



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ABAG Executive Board

October 15, 2020

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:

Plan Bay Area 2050

Staff update on Blueprint Strategy Amendment

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

Significant activity has occurred leading up to this meeting's consideration of the RHNA methodology, and a thorough report will be presented by staff

East Bay Economic Development Alliance

On October 8, I gave a presentation to the *East Bay Economic Development Alliance* on the work we're doing regionally to help strengthen the East Bay's economy including the proposed Plan Bay Area Blueprint strategies on Economic Development, Housing, Transportation and Priority Production Areas. We touched on Telecommuting and RHNA as well. I also encouraged attendees to provide their input and feedback on the upcoming Plan Bay Area Implementation Plan.

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife & Coastal Conservancy

We have had meetings with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Coastal Conservancy on the topic of a Regional Conservation Investment Plan. This is an opportunity for us to think through climate resiliency and conservation activities happening in the North Bay.

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has released a call for proposals for Measure AA's latest grant round. Proposals are due October 23, 2020. The Authority has also created a Community Grants Program, which provides an alternative pathway for funding projects led by community-based organizations in economically disadvantaged communities.

Things to Note

- The San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Josh Bradt presented on Green Stormwater Infrastructure as part of the 3-day "Green Streets for Sustainable Communities" event organized by Transportation Choices for Sustainable Communities.
- Estuary News Magazine released a podcast entitled "Equity with Intention." It interviews four Bay Area women working in regional public agencies to share their observations and insights on the relationship between keeping our Estuary healthy and racism in our communities. A link to the podcast is available on the Estuary Partnership's homepage at sfestuary.org.

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- September 19-26 was National Estuaries Week. Education programs reached close to 10,000 participants, and members of the House and Senate signed bi-partisan resolutions in support of National Estuaries Week. The San Francisco Estuary Partnership used social media to celebrate some of our local estuary heroes.



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