



**ABAG**

## **President's Report**

### **ABAG General Assembly Business Meeting**

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Friday, February 7, 2020

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The ABAG General Assembly had a special Business Meeting met on February 7, 2020.

The General Assembly took the following actions:

- A quorum of County Delegates adopted the proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to include \$23.7 million in Regional Equity Action Planning Grants revenues.
- A quorum of City/Town Delegates also adopted the proposed Budget Amendment.

The General Assembly program included:

- A panel on "The New Normal" which included key legislators involved in the robust housing legislative session who spoke on the reasoning and background for changes to Housing Law and to RHNA. Panelists included Senator Scott Weiner, Senator Jim Beall, and Assemblymember David Chiu. The moderator was Erin Baldassari from KQED.
- A panel on the "Sixth Cycle of RHNA, the Bay Area and Beyond" considered new legislation and its impact on the Bay Area and local governments; provided HCD's statewide perspective, what the Bay Area can expect, and the Bay Area's process and update on the methodology; and included information on ABAG's implementation of resources available to local jurisdictions. Panelists included Megan Kirkeby, Assistant Deputy Director for Fair Housing, California Housing and Community Development; Gillian Adams, ABAG RHNA Project Manager; Daniel Saver, ABAG MTC Assistant Director of Housing and Local Planning. The moderator was Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton.
- The program ended with a "Listening Session" which gave staff the opportunity to gather comments about local government needs related to housing elements and to provide information on resources available to local governments in implementing RHNA.

This concludes the report.

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