

Report on ABAG to MCCMC

March 2018

ABAG General Assembly

Reserve May 31, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. to be held at ABAG/MTC offices located at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco in Yerba Buena Room, Bay Area Metro Center. I will send the registration link to the Marin ABAG delegates and alternates, but in the meantime please reserve the date. Again, if you would like to carpool, please let me know.

ABAG Bylaws

The ABAG Executive Board on March 15, 2018 approved proposed staff changes to the ABAG Bylaws which will be voted on at the ABAG General Assembly. Most of the changes aligned the Bylaws with the staff consolidation. Following are the two substantive changes that generated some discussion along with the Board recommendation to the General Assembly:

- 1) Page 8: ~~At least 45 days~~ prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly, the Executive Director shall submit to the Executive Board, for the next fiscal year of the Association, a proposed general budget and summary work program. The Board agreed to: At least **30 days** prior .. It was stated that the ABAG delegates and alternates need to know when they will receive the proposed budget and work program since they will need to review it prior to the vote at the General Assembly.
- 2) Page 10: In order to recommend the annual budget to the General Assembly, the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board **is required, present at the meeting of the Executive Board where the matter is considered** is required. After considerable discussion, the majority of the Board agreed to this change. There were about six dissenting votes since it reduces the threshold for approval at the Executive Board.

Marin ABAG Delegate and Alternate Meetings

Our next ABAG delegate/alternate meeting is confirmed for **April 30, 2018 beginning at 6:30 pm**. The agenda will be sent out early April and may include a discussion on: 1) The 2018 joint Plan Bay Area public workshop jointly sponsored by the Marin ABAG delegates/alternates and the Transportation Authority of Marin; 2) Plan Bay Area 2040 and the 2021 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process; and, 3) CASA – who, what, when and how. **Please also reserve May 29, 2018** beginning at 6:30 pm for our next meeting where we hope to discuss: 1) Draft agenda for Marin Public Workshop; 2) General Assembly; 3) SF Region Economic Development District; and, 4) others.

Application Deadline for serving on the SF Bay Restoration Authority Citizens Oversight Committee

March 30, 2018 is the deadline for submitting an application to serve on the Citizens Oversight Committee for Measure AA which is expected to generate \$25M annually for restoration of thousands of acres of natural habitat for wildlife, improve access to public lands and address flooding issues. The Authority's Governing Board seeks six individuals to serve on the Citizens Oversight Committee which has 3 main roles:

- 1) Review the Authority's conformance with Measure AA, annually.
- 2) Review the audits, financial reports and expenditures.
- 3) Publish an annual report of its findings which will be posted on the Authority's website.

The Board seeks committee members from all 4 Bay Area Regions – North Bay, East Bay, South Bay and West Bay. Members must possess expertise in one or more of the following: water quality, pollution reduction, habitat restoration, flood protection, improvement of public access to SF Bay, and financing of these objectives. For more information, go to <http://sfbayrestore.org/> or contact Karen McDowell, Project Manager of the SF Bay Restoration Authority at 415-775-6685.

ABAG Regional Planning Committee

The ABAG Regional Planning Committee was briefed on ABAG’s work with the US Geological Survey (USGS) on new research on the Bay Area’s seismic risk, detailing residential building damage estimates and displacement risk for 16 scenario earthquakes. They also identified many policy issues that elected officials and their communities should discuss and plan for in the event of an earthquake in the SF Bay Area. Ken Hudnut, US Geological Survey (USGS) Science Advisor for Risk Reduction, shared a detailed assessment of the direct and cascading impacts of a magnitude 7.0 earthquake on the Hayward Fault, and Cynthia Kroll, Chief Economist, discussed the economic impacts. They also presented proposed responsive actions the region can take to reduce risk and increase capacity to address the suite of earthquake impacts.

Plan Bay Area 2050

As reported last month, Plan Bay Area 2050 has begun. ABAG and MTC wants input on what the future of the San Francisco Bay Area should be. Input received through this survey, will be used to define the Guiding Principles for an exciting new initiative, known as “Horizon”, launched by ABAG and MTC as part of Plan Bay Area 2050. This effort will allow planners, policymakers and the public to wrestle with the challenging questions about the forces that could shape the future of the Bay Area through 2050. Please take the survey before March 31, 2018 – here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BayAreaFutures>

ABAG Membership Dues

The ABAG Executive Board voted to increase membership dues for the 9 Bay Area counties, but not the cities. The counties agreed to this one year increase while staff studied other revenue generating ideas. As you may recall, I reported to MCCMC prior to the staff consolidation that Steve Heminger, Executive Director of MTC stated at a MTC meeting that the staff consolidation would cost MTC \$2.4M more. As a result, the contract for services (between ABAG and MTC) states: ABAG “will make best efforts and adopt strategies to identify and secure any additional revenues” to help offset the cost MTC inherited. ABAG and MTC had planned on using the fees generated from the re-constituted FAN (now called the Advancing California Finance Authority – ACFA – Governing Board) pay for the difference. Unfortunately, it took longer to establish the new entity. It is hoped that ACFA will be able to absorb the future increases.

UPCOMING MEETINGS¹

- **March 28, 2018** -- **MTC Commission, 9:30 am**
- **March 28, 2018** -- **CASA Technical Committee, 12 to 3:00 pm**
- **April 4, 2018** -- **ABAG Regional Planning Committee, 1 to 3:00 pm**
- **April 13, 2018** -- **ABAG Administrative and MTC Planning Committees, 9:00 am**
- **April 18 , 2018** -- **CASA Technical Committee, 11 to 2:00 pm**
- **April 25, 2018** -- **MTC Commission, 9:30 am**
- **April 25, 2018** -- **CASA Steering Committee, 12 to 2:00 pm**
- **May 13, 2018** -- **ABAG Administrative and MTC Planning Committees, 9:00 am**
ABAG and MTC Legislative Committees, 10:00 am
- **May 17, 2018** -- **ABAG Executive Board, 7:00 pm**

Please direct questions to Pat Eklund, Council Member, City of Novato (phone: 415-883-9116; email: peklund@novato.org or pateklund@comcast.net)

¹ All meetings are held at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco, unless noted otherwise.

**Highlight Report on Disaster & Citizen Corps Council Meeting (March 8, 2018)
Catherine Way, City of Larkspur Councilmember
DC3 Representative; Co-Chair of the PDEP Subcommittee**

1. Marin County Wildfire Summit Initial Report:

Supervisors Arnold and Rodoni co-chair an emergency preparedness subcommittee which is examining the "lessons learned" from the October North Bay fires. There have been a series of meetings with local emergency responders; land managers; and representatives from North Bay agencies. Questions being asked are what was learned? What would have been done differently? What can Marin do to be better prepared? Final report will be issued in the spring and presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Focus has been on implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This is a written plan describing wildfire hazards and mitigation measures for a community. The purpose is to "reduce wildfire risk to communities, municipal water supplies, and other at-risk land through a collaborative process of planning, prioritizing, and implementing hazardous fuels reduction projects. This plan creates a seamless, hazard mitigation approach throughout the entire county, which is essential for preparedness and for federal/state disaster reimbursements. The plan was approved by the BOS and implementation is beginning in the cities through the fire departments. Goal is to make all of our communities Fire Adaptive.

Learn more at: www.firesafemarin.org/cwpp

2. DC3 Priority Proposals and Implementation Plan Discussed

- Proposal 1: Reenergize the Get Ready Program
 - Regenerating this program will broaden disaster preparedness throughout county.
 - \$76,000 has recently been granted to reenergize the program.
- Proposal 2: Ensure all students have access to the Ready 5th Grade Program
 - Money to support classroom education of Get Ready has been allocated.
 - Priority to assess schools with a higher fire risk.
- Proposal 3: Disaster Service Worker training for all County employees
 - All Government Employees are required, by law, to perform Disaster Service Worker (DSW) duties in the event of declared emergencies or disasters. The California Code of Regulations further provides at 19 CCR §2443 that DSW / SEMS training in SEMS must be document in areas of planning, training, exercises, and performance, or the government agency will simply not be reimbursed for disaster work assignments.
 - County will have HR roll this program out to county employees as a priority this year. Efforts will be made to have city/towns implement the employee education.

REMINDER:

First meeting of the MCCMC Disaster Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee
Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 pm
Central Marin Police Authority, 250 Doherty Drive, Larkspur

ONLINE RESOURCES:

www.alertmarin.org REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS AND EVACUATION ALERTS
www.firesafemarin.org

Please direct questions to Catherine Way, Councilmember, City of Larkspur
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