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Meeting Minutes - Final

ABAG Executive Board

President, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, City of Berkeley
Vice President, Belia Ramos, Supervisor, County of Napa
Immediate Past President, David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma

Thursday, May 20, 2021

5:30 PM

Board Room - 1st Floor (REMOTE)

Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board Meeting No. 458

The ABAG Executive Board may act on any item on the agenda.
The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.,
or immediately following the preceding ABAG/ACFA committee meetings.

Agenda, roster and webcast available at <https://abag.ca.gov>
For information, contact Clerk of the Board at (415) 820-7913.

Roster

Susan Adams, Candace Andersen, Jesse Arreguin, Nikki Fortunato Bas, London Breed, Tom Butt, David Canepa, Keith Carson, Cindy Chavez, Pat Eklund, Maya Esparza, Carroll Fife, Neysa Fligor, Leon Garcia, Liz Gibbons, Giselle Hale, Barbara Halliday, Rich Hillis, David Hudson, Otto Lee, Matthew Mahan, Rafael Mandelman, Gordon Mar, Nathan Miley, Karen Mitchoff, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Raul Peralez, David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos, Carlos Romero, James Spering, Loren Taylor, Lori Wilson. Jayne Battey (Non-voting).

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

President Arreguin called the meeting to order at about 5:30 p.m. Quorum was present. Jayne Battey was present. Cindy Silva was present as Alternate for Tom Butt.

Present: 32 - Adams, Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Butt, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Eklund, Esparza, Fife, Fligor, Garcia, Hale, Halliday, Hillis, Hudson, Lee, Mandelman, Mar, Miley, Mitchoff, Moulton-Peters, Peralez, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Spering, Taylor, and Wilson L

Absent: 2 - Chavez, and Mahan

2. Public Comment

3. Executive Board Announcements

4. President's Report

- 4.a. [21-0732](#) ABAG President's Report for May 20, 2021
President Arreguin gave the report.

5. Executive Director's Report

- 5.a. [21-0733](#) Executive Director's Report for May 20, 2021
Brad Paul gave the report.

6. Executive Board Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Eklund and second by Hudson, the ABAG Executive Board approved the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 24 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Butt, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Eklund, Esparza, Fife, Garcia, Hale, Halliday, Hudson, Lee, Mandelman, Mar, Mitchoff, Moulton-Peters, Peralez, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Ramos, and Spering

Absent: 9 - Adams, Chavez, Fligor, Hillis, Mahan, Miley, Romero, Taylor, and Wilson L

- 6.a. [21-0734](#) Approval of ABAG Executive Board Minutes of April 15, 2021
- 6.b. [21-0746](#) Authorization to amend a Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) funding agreement with Energy Council (Alameda County Jurisdictions) in the amount of \$143,500 for services for BayREN implementation through December 31, 2022

7. ABAG Finance Committee

- 7.a. [21-0737](#) Report on ABAG Finance Committee Meeting of May 20, 2021
Karen Mitchoff gave the report.

8. Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

- 8.a. [21-0738](#) Report on Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee Meeting of May 14, 2021
President Arreguin gave the report.

8.b. [21-0739](#) Assembly Bill 897 (Mullin): Regional Climate Networks

Authorizes the establishment of regional climate networks and adoption of regional climate adaptation action plans. Requires the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to adopt guidelines as to how eligible entities may form such a network, its geographic boundaries, the content of plans, and governance.

Rebecca Long gave the report.

Upon the motion by Arreguin and second by Canepa, the ABAG Executive Board approved a support and seek amendments position on Assembly Bill 897 (Mullin), as reported. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 28 - Adams, Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Butt, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Eklund, Esparza, Fife, Garcia, Hale, Halliday, Hillis, Hudson, Lee, Mandelman, Mar, Mitchoff, Moulton-Peters, Peralez, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Ramos, Spering, Taylor, and Wilson L

Absent: 5 - Chavez, Fligor, Mahan, Miley, and Romero

8.c. [21-0740](#) Assembly Bill 1500 (Garcia): Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022

Authorizes the issuance of a \$7 billion climate adaptation general obligation bond.

Rebecca Long gave the report.

Upon the motion by Arreguin and second by Hudson, the ABAG Executive Board approved a support and seek amendments position on Assembly Bill 1500 (Garcia), as reported. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 28 - Adams, Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Butt, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Eklund, Esparza, Fife, Garcia, Hale, Halliday, Hillis, Hudson, Lee, Mandelman, Mar, Mitchoff, Moulton-Peters, Peralez, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Ramos, Spering, Taylor, and Wilson L

Absent: 5 - Chavez, Fligor, Mahan, Miley, and Romero

8.d. [21-0792](#) Assembly Bill 1401 (Friedman): Residential and Commercial Parking Requirements Near Transit

Prohibits minimum parking requirements from applying to commercial or residential buildings located within one-half mile of a major transit stop or high quality transit corridor.

Rebecca Long gave the report.

The following gave public comment: Kelsey Banes; Zac Bowling; Aaron Eckhouse; Adam Buchbinder; Laura Foote; Auros Harman; Mike Dunham; Jordan Grimes; Anastasia Yovanopoulos.

Upon the motion by Arreguin and second by Hale, the ABAG Executive Board approved a support and seek amendment position on Assembly Bill 1401 (Friedman), as reported. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 22 - Adams, Arreguin, Bas, Butt, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Esparza, Hale, Halliday, Hillis, Lee, Mandelman, Mar, Mitchoff, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Ramos, Romero, Spering, Taylor, and Wilson L

Nay: 5 - Andersen, Eklund, Fife, Garcia, and Moulton-Peters

Absent: 6 - Chavez, Fligor, Hudson, Mahan, Miley, and Peralez

9. ABAG Housing Committee

9.a. [21-0741](#) Report on ABAG Housing Committee Meetings of April 29, 2021 and May 13, 2021

Lori Wilson gave the report.

9.b. [21-0742](#) Approval of Consultant Bench: 2021 Regional Planning Bench-Cycle 1

Pre-qualified bench of consultants to provide as-needed assistance to agency and local jurisdiction staff, including for grants administered through the Regional Housing Technical Assistance and Priority Development Area Programs.

Upon the motion by Wilson and second by Ramirez, the ABAG Executive Board approved the pre-qualified consultants identified in Attachment A for the Regional Planning Bench to provide planning consultant assistance services in the specified categories on an as-needed basis, for a period through December 30, 2023, with an option to extend for an additional two years to December 30, 2025, as reported. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 28 - Adams, Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Butt, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Eklund, Esparza, Fife, Garcia, Hale, Halliday, Hillis, Hudson, Lee, Mandelman, Mar, Mitchoff, Moulton-Peters, Peralez, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Ramos, Romero, Taylor, and Wilson L

Absent: 5 - Chavez, Fligor, Mahan, Miley, and Spering

- 9.c. [21-0743](#) Adoption of Resolution No. 06-2021, to suballocate \$1 million of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funds to local jurisdictions as described in Attachment A and to allocate \$470,000 of REAP funds for regional VMT Policy Working Groups, and authorization of the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments, to negotiate and enter into REAP funding agreements

Lori Wilson gave the report.

Upon the motion by Wilson and second by Ramos, the ABAG Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 06-2021—Allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Funds and authorized the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments, to negotiate and enter into REAP funding agreements, as reported. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 28 - Adams, Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Butt, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Eklund, Esparza, Fife, Garcia, Hale, Halliday, Hillis, Hudson, Lee, Mandelman, Mar, Mitchoff, Moulton-Peters, Peralez, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Ramos, Romero, Taylor, and Wilson L

Absent: 5 - Chavez, Fligor, Mahan, Miley, and Sperring

10. ABAG Regional Planning Committee

- 10.a. [21-0744](#) Report on ABAG Regional Planning Committee Meeting of May 13, 2021

Karen Mitchoff gave the report.

- 10.b. [21-0745](#) Approval of Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology and Draft RHNA Allocations

Presentation on the Final RHNA Methodology, including feedback received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Gillian Adams gave the report.

The following gave public comment: Joseph Smooke; Charlie Sciammas; Pete Papadopoulos; Anastasia Yovanopoulos; Shajuti Hossain; Kevin Burke; Justine Marcus; Jeff Levin; Tiffany Hickey; Zac Bowling; Ken Chan.

The following submitted public comment: Santa Clara County Department of Planning and Development.

Upon the motion by Arreguin and second by Canepa, the ABAG Executive Board approved the Final RHNA Methodology and Draft RHNA Allocations, as reported. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 21 - Arreguin, Bas, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Fife, Fligor, Garcia, Hale, Halliday, Hillis, Lee, Miley, Peralez, Ramirez, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Sperring, Taylor, and Wilson L

Nay: 9 - Adams, Andersen, Eklund, Hudson, Mandelman, Mar, Mitchoff, Moulton-Peters, and Rabbitt

Absent: 3 - Chavez, Esparza, and Mahan

11. ABAG Administrative Committee

11.a. [21-0735](#) Report on ABAG Administrative Committee Meeting of May 14, 2021

President Arreguin gave the report.

11.b. [21-0736](#) Approval of Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA): Appeals Framework

Proposed framework for the RHNA appeals phase, with the ABAG Administrative Committee playing a lead role in hearing appeals.

Gillian Adams gave the report.

The following gave public comment: Jane Riley; Jeff Levin; Shajuti Hossain.

Upon the motion by Arreguin and second by Eklund, the ABAG Executive Board delegated authority to the Administrative Committee to conduct the public hearing and make final determinations on Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) appeals and approved the Draft ABAG 2023-2031 RHNA Appeals Procedures, including process for public comment. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 28 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Canepa, Carson, Chan, Eklund, Fife, Fligor, Garcia, Hale, Halliday, Hillis, Hudson, Lee, Mandelman, Mar, Miley, Mitchoff, Moulton-Peters, Peralez, Ramirez, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Spering, Taylor, and Wilson L

Nay: 2 - Adams, and Rabbitt

Absent: 3 - Chavez, Esparza, and Mahan

12. Adjournment / Next Meeting

President Arreguin adjourned the meeting at about 8:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the ABAG Executive Board is on June 17, 2021.