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94105

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### ABAG Administrative Committee

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Friday, June 10, 2022

9:40 AM

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**Association of Bay Area Governments  
Administrative Committee  
Joint Meeting with the MTC Planning Committee**

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The ABAG Administrative Committee may act on any item on the agenda.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:40 a.m., or after the preceding MTC committee meeting, whichever occurs first.

Agenda, roster, and webcast available at <https://abag.ca.gov>

For information, contact Clerk of the Board at (415) 820-7913.

#### Roster

Jesse Arreguin, Pat Eklund, Neysa Fligor, Dave Hudson, Otto Lee, Karen Mitchoff,  
Raul Peralez, David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos, Carlos Romero

## 1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

*A quorum is a majority of ABAG Administrative Committee members present.*

## 2. ABAG Compensation Announcement – Clerk of the Board

## 3. ABAG Administrative Committee Consent Calendar

- 3.a. [22-1004](#) Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Minutes of the May 13, 2022 Meeting

Action: ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

Presenter: ABAG Clerk of the Board

Attachments: [3a ABAG Administrative Committee Minutes 20220513\\_Draft.pdf](#)

- 3.b. [22-1070](#) Ratification of Appointment to San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Action: ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

Presenter: Jesse Arreguin, ABAG President

Attachments: [03b 1 Summary Sheet Committee Appointment BCDC v1.pdf](#)

## 4. MTC Planning Committee Consent Calendar

- 4.a. [22-0902](#) Approval of MTC Planning Committee Minutes of the May 13, 2022 Meeting

Action: MTC Planning Committee Approval

Attachments: [4a 2022-05-13 Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrat](#)

## 5. Information

- 5.a. [22-0903](#) Exploring the Future of Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)

Overview of PCA Refresh effort, including recently awarded grant funding from the California Department of Conservation, which will identify recommendations to make the region's conservation planning framework more data-driven and science-based by late 2023.

Action: Information

Presenter: Chirag Rabari

Attachments: [5ai Exploring the Future of Priority Conservation Areas Summary Sheet.pr](#)  
[5aii PowerPoint Exploring the Future of Priority Conservation Areas.pdf](#)

## 6. Public Comment / Other Business

*Information*

## 7. Adjournment / Next Meeting

*The next regular meeting of the ABAG Administrative Committee is on July 8, 2022.*

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Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Minutes of the May 13, 2022 Meeting

ABAG Clerk of the Board

ABAG Administrative Committee Approval



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

### **ABAG Administrative Committee**

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Friday, May 13, 2022

9:40 AM

REMOTE (In person option available)

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#### **Association of Bay Area Governments Administrative Committee**

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The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:40 a.m., or after the preceding MTC committee meeting, whichever occurs first.

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#### **Roster**

Jesse Arreguin, Pat Eklund, Neysa Fligor, Dave Hudson, Otto Lee, Karen Mitchoff,  
Raul Peralez, David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos, Carlos Romero

#### **1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum**

Vice Chair Ramos called the meeting to order at about 9:49 a.m. Quorum was present.

**Present:** 7 - Eklund, Hudson, Lee, Mitchoff, Rabbitt, Ramos, and Romero

**Absent:** 3 - Arreguin, Fligor, and Peralez

#### **2. ABAG Compensation Announcement – Clerk of the Board**

The ABAG Clerk of the Board gave the Compensation Announcement.

#### **3. ABAG Administrative Committee Consent Calendar**

Upon the motion by Hudson and second by Romero, the ABAG Administrative Committee approved the ABAG Administrative Committee Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Eklund, Hudson, Lee, Mitchoff, Rabbitt, Ramos, and Romero

**Absent:** 3 - Arreguin, Fligor, and Peralez

- 3.a.**     [22-0938](#)     Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Minutes of the April 8, 2022 Meeting

#### 4. MTC Planning Committee Consent Calendar

The MTC Planning Committee took action on this item.

- 4.a. [22-0764](#) Approval of MTC Planning Committee Minutes of the April 8, 2022 Meeting

#### 5. Information

- 5.a. [22-0765](#) Exploring the Successes and Shortcomings of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008)

Overview of successes and shortcomings in implementing regional plans such as Plan Bay Area over the past decade, highlighting initial findings from state reports required under Assembly Bill 285 (Friedman, 2019) and Senate Bill 150 (Allen, 2017) as well as potential opportunities for State legislative reform in the coming months.

Dave Vautin gave the report.

- 5.b. [22-0766](#) Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy

Update on outreach conducted and comments received on the initial draft of the proposed TOC Policy and seek feedback on revisions to the draft policy.

Kara Vuicich gave the report.

The following gave public comment: Jack Flex; Lisa Vonderbrueggen, Building Industry Association of the Bay Area; Matt Regan, Bay Area Council; Ja'Nai Aubrey, NPH; Jonathan Kass, SPUR; Amy Thomson, TransForm; Justine Marcus, Enterprise Community Partners; Zoe Siegel, Greenbelt Alliance; Calum Weeks, Generation Housing; and Jane Kramer.

The following submitted public comment: City of Morgan Hill; and TransForm et al.

#### 6. Public Comment / Other Business

#### 7. Adjournment / Next Meeting

Vice Chair Ramos adjourned the meeting at about 11:50 a.m. The next regular meeting of the ABAG Administrative Committee is on June 10, 2022.



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Ratification of Appointment to San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Jesse Arreguin, ABAG President

ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

## Association of Bay Area Governments

### Executive Board

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June 10, 2022

Agenda Item 3.b.

#### Committee Appointments

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#### Subject:

Ratification of Appointment to San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

#### Background:

Regarding appointments to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Government Code 66622 states that “A member, subject to confirmation by the member’s appointing power, may authorize an alternate for attendance at meetings and voting in the member’s absence.”

At its meeting on June 10, 2022, ABAG President Arreguin will report to the ABAG Administrative Committee on the appointment of an alternate to Mayor Patrick Burt, City of Palo Alto, representing the South Bay on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

#### San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

South Bay—Larry Klein, Mayor, City of Sunnyvale—Alternate to Patrick Burt, Mayor, City of Palo Alto

#### Issues:

None

#### Recommended Action:

The ABAG Administrative Committee is requested to ratify the committee appointment, as reported.

#### Attachments:

None

#### Reviewed:



Therese W. McMillan

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**Attachments:** [4a 2022-05-](#)

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**Subject:**

Approval of MTC Planning Committee Minutes of the May 13, 2022 Meeting

**Recommended Action:**

MTC Planning Committee Approval

**Attachments:**

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee

*MTC Committee Members:*

*James P. Spering, Chair    Eddie Ahn, Vice Chair*

*David Canepa, Damon Connolly, Carol Dutra-Vernaci,  
Victoria Fleming, Sam Liccardo, and Libby Schaaf*

*Non-Voting Members: Dorene M. Giacomini and Vacant*

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Friday, May 13, 2022

9:40 AM

REMOTE (In person option available)

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#### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

**Present:** 5 - Vice Chair Ahn, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Connolly and Chair Spering

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci and Commissioner Liccardo

Non-Voting Member Present: Commissioner Giacomini

Ex Officio Voting Member Present: Commission Chair Pedroza

Ad Hoc Non-Voting Members Present: Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Rabbitt, and Commissioner Worth.

ABAG Administrative Committee Members Present: Eklund, Hudson, Lee, Mandelman, Mitchoff, Rabbitt, Ramos, and Romero.

#### 2. ABAG Compensation Announcement – Clerk of the Board

#### 3. ABAG Administrative Committee Consent Calendar

- 3a. [22-0763](#) Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Minutes of the April 8, 2022 Meeting

**Action:** ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

**Attachments:** [3a ABAG Administrative Committee Minutes 202204208 Draft.pdf](#)

#### 4. MTC Planning Committee Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Commissioner Connolly and second by Commissioner Schaaf, the MTC Planning Committee Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Ahn, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Connolly and Chair Spering

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci and Commissioner Liccardo

##### 4a. [22-0764](#) Approval of MTC Planning Committee Minutes of the April 8, 2022 Meeting

**Action:** MTC Planning Committee Approval

**Attachments:** [4a 2022-04-08 Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes Draft.pdf](#)

#### 5. Information

##### 5a. [22-0765](#) Exploring the Successes and Shortcomings of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008)

Overview of successes and shortcomings in implementing regional plans such as Plan Bay Area over the past decade, highlighting initial findings from state reports required under Assembly Bill 285 (Friedman, 2019) and Senate Bill 150 (Allen, 2017) as well as potential opportunities for State legislative reform in the coming months.

**Action:** Information

**Presenter:** Dave Vautin

**Attachments:** [5ai SB375 Successes and Shortcomings Summary Sheet.pdf](#)  
[5aii PowerPoint SB375 Successes and Shortcomings.pdf](#)

**5b.**      [22-0766](#)      Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy

Update on outreach conducted and comments received on the initial draft of the proposed TOC Policy and seek feedback on revisions to the draft policy.

**Action:** Information

**Presenter:** Kara Vuicich

**Attachments:** [5bi\\_Draft\\_Transit-Oriented\\_Communities\\_Policy\\_Summary\\_Sheet\\_and\\_Attachment\\_A.pdf](#)  
[5bii\\_PowerPoint\\_Transit-Oriented\\_Communities\\_Policy.pdf](#)  
[Item 5b Public Comment Combined.pdf](#)

Written public comments were received from:  
City of Morgan Hill; and  
TransForm et al

The following individuals spoke on this item:

Jack Flex;  
Lisa Vonderbrueggen, Building Industry Association of the Bay Area;  
Matt Regan, Bay Area Council;  
Ja'Nai Aubrey, NPH;  
Jonathan Kass, SPUR;  
Amy Thomson, TransForm;  
Justine Marcus, Enterprise Community Partners;  
Zoe Siegel, Greenbelt Alliance;  
Calum Weeks, Generation Housing; and  
Jane Kramer.

**6. Public Comment / Other Business**

**7. Adjournment / Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the MTC Planning Committee will be Friday, June 10, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.**

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## Legislation Details (With Text)

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<b>Title:</b>	Exploring the Future of Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)				

Overview of PCA Refresh effort, including recently awarded grant funding from the California Department of Conservation, which will identify recommendations to make the region's conservation planning framework more data-driven and science-based by late 2023.

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**Subject:**

Exploring the Future of Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)

Overview of PCA Refresh effort, including recently awarded grant funding from the California Department of Conservation, which will identify recommendations to make the region's conservation planning framework more data-driven and science-based by late 2023.

**Presenter:**

Chirag Rabari

**Recommended Action:**

Information

**Attachments:**

**Exploring the Future of Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)**

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**Subject:**

Overview of PCA Refresh effort, including recently awarded grant funding from the California Department of Conservation, which will identify recommendations to make the region's conservation planning framework more data-driven and science-based by late 2023.

**Background:**

PCAs are locations nominated by cities, counties, and park/open space districts and designated by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for natural habitat protection and open space preservation. PCAs encompass four primary designations: natural landscapes, agricultural lands, urban greening and regional recreation. The planning framework for identifying and designating PCAs was inaugurated in 2007 and received minor updates in 2014. At present, there are over 185 PCAs within the region, located in all nine Bay Area counties. These PCAs have been nominated by a broad range of jurisdictions and represent over two million acres of land.

**PCAs and Plan Bay Area:**

PCAs have historically complemented Plan Bay Area's "focused growth" framework, where housing and jobs are focused in transit-served Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and open space is protected. A major revamp of the regional growth framework took place in 2018 and 2019, leading to new growth geographies and a broader range of housing and land use strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050. Although there was interest in modernizing the PCA framework at that time, priority was given to critical issues related to the Plan's growth pattern and meeting the Plan's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target. PCAs were largely left in place, with a commitment to revisit after the Plan's adoption.

**The PCA Grant Program:**

Since 2013, MTC has awarded over \$26 million in One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 funds in support of 56 total PCA projects. This funding has helped PCA project sponsors acquire or enhance properties designated as PCAs. A total of \$3.8 million for PCAs has also come from the state Coastal Conservancy, which has acted as a key partner in administering the grant program in the East Bay, South Bay and Peninsula.

Approximately \$18 million for PCAs has been proposed in the OBAG Cycle 3, with the next call for projects anticipated in 2024 – making this a prime opportunity to revisit the PCA planning framework.

**PCA Refresh Project Outcomes and Deliverables:**

The conservation planning landscape has changed considerably since the PCA framework was first developed in 2007. Climate change risks are much more acute and visible; equity is an increasingly central lens for evaluating public policy; conservation data, science and mapping are much more sophisticated from a technical perspective; and state and regional policy goals related to climate and conservation are much more ambitious. Staff believe the PCA framework can act as a more effective regional policy tool to advance Plan Bay Area 2050's environment strategies: in particular, expanding access to parks and open space and reducing risks from hazards.

Partners and stakeholders also identified several key needs with respect to PCAs over the course of the Plan Bay Area 2050 Implementation Plan process: (1) the framework needs to be more data-driven and science-based, and (2) it needs to more effectively address a wider range of policy concerns such as resilience to climate hazards and equity, among others.

In November 2021, MTC was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Sustainable Agricultural Lands (SALC) Program managed by the California Department of Conservation to engage in a broad-based, multi-partner and multi-stakeholder effort to:

1. Understand the strengths and weaknesses of the current PCA framework;
2. Articulate a vision for next-generation PCAs;
3. Establish clear goals and objectives for PCAs;
4. Incorporate a wider range of policy concerns into the planning framework; and
5. Develop and/or refine data and mapping tools available to program partners.

This project will evaluate all aspects of the current PCA nomination, evaluation, and designation process as well as develop the guidelines and resources that project applicants need to support high-impact conservation planning and policy decisions. Partnership and collaboration will be an essential component of the PCA refresh and the process will engage many key stakeholders through a robust engagement effort, including one-on-one and small group meetings, a bi-monthly Technical Advisory Committee, workshops, and surveys.

**Project Scope of Work and Timeline:**

The proposed revamp is scheduled to run through late 2023. Partner and stakeholder engagement will begin in summer 2022, with workshops and surveys following in fall 2022 and spring 2023. Data collection and curation and mapping analysis will occur in two phases spanning summer 2022 through winter 2023, with GIS tool creation and final mapping products to follow. Three interim memos will be produced: (1) strengths and weaknesses of the existing framework; (2) vision, goals and objectives for PCAs 2.0; and (3) the path ahead for PCAs 2.0. A final report of major findings, including a recommended suite of options for regional policymakers to consider with respect to planning, policy and funding, will be released in fall 2023. This final report will also include considerations for the companion PCA Grant Program.

*Attachment A* provides a further overview of the refresh effort, including more details on the project timeline, milestones, and key questions being explored.

**Next Steps:**

Leveraging grant funding from the state, staff are in the process of procuring consultant services to support the PCA refresh process. Staff plan to seek contract approval at the MTC Administration Committee in July and envision moving forward with planned partner and stakeholder engagement, data and mapping, as well as research activities during the summer and fall. Staff anticipate returning to Committees, including the ABAG Executive Board, in winter 2023 and spring/summer 2023 to provide updates on project progress and present major findings.

**Issues:**

None anticipated

**Recommendations:**

Information

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Presentation



Therese W. McMillan

# Exploring the Future of Priority Conservation Areas

Joint MTC Planning with the ABAG Administrative Committee  
June 2022



ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# Background



- Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) are **locations nominated by cities, counties, and park/open space districts** and designated by ABAG for natural habitat protection and open space preservation
- The PCA planning framework was **first designed in 2007**, with only minor updates integrated in 2014
- PCAs are categorized under four primary designations: **natural landscapes, agricultural lands, urban greening, and regional recreation**



Rolling hills and ocean views  
Image Source: National Park Service



Grazing sheep  
Image Source: Karl Kroeber



Urban garden  
Image Source: Hayward Public Library



Hiking trail  
Image Source: Ben Botkin

# Background (cont'd)

- There are **over 185 PCAs** within the region, representing approximately 2.1 million acres of land
- Existing PCAs are as small as three acres or as large as 400,000+ acres



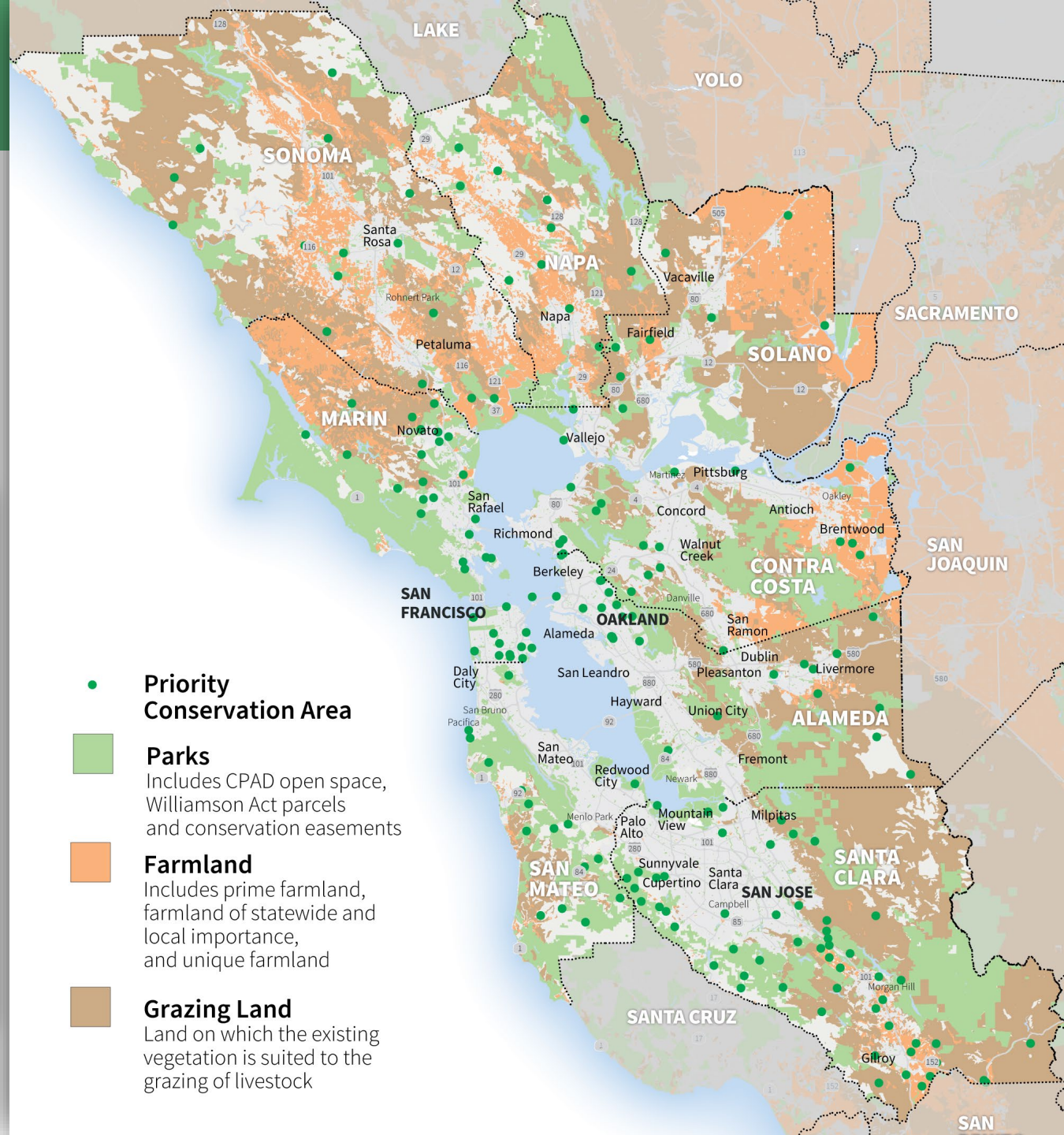
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Image Source: Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District



Niles Canyon  
Image Source: Flickr/John K.



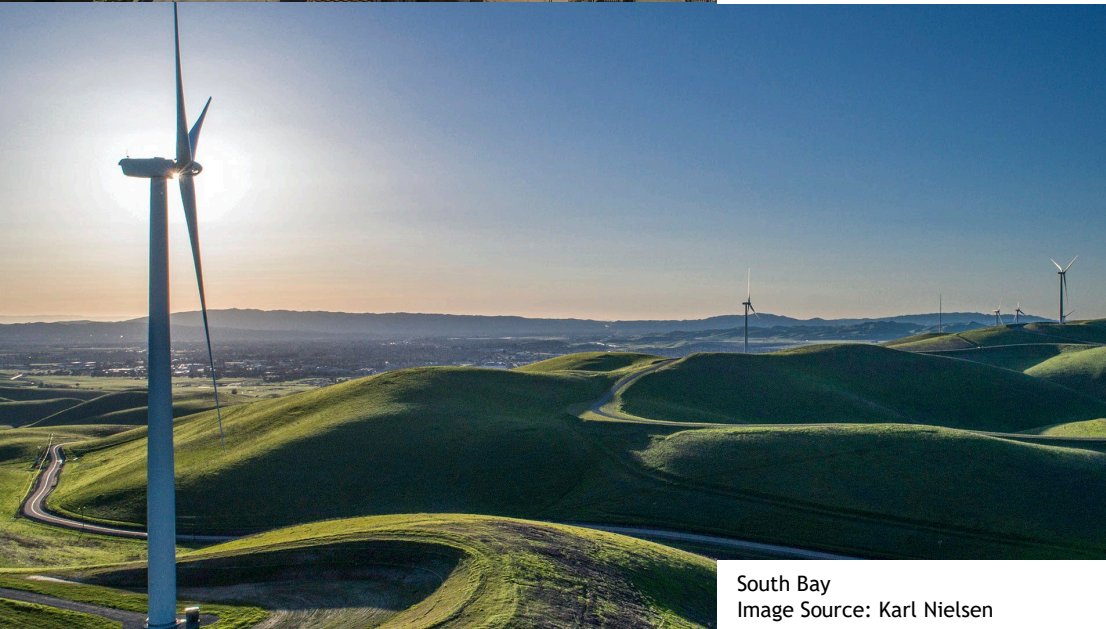
Loma Mar Redwoods  
Image Source: Flickr/Night Owl City



# PCAs and Plan Bay Area



City of Dublin  
Image Source: Karl Nielsen



South Bay  
Image Source: Karl Nielsen

- PCAs have historically complemented Plan Bay Area’s “focused growth” framework, where housing and jobs are focused in transit-served Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and open space is protected
- A revamp of the Plan Bay Area regional growth framework took place in 2018 and 2019, leading to new growth geographies and a broader range of housing and land use strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050
- Although there was interest in modernizing the PCA framework at that time, **priority was given to critical issues related to the Plan’s growth pattern and meeting the Plan’s statutory greenhouse gas emissions reduction target**
- The existing PCA framework was largely left in place with a **commitment to revisit after Plan Bay Area 2050 adoption**

# The PCA Grant Program



- MTC has awarded **\$26 million** in grant funds during One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 programs, in support of **56 total PCA projects**
- Eligible project types have included:
  - Protection of natural resource, open space, or agricultural lands
  - Habitat restoration or enhancements
  - Bicycle and pedestrian access improvements
  - Urban greening
  - Planning activities
- **\$18 million for PCAs has been proposed** for OBAG Cycle 3, with the next call for projects anticipated in 2024 - making this a prime opportunity to revisit the framework

Funding Cycle	MTC Contribution	Coastal Conservancy Contribution	Total PCA Funding
OBAG 1	\$10,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$12,000,000
OBAG 2	\$16,400,000	\$1,800,000	\$18,200,000



Milagra Battery Trail  
Image Source: Vivien Kim Thorp, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy



900 Innes Park Planning  
Image Source: San Francisco Recreation and Parks



Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park  
Image Source: Karin Betts



Dotson Family Marsh  
Image Source: East Bay Regional Parks District

# Refreshing the PCA Planning Framework



- A lot has changed since 2007: climate change risks, equity considerations, conservation data and science, mapping technologies, state and regional policy goals
- Staff believe the PCA framework can act as a **more effective regional policy tool to advance Plan Bay Area 2050's environment strategies**: expanding access to parks and open space and reducing risks from hazards
- Incorporating additional input from partners and stakeholders, refreshing the PCA framework was **included in the adopted Plan Bay Area 2050 Implementation Plan as Action 10c**



# Project Outcomes and Deliverables



- In November 2021, MTC and ABAG were awarded a **\$250,000 grant from the Sustainable Agricultural Lands and Conservation (SALC) Program** managed by the California Department of Conservation to support the PCA Refresh
- The project will:
  - **Evaluate all aspects of the current PCA nomination, evaluation, and designation process**
  - **Articulate a vision for next-generation PCAs and establish clear goals and objectives**
  - **Identify the needs of applicants and develop guidelines and resources**
  - **Result in a final report of major findings, including a recommended suite of options for regional policymakers to consider with respect to planning, policy and funding**
  - **Include considerations for the companion PCA Grant Program, in advance of OBAG-3 allocations**



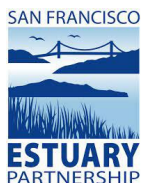
Dairy farm, Marin County  
Image Source: Flickr/Michael Rouphe



# Partnership and Collaboration



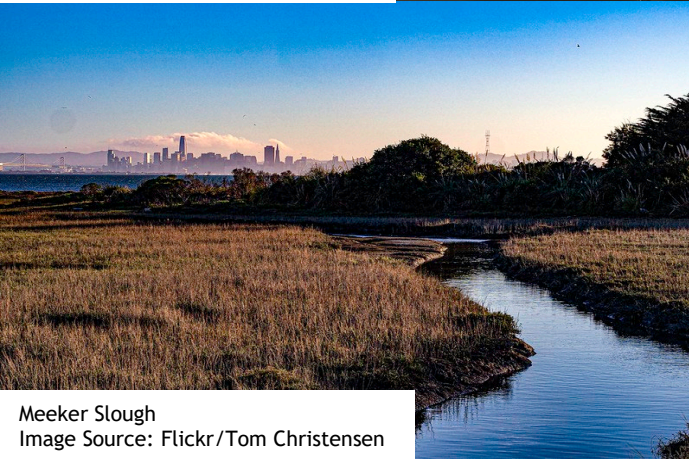
- **Key stakeholders will include:**
  - ☐ Local jurisdictions
  - ☐ Regional park and open space districts
  - ☐ State agencies
  - ☐ County transportation authorities
  - ☐ Environmental and equity advocates/non-profits
  - ☐ Researchers/academics
  - ☐ Agricultural interests
  - ☐ Business interests
- Participation forums will include **ongoing one-on-one and small group meetings, a bi-monthly Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), workshops, and surveys**
- Alignment with **relevant internal and external complementary programs and initiatives** will be key



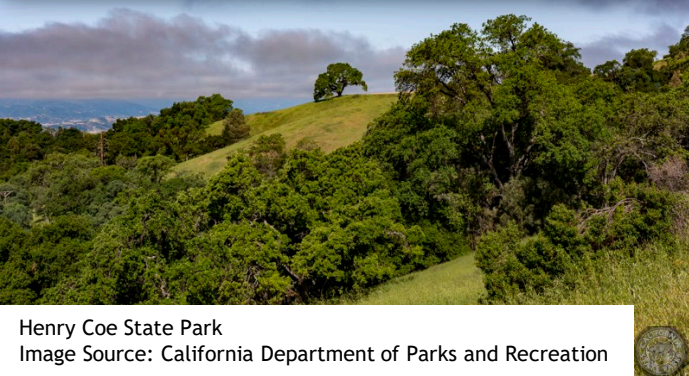
# Key Questions Being Explored



Bair Island State Marine Park  
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Henry Coe State Park  
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**What is the status of existing PCAs?**

**How can we improve PCA data?**

**What resources do PCA project sponsors require?**

**How can PCAs best further regional policy goals?**

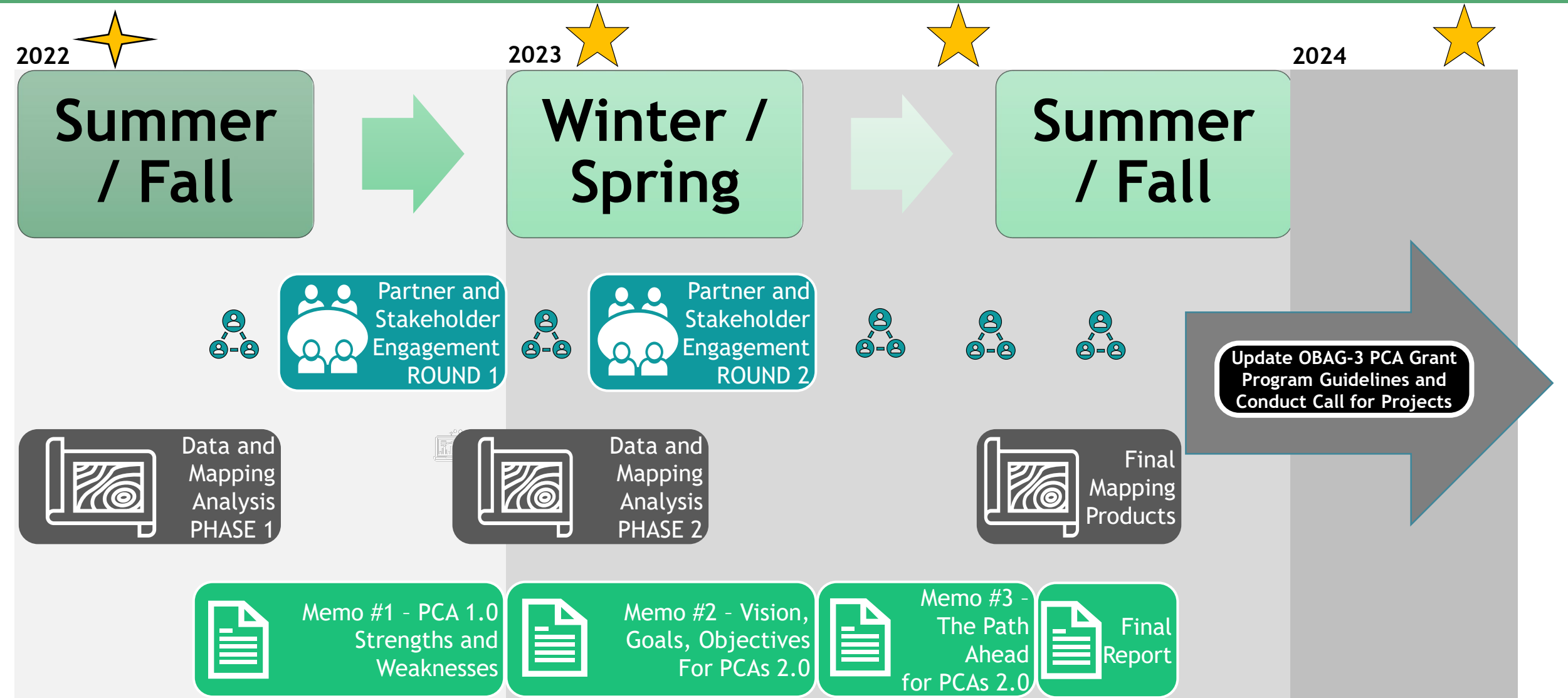
**How should the framework balance ecosystem, equity & resilience goals?**

**How should the framework align with state and regional housing goals?**

**How can we most effectively expand conservation partnerships?**

**... and many more important questions!**

# Project Scope of Work and Timeline



★ = MTC Administration Committee contract approval for consultant services

👥 = Technical Advisory Committee meeting

★ = Board / Commission input



# Questions or Comments?

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