class of surfactants (compounds in detergents that increase cleaning efficiency) used for their cleaning properties in a variety of consumer products, including laundry detergents. NPEs are well-known aquatic toxicants that can be environmentally persistent and have been observed through monitoring of environmental media and aquatic species. Once NPEs are in wastewater treatment plants, they break down into degradation products such as nonylphenol (NP), which are even more persistent and toxic than NPEs. NPEs and their degradation products can impact the growth, reproduction, and development of fish and aquatic invertebrates at low concentrations. Cumulative exposure to NPEs and their degradation products can affect aquatic wildlife populations.

DTSC has determined that laundry detergents containing NPEs meet the key prioritization criteria for listing a Priority Product:

- (1) There must be potential public and/or aquatic, avian, or terrestrial animal or plant organism exposure to the Candidate Chemical(s) in the product; and
- (2) There must be the potential for one or more exposures to contribute to or cause significant or widespread adverse impacts.

While it does not provide a comprehensive assessment of all available literature on exposures of NPEs and the harms they may cause, the Technical Report summarizes the science and demonstrates that laundry detergents that contain NPEs meet the regulatory criteria for listing as a Priority Product. It serves as the technical basis for Priority Product rulemaking

Project Location:

Statewide

Parcel: Multiple

Public hearing information:

Date/Location: To Be Determined

Public review period ends **Sunday, December 31, 2023**

Department of Toxic Substan

Gabriella Nepomuceno
(916) 251-8328

Other

Department of Toxic Substances Control Reference Number: R-2021-09E

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) proposes to readopt emergency regulations for an additional two years to amend the list of Covered Electronic Devices (CED) found in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5, chapter 11, Appendix X, subsection © and chapter 10, subsection 66260.201€. All further section references are to California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5 unless otherwise noted.

The emergency regulations became effective on December 20, 2021, and will expire on December 21, 2023, unless readopted. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, subparagraph © of section 52, DTSC hereby incorporates by reference the rulemaking record of OAL Regulatory Action Number 2021-1209-03E.

Summary of OAL Regulatory Action Number 2021-1209-03E

DTSC evaluated six different electronic device categories that met the CED requirements found in Public Resources Code section 42463 and subjected them to analytical testing to determine if they exhibit the hazardous waste characteristic of toxicity. Analytical testing results concluded that each of the devices tested which represented the six device categories exhibit the hazardous waste characteristic of toxicity identified in Article 4 of chapter 11. DTSC has therefore determined that these devices are presumed to be hazardous wastes when discarded.

COMMENT PERIOD

Government Code section 11346.1(a)(2) requires that, at least five working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), DTSC provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action. After submission of the proposed emergency to OAL, OAL must allow interested persons five calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code section 11349.6. Comments must be submitted in writing directly to OAL: OAL Reference Attorney, 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1250 Sacramento, California 95814 Fax Number: (916) 323-6826 staff@oal.ca.gov

A copy of the comment must also be submitted to the Office of Legislation and Regulatory Review at: Office of Legislation and Regulatory Review, Department of Toxic Substances Control P.O. Box 806 Sacramento, California 95812-0806 Fax Number: (916) 324-1808 Phone Number: (916) 322-4563 regs@dtsc.ca.gov TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Project Location:

Statewide

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

Office of Administrative Law, 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1250, Sacramento, CA 95814-4339

Public review period ends **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

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Boulder Creek Bridge Scour Repair Project

California Department of Transportation

Dianna Beck
(805) 459-9406

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair scour located at the existing bridge abutment on Boulder Creek Bridge located at post mile 4.27 on State Route 236 in Santa Cruz County, California. The proposed work includes the placement of a reinforced concrete curtain wall along the full length of the existing abutment spread footing. The curtain wall will wrap around the upstream (northern) side of the abutment to protect the concrete from erosion. Additionally, cracks and defects in the existing concrete on the underside of the bridge will be patched.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County

Boulder Creek

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

Virtual Public Hearing Upon Request in Writing

Public review period ends **Friday, January 19, 2024**

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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.



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

SUBJECT: AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2024

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 RHTR partners to create a Regional Energy Network (REN). RENs 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. RHTR partners submitted a motion for the creation of the RuralREN as well as the RuralREN 2023-2031 strategic business plan to the CPUC in March 2022. In June 2022, Commissioner Shiroma issued a ruling which determined that the RuralREN motion should be considered on the same timeline, and in the same proceeding as the 2024-2031 business plans from existing energy efficiency portfolio administrators. On June 29, 2023, the CPUC issued Decision D.23.06.055 which included approval of RuralREN, and its business plan, with a 2024-2027 budget of \$84 million and an 2028-2031 preliminary budget of \$93 million. AMBAG is continuing to work with the RuralREN partners to conduct ramp up activities for the RuralREN, with programs slated to launch later this year.

Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study

On December 6, 2021, the California Department of Conservation awarded AMBAG a \$250,000 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) program planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study.

The Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study project seeks to create an inventory of natural and working lands carbon stock in the AMBAG region and forecast its evolution based on different climate change and land use scenarios, as well as the implementation of different adaptation and mitigation strategies. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to consider the health of natural and working lands as a part of long-range planning as well as provide an opportunity for cities and counties to further integrate natural and working land GHG mitigation strategies as part of their climate action planning process.

In the past month AMBAG staff worked with Ascent Environmental Inc. to refine sequestration and climate adaptation strategies and start drafting the Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study.

Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework (Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework)

On August 31, 2023, the California Department of Transportation awarded AMBAG and Ecology Action a \$750,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) climate adaptation planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework.

The Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework will create a roadmap in the Monterey Bay Area for assessing current charging infrastructure vulnerability to climate change and create strategies that ensure the build-out of EV charging infrastructure increases equity and resiliency in the face of climate change. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to integrate climate and equity considerations as part of long-range EV infrastructure planning.

In the past months AMBAG staff worked with Ecology Action staff to finalize and execute the agreement for services that was presented at the November 8, 2023, AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. AMBAG staff also worked to finalize the scope of work for a technical consultant to assist with the creation of the Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget is fully funded under a SALC planning grant, SB1 Planning Funds, and a Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant. All funding is programmed in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with the RuralREN partners, local jurisdictions, and local community stakeholders.

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: AMBAG Line of Credit Renewal and Extension

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions:

1. Adopt Borrowing Resolution 2024-1 (Attachment 1) renewing AMBAG’s line of credit in the amount of \$100,000 and extending the maturity date of the loan one year.
2. Authorize AMBAG staff and the Board President to execute line of credit documents to release funds for borrowing.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

AMBAG is primarily funded through federal, state and local grants paid on a reimbursement basis. As reimbursement is sometimes delayed, AMBAG maintains a line of credit to address short-term cash flow needs. The currently approved line of credit through Mechanics Bank is \$100,000.

On February 8, 2023, the AMBAG Board of Directors approved Borrowing Resolution 2023-2, which renewed AMBAG’s \$100,000 line of credit and extended the loan maturity date through February 13, 2024.

The financial institution has requested that the Board of Directors adopt Borrowing Resolution 2024-1 (Attachment 1) renewing the \$100,000 line of credit and extending the maturity date by one year to satisfy its legal requirements. This is an annual requirement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is an initial processing fee of approximately \$1,000 to continue the line of credit. Borrowings under the line of credit bear interest at the Wall Street Journal Prime rate, plus a margin of 2.0 percent, but are subject to an interest rate floor of 10.00 percent. The interest rate at December 6, 2023 was 10.5 percent. The line of credit is secured by Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) collateral.

AMBAG last accessed its line of credit on March 4, 2013 as a result of delayed payments from Caltrans and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). The line of credit was paid in full on March 21, 2013.

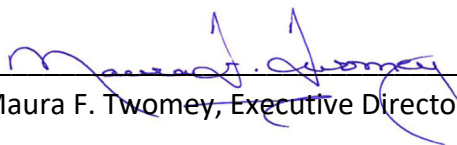
COORDINATION:

Staff has coordinated with Mechanics Bank in an effort to renew and extend AMBAG's line of credit.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Borrowing Resolution 2024-1

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS TO AUTHORIZE BORROWING ON
A LINE OF CREDIT**

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (“AMBAG”) is an association of cities and counties in the Monterey Bay Region formed under California Government Code Sections 6500, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG previously obtained a loan in the original principal amount of \$100,000.00 (the “Loan”) from Mechanics Bank (the “Bank”) pursuant to that certain Credit Agreement dated January 20, 2015 (as amended from time to time, the “Loan Agreement”), and evidenced by that certain Promissory Note dated January 20, 2015, executed by AMBAG in favor of the Bank.; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG desires to renew the Loan in the principal amount of \$100,000.00 and extend the maturity date of the Loan.

RESOLVED that AMBAG is authorized, from time to time, acting by and through the Authorized Officers set forth below, to obtain from the Bank such credit facilities or financial accommodations, including amendments to the existing Loan Agreement (the “Credit Facilities”) as the Authorized Officers in their discretion deem appropriate to meet AMBAG’s business needs, up to an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount of the Loan. The actions approved by this resolution include but are not limited to:

1. the borrowing of money from the Bank;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any two (2) of the following:

- a. Maura Twomey as Executive Director
- b. John Freeman as President
- c. Bhupendra Patel as Authorized Signer
- d. Heather Adamson as Authorized Signer

of AMBAG, shall be the “Authorized Officers” authorized to act on behalf of and bind AMBAG.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Authorized Officers are authorized, in the name of AMBAG to:

- a. execute and deliver to the Bank, or any affiliate thereof, as applicable, instruments, documents and agreements, including such recitals, covenants, and other provisions as the Bank, or any affiliate thereof, may require and the Authorized Officers may approve, necessary or required by Bank to evidence any of the Credit Facilities;
- b. endorse, assign and deliver to the Bank, any and all notes, acceptances, drafts, receivables and other evidences of indebtedness discounted with or sold to the Bank; and
- c. execute renewals, amendments or extensions of any of the foregoing.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any and all acts previously taken by any Authorized Officer in furtherance of or consistent with the actions authorized under these resolutions are hereby ratified.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Bank, or any affiliate thereof, are authorized to act upon the foregoing resolutions until written notice of revocation is received by Bank at 18400 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1100, Irvine, CA 92612, and that AMBAG hereby granted shall apply with equal force and effect to the successors in office of the Authorized Officers.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Resolution is being presented to Bank in addition to any other resolutions that have been presented on behalf of AMBAG prior to the date set for the below.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the amount approved in this Resolution is in addition to any amounts previously approved by any prior resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January 2024.

John Freeman, President

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: January 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through November 30, 2023, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Balance Sheet for November 30, 2023, reflects a cash balance of \$2,349,153.26. The accounts receivable balance is \$609,657.64, while the current liabilities balance is \$349,621.91. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2023, reflects a positive Net Position in the amount of \$418,928.99. This is due to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of revenue over expense of \$235,670.36. Changes in Net Position are to be expected throughout the fiscal year (FY), particularly at the beginning due to the 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, 2023 through November 30, 2023

Expenditures	Budget Through November 2023	Actual Through November 2023	Difference
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,212,125.00	\$ 1,081,896.50	\$ 130,228.50
Professional Services	\$ 5,424,543.00	\$ 899,811.31	\$ 4,524,731.69
Lease/Rentals	\$ 34,375.00	\$ 31,825.01	\$ 2,549.99
Communications	\$ 11,583.00	\$ 8,930.78	\$ 2,652.22
Supplies	\$ 60,902.00	\$ 14,589.01	\$ 46,312.99
Printing	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 839.05	\$ 4,160.95
Travel	\$ 30,458.00	\$ 6,089.16	\$ 24,368.84
Other Charges	\$ 151,772.00	\$ 186,304.22	\$ (34,532.22)
Total	\$ 6,930,758.00	\$ 2,230,285.04	\$ 4,700,472.96
Revenue			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 6,972,849.00	\$ 2,465,955.40	\$ 4,506,893.60

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. Projects early in their implementation are Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool, Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study, California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study, and Complete Streets. 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 \$7,931,311 in funding of which a large portion will pass through to partner agencies. This program is approximately 83% completed. The current budget includes a proportionate share of \$10,133,742 in funding for the REAP 2.0 program. 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.

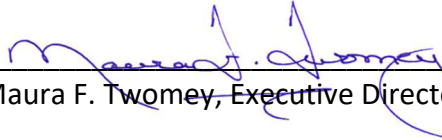
COORDINATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2023
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023
3. Cash Activity for December 2023

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Balance Sheet - Attachment 1

As of November 30, 2023

November 30, 2023		November 30, 2023	
Assets		Liabilities & Net Position	
Current Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and Cash Equivalents		Current Liabilities	
Mechanics Bank - Special Reserve	816,486.72	Accounts Payable	166,895.83
Mechanics Bank - Checking	396,564.29	Employee Benefits	182,726.08
Mechanics Bank - REAP Checking	676,592.72	Mechanics Bank - Line of Credit	0.00
Mechanics Bank - REAP 2.0 Checking	455,191.94	Total Current Liabilities	349,621.91
Petty Cash	500.00		
LAIF Account	3,817.59		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,349,153.26	Long-Term Liabilities	
Accounts Receivable		Deferred Inflows - Actuarial	258,986.95
Accounts Receivable	609,657.64	Net Pension Liability (GASB 68)	1,888,153.69
Total Accounts Receivable	609,657.64	OPEB Liability	9,499.80
Other Current Assets		Deferred Revenue	1,036,323.99
Due from PRWFPA/RAPS	252.59	Total Long-Term Liabilities	3,192,964.43
Prepaid Items	29,237.47		
Total Other Current Asset	29,490.06	Total Liability	3,542,586.34
Total Current Assets	2,988,300.96		
Long-Term Assets		Net Position	
Net OPEB Asset	96,473.00	Beginning Net Position	183,258.63
Deferred Outflows - Actuarial	533,833.49	Net Income/(Loss)	235,670.36
Deferred Outflows - PERS Contribution	272,963.59	Total Ending Net Position	418,928.99
Total Long-Term Assets	903,270.08	Total Liabilities & Net Position	3,961,515.33
Capital Assets			
Capital Assets	319,089.93		
Accumulated Depreciation	(249,145.64)		
Total Capital Assets	69,944.29		
Total Assets	3,961,515.33		

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Profit & Loss - Attachment 2

July - November 2023

	July - November 2023	July - November 2023
Income		
AMBAG Revenue	183,710.86	
Cash Contributions	51,085.66	
Grant Revenue	2,113,772.77	
Non-Federal Local Match	117,386.11	
Total Income	2,465,955.40	
Expense		
Salaries	681,703.10	
Fringe Benefits	400,193.40	
Professional Services	899,811.31	
Lease/Rentals	31,825.01	
Communications	8,930.78	
Supplies	14,589.01	
Printing	839.05	
Travel	6,089.16	
Other Charges:		
BOD Allowances	3,700.00	
BOD Refreshments/Travel/Nameplates/Dinner/Other	820.90	
Workshops/Training	3,020.20	
GIS Licensing/CCJDC Support	8,470.00	
Energy Watch Travel/Classes/Events/Recruitment/Otl	875.00	
SB1/MTIP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expense	7,319.12	
Recruiting	1,655.32	
Model Expenses	1,500.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	11,888.35	
Depreciation Expense	12,854.30	
Maintenance/Utilities	879.37	
Insurance	15,925.55	
Interest/Fees/Tax Expense	10.00	
Total Other Charges	68,918.11	
Non-Federal Local Match	117,386.11	
Total Expense	2,230,285.04	
Net Income/(Loss)	235,670.36	

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Cash Activity - Attachment 3
For December 2023

Unaudited

Monthly Cash Activity	July-23	August-23	September-23	October-23	November-23	December-23	January-23	February-23	March-23	April-23	May-23	June-23	TOTAL
1. CASH ON HAND													
[Beginning of month]	3,485,673.92	3,623,604.37	2,981,151.06	2,876,887.37	2,820,945.79	2,349,153.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2. CASH RECEIPTS													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	122,393.92	39,335.97	36,362.67	11,572.10	7,994.10	17,922.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235,510.78
(b) Grant Revenue	321,324.61	500,755.13	226,665.54	251,418.16	490,551.54	235,752.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,026,467.40
(c) REAP Advance Payme	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	443,718.53	540,091.10	263,028.21	262,990.26	498,475.64	253,674.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,261,978.18
AVAILABLE													
	3,929,392.45	4,163,695.47	3,244,179.27	3,139,877.63	3,319,421.43	2,602,827.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5. CASH PAID OUT													
(a) Payroll & Related	226,595.24	206,279.10	215,964.87	221,730.16	227,634.13	132,012.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,230,215.96
(b) Professional Service	46,858.21	947,109.20	136,956.62	76,138.24	724,329.25	9,389.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,940,781.19
(c) Capital Outlay	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) Lease/Rental	12,157.40	6,603.40	6,579.38	6,217.41	6,217.41	600.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,375.08
(e) Communications	2,057.70	1,795.48	1,326.43	1,895.75	2,405.60	852.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,333.72
(f) Supplies	828.27	1,754.13	1,685.39	6,243.48	2,665.15	1,206.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,382.58
(g) Printing	0.00	0.00	245.30	0.00	0.00	593.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	839.05
(h) Travel	584.62	1,479.85	1,749.05	2,093.37	1,827.96	795.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,530.08
(i) Other Charge:	16,706.64	17,523.25	2,784.86	4,613.43	5,188.67	2,157.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,974.60
(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	305,788.08	1,182,544.41	367,291.90	318,931.84	970,268.17	147,607.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,292,432.26
7. CASH POSITION													
	3,623,604.37	2,981,151.06	2,876,887.37	2,820,945.79	2,349,153.26	2,455,219.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Final Draft 2026 Regional Growth Forecast

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the tri-county final draft regional growth forecast for planning purposes and direct staff to begin subregional allocation forecast.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

Every four years, AMBAG updates its regional forecast for population, housing, and employment to support the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), Regional Travel Demand Model and other planning efforts.

The regional growth forecast projects the region’s population, employment and housing numbers for the tri-county area of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties. The purpose of the regional growth forecast is to show likely changes in employment, population and housing in the region between 2020 and 2050, based on the most current information available. As growth patterns change over time, the forecast is updated on a regular basis to reflect the most current and accurate information available.

This forecast is used to inform regional and local planning projects such as the MTP/SCS, transportation projects, corridor studies, and economic activity analyses. Results from this forecast are used as inputs in the Regional Travel Demand Model to forecast travel patterns. AMBAG has hired Population Reference Bureau (PRB) to assist in the preparation of the Regional Growth Forecast.

Forecast Process and Progress

AMBAG began the regional growth forecast update process in the summer of 2023. A list

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of key milestones is shown below:

- July 21, 2023 the Planning Directors began reviewing three methodology options for producing the regional growth forecast.
- August 9, 2023, AMBAG and PRB presented methodology options to the AMBAG Board of Directors.
- August 28, 2023 the Planning Directors recommended the cohort-component methodology for the regional growth forecast.
- September 8, 2023, AMBAG and PRB convened a workgroup to review forecast assumptions.
- September 13, 2023, the AMBAG Board approved the cohort-component methodology for the regional growth forecast.
- September 25, 2023, AMBAG and PRB shared forecast assumptions, which incorporated input from the workgroup, with the Planning Directors Forum.
- October 11, 2023, AMBAG and PRB presented preliminary forecast results to the AMBAG Board of Directors and received feedback on forecast assumptions.
- October 23, 2023, the Planning Directors discussed feedback from the AMBAG Board of Directors and provided additional input to the forecast assumptions, resulting in an increase in population growth.
- November 8, 2023 the AMBAG Board of Directors reviewed a revised draft of the regional growth forecast. AMBAG and PRB also presented high and low scenario projections for context.
- November 27, 2023 the Planning Directors reviewed the revised draft regional growth forecast and provided feedback that population may grow more.

Final Draft Forecast Assumptions

The final draft forecast incorporates the following assumptions based on analysis of regional, state, and national trends as well as feedback from the workgroup, the Planning Directors Forum, and the AMBAG Board of Directors:

- Birth rates:
 - Rates continue to decline for teens and those in their 20s.
 - Rates remain stable for those in their early 30s.
 - Rates rise for ages 35-49.
- Mortality rates:
 - The infant mortality rate continues to decline at a rate similar to the decline in recent years, as does the child mortality rate for children ages 1-3.
 - Rates also decline slightly for ages 40-65.
- Migration:
 - International migration returns to historic average levels
 - Domestic migration outflows are nearly eliminated.
- Job growth
 - Most industries are projected using a shift share, with historical trends informing which industries grow somewhat faster (or slower) than the

- state.
- Selected population-serving industries (retail, self-employment, and other services) grow per capita, rather than based on state or national trends.
- The ratio of retail and self-employment jobs per capita trends slightly downward through the forecast as the population ages.
- Households
 - Growth is driven by household formation rates by age, sex, and race/ethnicity.
 - Household formation rates rise for age groups (ages 25-64) that have shown an increase in recent years.
- Housing
 - AMBAG received feedback from the Planning Directors Workgroup that vacancy should be forecasted separately for owner, renter, and seasonal/vacation homes. This request was incorporated into the draft.
 - Owner vacancy rates trend up from current low rates (below 1%) to 2%.
 - Renter vacancy rates trend up from current low rates (below 3%) to 5%.
 - Vacation rentals remain a constant share of the region’s housing stock.

Final Draft Results

The final draft regional growth forecast numbers for population, housing, and employment are shown in Table 1. The results presented below include updates to reflect feedback received to date (see timeline, above).

Table 1: AMBAG Regional Projections 2010-2050

	Census		Forecast			Change 2020-50	
	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	Number	%
Pop	732,708	774,105	780,296	794,486	801,785	27,680	3.6%
Housing	260,256	270,341	292,996	306,791	312,547	42,206	15.6%
Jobs	349,235	372,030	414,376	419,780	424,318	52,288	14.1%

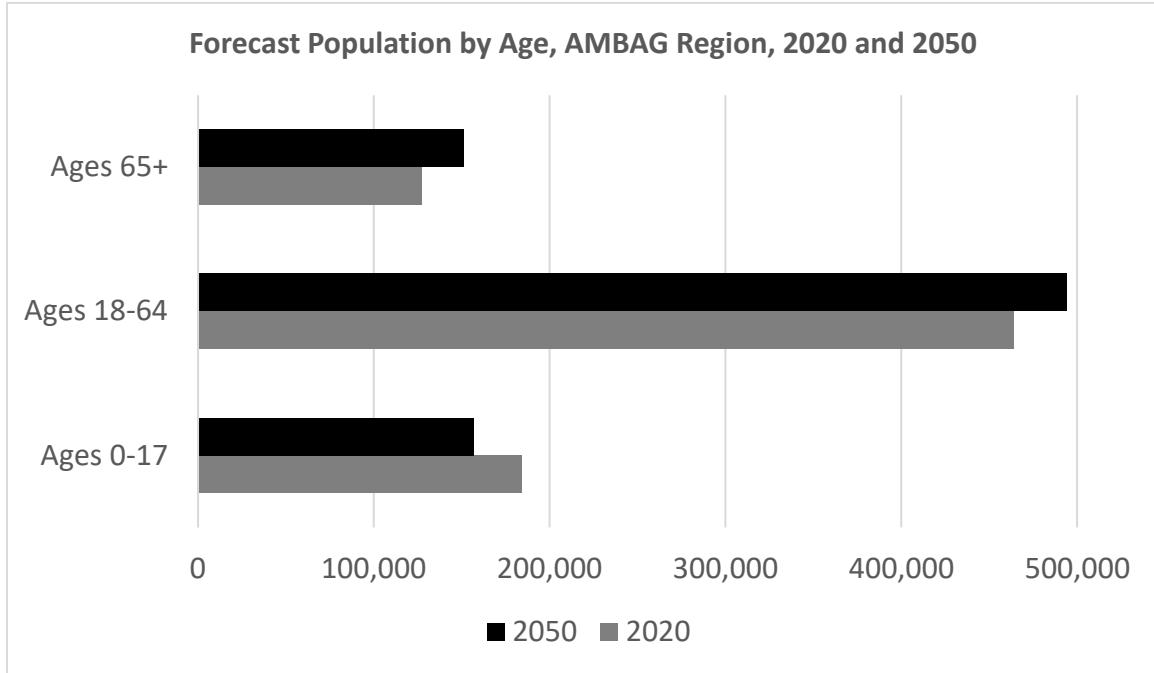
Source: Final Draft Regional Growth Forecast Results

Population projections are substantially lower than the 2022 Regional Growth Forecast (2022 RGF), reflecting updated information from the 2020 Census and new estimates from the California Department of Finance (DOF) that show population loss in the region in recent years, steadily falling fertility rates, stagnant mortality rates, and an aging population.

For the years 2020-2039, the final draft population projections are within 1.5% of the DOF forecast update that was released in July 2023. However, the new DOF projections begin to show population decline in the region. Feedback from the AMBAG Board of Directors, input from the Planning Directors Forum, and plans for continued growth at the region’s universities all suggest that the region is likely to continue growing.

Population aging continues to be a substantial driver of change in the AMBAG region in this forecast. In this final draft, the child population is projected to shrink by 15 percent, the population ages 18-64 is expected to grow by more than 6 percent, and the population ages 65 and older is projected to grow by 19 percent (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Region's Child Population is Expected to Shrink Between 2020 and 2050



Source: Final Draft Regional Growth Forecast Results

Job projections are also lower than in the 2022 RGF, reflecting updated data from the California Employment Development Department. Data through 2022 show that the region’s jobs have rebounded from the 2020 recession but have not grown to levels predicted in the 2022 RGF.

Although job growth is lower than in the 2022 RGF, the rate of growth is quite a bit faster than the rate of population growth. While this may seem counterintuitive, it reflects, in part, adults representing a growing share of the region’s population.

Unlike population and jobs, **housing projections** are slightly higher than in the 2022 RGF, reflecting updated information from the 2020 Census, 2022 American Community Survey, and new estimates from DOF. These sources show housing growth and rising household formation rates in the region in recent years, even as population declined.

The region’s aging population plays a key role in the housing projections. Household formation rates rise with age. As the region’s population ages, more people are expected to live alone (or in small households), and the number of people per household is expected to fall. Because of the strong association between age and household formation, more housing would be needed to house an aging population, even if the population remained constant.

In addition, feedback from the Workgroup and PDF suggested that local and state policies are already at work to ease the existing housing shortage—and could be expected to continue to ease overcrowding.

Finally, the assumptions that are incorporated into the housing projection mean that the region meets the statutory requirement that the MTP/SCS accommodate the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination. Given AMBAG’s determination of 33,274 and San Benito COG’s determination of 5,005 units, the AMBAG region MTP/SCS should include at least 38,279 additional housing units between 2020 and 2050 for a minimum of 308,620 units by 2050. The final draft housing forecast exceeds that threshold.

Timeline

- January 10, 2024 – Board of Directors is scheduled to accept the final draft tri-county regional growth forecast for planning purposes
- January 2024 – Begin subregional allocation
- Spring 2024 – Draft subregional growth forecast
- Fall 2024 – AMBAG Board of Directors scheduled to adopt the Final 2026 Regional Growth Forecast, including the subregional allocation

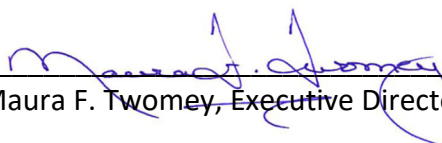
Next Steps

Following AMBAG Board acceptance of the final draft regional growth forecast, AMBAG staff and PRB will begin the subregional forecast allocation process. AMBAG will continue to work closely with local jurisdictions and gather information to ensure that the most current local data is incorporated into the forecast and to ensure consensus on the process.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: William Condon, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Draft Project Selection Criteria

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

AMBAG staff will present the draft Carbon Reduction Program project selection criteria. Board members are asked to discuss the draft project selection criteria and provide feedback.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

On November 15, 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or IIJA) was signed into law. The BIL authorizes a new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) federal funding to projects that decrease transportation emissions, which are defined as the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions that result from on-road, highway sources. California receives annual apportionments of CRP over five years. The apportionments are split, with 65% as Local CRP and 35% as State CRP. Over the course of five years, California state is expected to receive approximately \$550 million apportioned to the program, with roughly \$6.8 million of that total amount expected to be allocated within the AMBAG MPO planning area. Both Local and State CRP funds must be invested in alignment with the Carbon Reduction Strategy.

IIJA requires Caltrans, in partnership with the MPOs, to develop a Carbon Reduction Strategy and submit it to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval by November 2023. Caltrans' final Carbon Reduction Strategy is submitted to FHWA for their approval. The draft California Transportation carbon Reduction Strategy can be viewed/downloaded from <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/esta/documents/carbon-reduction/120123-final-carbon-reduction-strategy-a11y.pdf>

Although IJIA allows for a variety of projects to be funded through CRP, Caltrans' Carbon Reduction Strategy directs Local and State CRP funds to be invested in projects that support bicycle and pedestrian, rail and transit, zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure, and conversions of existing lanes to priced managed lanes.

Local CRP Funding and Process

Local CRP funding is apportioned by population throughout California based on 2020 US Census Urbanized Areas (UZA). Local CRP apportioned to UZAs within a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary must be programmed by the MPO and cannot be suballocated within the MPO boundary. The MPO must use a competitive, performance-driven process to select projects for CRP funds. The AMBAG region is expected to receive a total of \$6.83 million in CRP funding. The annual apportionment for FFY 2022 to FFY 2026 are as follows:

MPO	FFY 2022	FFY 2023	FFY 2024*	FFY 2025*	FFY 2026*
AMBAG	\$1,344,707	\$1,371,601	\$1,371,601	\$1,371,601	\$1,371,601

In consultation with region's RTPAs and transit agencies, AMBAG staff is developing CRP project selection criteria, process, and schedule for the CRP fund. Staff will provide a detailed presentation on the CRP funding, project selection criteria and process at your January 10, 2024 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Staff time for CRP fund related activity is funded through federal funds and is programmed in the approved FY 2023-24 OWP.

COORDINATION:

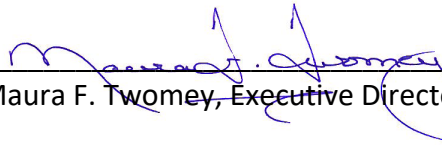
The CRP fund related activity is developed in coordination and consultation with the following partner agencies:

- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Council of San Benito County Governments
- Monterey-Salinas Transit
- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
- Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
- Transportation Agency for Monterey County

ATTACHMENT:

1. Carbon Reduction Program Draft Project Selection Criteria

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

Carbon Reduction Program Draft Evaluation Criteria

Project proposals for the Carbon Reduction Program will be evaluated based on the following scoring rubric for a total of 100 points:

Screening Criteria:

1. The project aligns with the Carbon Reduction Program goals and strategies.
2. The project qualifies under the eligibility requirements of the Carbon Reduction Program.
3. The project is consistent with AMBAG 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS).
4. The proposed project will be implemented within the funding timeline and must be programmed in the adopted/current AMBAG MTIP.

Section A – Carbon Reduction Program Goal Alignment (50 points total)

1. Project aligns with State’s Carbon Reduction Strategy - 5 points
2. The project is expected to reduce transportation emissions - 10 points
3. The project incorporates one of the following elements – 15 points
 - a. The project incorporates complete streets treatments
 - b. This project supports Zero Emissions Vehicles and/or ZEV infrastructure
 - c. The project improves bicycle, pedestrian or transit design features
4. The project improves access and/or closes a gap for transportation disadvantaged communities - 10 points
5. The project promotes equity in CRP distribution throughout the region - 10 points

Section B - Project Readiness & Cost Effectiveness (25 points total)

1. Project is ready to bid within two years - 5 points
2. The request for funding (including local match) will fully-fund the project - 5 points
3. Project has completed the environmental phase - 5 points

4. Project status for the design / right-of-way phases (Project readiness) - 5 points
5. The project has a positive benefit / cost ratio - 5 points

Section C - Project Information & Regional Significance (25 points total)

1. Project is projected to reduce AADT in corridor or project area - 5 points
2. The project will mitigate safety hazards - 5 points
3. The project serves regional travel (regionally significant)- 5 points
4. The project benefits Disadvantaged Communities - 5 points
5. The project benefits people with disabilities - 5 points

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2024 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

February 14, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
March 13, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
April 10, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
May 8, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
June 12, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
July 2024	No Meeting Scheduled
August 14, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
September 11, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
October 9, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm

November 13, 2024

MBARD Board Room

24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Meeting Time: 6 pm

December 2024

No Meeting Scheduled



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
SRTP	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