

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY  
AREA GOVERNMENTS  
Meeting Transcript**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, 9:40 AM**

**CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING, MTC PC:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PLANNING COMMITTEE. I'M JAMES SPERING. BELIA RAMOS IS HERE. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS DUE TO REMOTE COMMITTEE MEMBER PARTICIPATION. ON A SAD NOTE, THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF FORMER MTC DEPUTY DIRECTOR ANNE FLEMING. SHE BLAZED A TRAIL FOR REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT. AS MANAGER OF THE MTC TRANSIT COORDINATION ACCESS SECTION SHE MOBILIZED THE BAY AREA'S RESPONSE TO THE 1990'S AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WORKING WITH TRANSIT AGENCIES AND WITH DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW LAW AND TO EXPAND TRAVEL OPTIONS FOR COUNTLESS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. SHE LED THE EFFORT TO DEVELOP THE ALL IN ONE TRANSIT FARE PAYMENT CARD, THAT'S KNOWN TODAY AS CLIPPER. AND THE THAT WAS A REAL STRUGGLE AT THE TIME. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HER HARD WORK. SHE LED THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BAY AREA'S AWARD-WINNING 511, WEB PHONE BASED TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM. AND I WAS THE FIRST CALL. I WAS ASKED TO MAKE THAT FIRST CALL. AND IT DIDN'T GO WELL -- (LAUGHTER) BUT WE DID

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1 MAKE THE FIRST CALL, AND ANNE WAS -- WELL, THERE WAS A LOT OF  
2 NOT QUITE GETTING THE INFORMATION, BUT ANNE LED THAT EFFORT.  
3 LONG-TIME MEMBER, THE CHAIR OF THE TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY OF  
4 AMERICA. THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER OF WHAT WAS THEN  
5 KNOWN AS THE WOMEN'S TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR AND IS NOW KNOWN  
6 AS WTS, INTERNATIONAL BESTOWED UPON ANNE ITS VERY LIFETIME  
7 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. BUT BEYOND ALL THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND  
8 ACCOLADES, ANNE WAS ALWAYS A PICTURE OF STRENGTH, GRACE, AND  
9 POISE WHICH WHEN PAIRED WITH WARMTH AND SINCERE THOUGHTFUL  
10 CONCERNS FOR OTHERS WON HER THE TRUST AND AFFECTION OF HER  
11 COWORKERS. AND COMMISSIONER PARTNERS WITH WHOM SHE  
12 COLLABORATED AND WORKED WITH EFFECTIVELY. FOR ME, ON A  
13 PERSONAL NOTE, I WORKED CLOSELY WITH ANNE. ANNE WAS ONE OF  
14 THOSE INDIVIDUALS. THE RELATIONSHIP SHE HAD WITH COMMISSIONERS  
15 IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE RELATIONSHIP YOU HAVE WITH YOUR CITY  
16 MANAGER OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR. AND SHE WORKED VERY HARD. SHE  
17 CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND  
18 SHE ALWAYS FOUND A WAY FOR A PATH TO SUCCESS. ANNE WAS WELL-  
19 KNOWN BOTH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND SACRAMENTO AS A NATIONAL  
20 TRANSPORTATION LEADER AND SHE WAS LOOKED UPON AS A RESOURCE  
21 BOTH IN SACRAMENTO AND WASHINGTON. HER FINGERPRINTS WERE ALL  
22 OVER THE "ICE TEA" LEGISLATION. THIS WAS WHEN MTC WAS MOVING  
23 FROM A TRANSPORTATION AGENCY TO A TRANSPORTATION LAND USE  
24 AGENCY. SHE PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THAT. AND NOT ONLY  
25 ONE OF THE MOST TALENTED INDIVIDUALS I EVER WORKED WITH SHE

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1 WAS A GREAT PERSON AND SOMEONE YOU FELT PRIVILEGED TO HAVE  
2 WORKED WITH AND HAVE AS A FRIEND. MY PRAYERS GO TO HER FAMILY,  
3 AND THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES. WITH THAT WE WILL ADJOURN IN  
4 HONOR EVER ANNE TODAY. WE'LL MOVE TO THE AGENDA. GREAT PERSON.  
5 MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE ROOM -- THERE IS A HANDFUL THAT HAVE  
6 WORKED WITH HER WHO CERTAINLY KNOW HOW GREAT A PERSON SHE WAS.  
7 MOVING ON NOW WE'LL TAKE THE ROLL CALL FOR THE MTC PLANNING  
8 COMMISSION. WE'LL DO CONSENT. AND I'M GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO  
9 THE CHAIR OF ABAG AND PRESIDENT OF ABAG, AND SHE'LL TAKE US  
10 ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THE END AND I  
11 WILL ADJOURN IN ANNE'S MEMORY, WITH THAT, ROLL CALL FOR THE  
12 PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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14 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** CHAIR SPERING?

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16 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING MTC PC:** PRESENT.

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18 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** VICE CHAIR AHN?

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20 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** CANEPA?

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24 **DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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3 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** GIACOPINI, NON-VOTING. IS ABSENT.

6 COMMISSIONER MAHAN? IS ABSENT. MOULTON-PETERS? NOACK?

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8 **SUE NOACK:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COMMISSIONER RABBITT?

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12 **DAVID RABBITT:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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16 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING, MTC PC:** THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM IS THE

17 MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR. THESE ARE ITEMS THAT

18 REQUIRE LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION. IS THERE ANY ITEM ANYBODY

19 WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS? OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OR

20 ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS?

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22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

23 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM. NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ZOOM AND NO

24 ONE IN THE BOARDROOM.

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1 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING, MTC PC:** VOICE VOTE COUNT.

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3 **SPEAKER:** MOVE THE ITEM.

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5 **SPEAKER:** I'LL SECOND.

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7 **KATHLEEN KANE:** AND YES YOU CAN DO A VOICE VOTE BECAUSE WE  
8 DON'T HAVE ANYONE.

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10 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING, MTC PC:** ALL IN FAVOR OF CONSENT?

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12 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

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14 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING, MTC PC:** OPPOSED? ANY ABSTENTIONS?  
15 THAT MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO PRESIDENT  
16 OF ABAG.

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18 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU MR. SPERING. I WOULD  
19 LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING. WE'LL  
20 HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE FOR ALL ACTIONS DUE TO REMOTE COMMITTEE  
21 MEMBER PARTICIPATION. WILL THE CLERK PLEASE CALL THE ROLL AND  
22 CONFIRM QUORUM.

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24 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU, CHAIR. MAYOR  
25 ARREGUIN?

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2 **V. CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG AC:** PRESENT.

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4 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COUNCIL MEMBER ECKLUND?

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6 **PAT ECKLUND:** PRESENT.

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8 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** SUPERVISOR LEE?

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10 **OTTO LEE:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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12 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** SUPERVISOR RABBITT?

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14 **DAVID RABBITT:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

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18 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO? IS ABSENT. AND

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA?

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23 **CINDY SILVA:** HERE.

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25 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE A QUORUM.

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2 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** WE HAVE ONE ITEM BEFORE US, THE  
3 CONSENT CALENDAR. DOES ANYONE WISH TO PULL ANYTHING FROM  
4 CONSENT?

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6 **V. CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG AC:** APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT  
7 CALENDAR?

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9 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU. IS THERE A SECOND?

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11 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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13 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND. IS  
14 THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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16 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE ARE NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED  
17 FOR THIS ITEM, AND NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM WITH PUBLIC  
18 COMMENT AND IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE, NO MEMBERS WITH RAISED  
19 HANDS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

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21 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IF THE CLERK  
22 COULD PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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24 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** HAPPY TO. IF I MAY, MAY I READ THE ABAG  
25 COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT?

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2 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** YES. WE WILL DO THAT ONE RIGHT  
3 AFTERWARDS. THANK YOU.

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5 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** NO PROBLEM. MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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7 **V. CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG AC:** YES.

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9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** ECKLUND?

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11 **PAT ECKLUND:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** LEE?

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15 **OTTO LEE:** AYE.

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17 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** RABBITT?

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19 **DAVID RABBITT:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** RAMOS?

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23 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** YES.

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO? IS ABSENT. AND  
2 COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA?

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4 **CINDY SILVA:** AYE.

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6 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS  
7 PRESENT.

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9 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU. AND MY APOLOGIES. IF  
10 THE CLERK WOULD PLEASE READ THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT  
11 UNDER ITEM FIVE?

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13 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING  
14 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE  
15 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP  
16 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A  
17 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH  
18 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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20 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** 7A WE'RE GOING TO HEAR A REPORT ON  
21 PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA FRAMEWORK THIS IS A REFRESH FOR US  
22 WHERE WE'RE HEADED TO LET US KNOW ABOUT THIS YEAR-LONG EFFORT.  
23 THIS IS GOING TO BE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE  
24 BOARD AT OUR MAY MEETING. SO, AT THIS TIME, I WOULD INVITE

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1 MICHAEL GERMERAAD TO PROVIDE US THE REPORT. THANK YOU,  
2 MICHAEL.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I'M EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY TO SHARE AN  
5 IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS. WE HAVE A  
6 SLIDE DECK AS WELL. I'LL START WITH A QUICK INTRODUCTION WHAT  
7 PCA AND REFRESH AND TIME TO DIG INTO RECOMMENDED REFORMS. THE  
8 REFRESH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY IS FRAMEWORK FOR PCAS  
9 PARALLEL EFFORT WITH PCA GRANT PROGRAM ONGOING AND SPECIFIC  
10 ACTION WE'RE REQUESTING IS FOR THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE  
11 COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE START OF A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON  
12 THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT AND TO FORWARD THE PCA REFRESH  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION  
14 THIS SPRING. NEXT SLIDE. SO, IN TERMS OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN,  
15 WE CAME TO THIS COMMITTEE TO KICKOFF THE PCA REFRESH IN THE  
16 SUMMER OF 2022. WE THEN DUG INTO THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES  
17 OF THE EXISTING PCA PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND DEVELOPED A VISION,  
18 GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES FOR PCA'S 2.0. THIS PAST SUMMER WE  
19 RELEASED AN INTERIM MEMO SINCE THEN HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH  
20 PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A PATH AHEAD FOR PCAS 2.0  
21 REALLY IDENTIFYING REFORMS NECESSARY TO GET US TO THAT FUTURE  
22 FRAMEWORK. ALONG THE WAY, HOSTING WORKSHOPS, SURVEYS, HOLDING  
23 OFFICE HOURS AS WELL AS RECEIVING INPUT FROM A TECHNICAL  
24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. NEXT SLIDE. SO, THE PCA FRAMEWORK WAS  
25 FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 2007 AT THE SAME TIME AS PRIORITY

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1 DEVELOPMENT AREAS. JUST LIKE PDAS, PCAS HAVE BEEN LOCALLY  
2 NOMINATED, AND OVER THE YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR NOMINATION  
3 CYCLES THAT HAVE RESULTED IN 185PCAS. PCSS ARE DESIGNATED AS  
4 ONE OR MORE TYPES. WE HAVE NATURAL LAND, AGRICULTURAL LANDS,  
5 URBAN GREENING AND REGIONAL RECREATION. SINCE 2013, WE HAVE  
6 APPROVED 30 MILLION IN GRANT SUPPORT. THAT'S A PROGRAM THROUGH  
7 BOTH MTC AND THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY. NEXT SLIDE. SO, AS  
8 I MENTIONED, THE FOCUS OF THE CONVERSATION TODAY IS ON THE PCA  
9 PLANNING FRAMEWORK. ONE OF THE BEST SUCCESSES OF PCAS HAS BEEN  
10 THE GRANT PROGRAM GETTING MONEY OUT THE DOOR TO SUPPORT THE  
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF PCAS BUT REALLY SEEING BIG OPPORTUNITY TO  
12 IMPROVE HOW WE USE PCAS FOR REGIONAL PLANNING AND POLICY WORK  
13 AS WELL AS ADVOCACY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHEN WE LOOK AT  
14 WEAKNESSES OF THE FRAMEWORK THERE WAS LIMITATIONS HOW WE COULD  
15 USE THOSE PCA GEOGRAPHIES. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO INFORM WE  
16 HAVE STRUCTURE IN PLACE TO ALLOW USE IN OUR REGIONAL PLANNING  
17 WORK FUNNELING INTO ADVOCACY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THEN WE  
18 HOPE BY BRINGING THAT STRUCTURE WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING MORE TO  
19 BRING TO STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL  
20 PARTNERS AND FUNDING. NEXT SLIDE. WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO  
21 SYNTHESIZE THOSE CHALLENGES WITH THE EXISTING PLANNING  
22 FRAMEWORK THEN HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR REFORM FOR EACH OF  
23 THOSE CHALLENGES. THE FIRST IS FAIRLY STRAIGHT FORWARD, JUST  
24 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE EXISTING PCA DEFINITION WAS SOMEWHAT  
25 INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT HAD BEEN NOMINATED IN THE REGION AS

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1 WELL AS WHAT HAD BEEN FUNDED. IT'S REALLY ABOUT CLEANING THAT  
2 UP ENSURING WE'RE CLEAR AND DIRECT WITH THE DEFINITIONS FOR  
3 PCS AND WE'LL GET INTO THAT IF A FUTURE SLIDE. THE SECOND  
4 PIECE WAS REALLY SOMETHING THAT WAS PART OF THE VERY IMPETUS  
5 FOR THE REFRESH, A DESIRE TO INCORPORATE CLIMATE ADAPTATION  
6 AND EQUITY MORE EXTENSIVELY INTO THE PCA PLANNING FRAMEWORK.  
7 SO WE HAVE ADDED A FIFTH TYPE OF PCA WITH CLIMATE ADAPTATION  
8 AND THEN WORKED TO INTEGRATE EQUITY INTO EACH PCA TYPE. 3 AND  
9 4 GO TOGETHER. THREE IS ABOUT HOW WE'RE DRAWING PCA  
10 BOUNDARIES. THERE ARE EXISTING PCAS THAT HAVE POORLY OR  
11 VAGUELY DRAWN GEOGRAPHIES. SO WE WANT TO ENSURE GOING FORWARD  
12 WE ADDRESS THOSE AND THAT I ENSURE FUTURE PCAS HAVE ACCURATE  
13 BOUNDARIES. IN ADDITION TO WHERE WE DRAW PCAS ON THE MAP, WE  
14 WANT TO BE MORE CONSISTENT WITH HOW WE ARE APPLYING TYPES TO  
15 THOSE PCAS, AND THE WAY WE RECOMMEND DOING THAT IS BY BRINGING  
16 IN DATA TO SUPPORT WHICH PCA TYPES ARE APPROPRIATE IN  
17 DIFFERENT AREAS. THE FIFTH CHALLENGE THAT WE SAW, SOMETHING  
18 THAT WE HEARD FROM STAKEHOLDERS THEN WHEN WE WERE BRINGING IN  
19 DATA TO LOOK WHERE THERE COULD BE VALUES OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
20 PCAS IS THAT THERE ARE GAPS IN THE REGION OF WHERE PCAS COULD  
21 EXIST. SO, IN ADDITION TO A PROCESS IN A LOCAL NOMINATION  
22 PROCESS, WE'RE RECOMMENDING THE INCORPORATION OF REGIONAL  
23 IDENTIFIED PCAS TO COMPLEMENT THOSE LOCAL NOMINATIONS AND FILL  
24 KEY GAPS. THE SIXTH CHALLENGE IS SOMETHING WE HEARD THROUGHOUT  
25 THE PROCESS, ALL OF OUR MEETINGS, JUST AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT

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1 THE PCA FUNDING THAT WE HAVE, AT TIMES, IS TOO RESTRICTIVE IN  
2 ACTIVITIES FOLKS ARE INTERESTED IN COMPETING AND SCALE OF  
3 FUNDS ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS. WE HAVEN'T  
4 IDENTIFIED SOME NEW FUNDING SOURCE THAT'S MAGICALLY GOING TO  
5 FILL THOSE GAPS BUT WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND INCORPORATION  
6 OF PCAS INTO PLANNING AND ADVOCACY WORK WE'LL HELP LIFT THEM  
7 UP FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. NEXT SLIDE. SO, THE PCAS, WHAT WE  
8 HAVE DONE IS ADDED A VISION TO PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS  
9 WHERE WE HAVE REALLY TRIED TO ELEVATES SOME KEY TOPICS,  
10 BIODIVERSITY, RESILIENCE, AND EQUITY, AND YOU CAN SEE HOW WE  
11 HAVE REFLECTED THOSE IN THE VISION. DEFINITION IS SIMILAR TO  
12 WHAT EXISTED BEFORE BUT IT'S EXPANDED TO NOT ONLY BE FOCUSED  
13 ON THE PROTECTION OF LANDS, BUT ALSO THE ENHANCEMENT THAT  
14 GIVES US SPACE TO WORK IN FARM TO MARKET ACCESS, NATURAL  
15 HABITAT RESTORATION ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS PUBLIC ACCESS.  
16 ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE ADDED THAT FIFTH TYPE IN CLIMATE  
17 ADAPTATION TO THE FRAMEWORK. NEXT SLIDE. SO, WHILE WE HAVE  
18 BROADENED THE DEFINITION OF PCAS, WHERE WE ADD ADDITIONAL  
19 STRUCTURE IS WITHIN EACH TYPE, WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE MORE  
20 CONSISTENCY ACROSS THE REGION, WITH WHAT GETS NOMINATED WITHIN  
21 EACH TYPE. ONE THING THAT'S APPLIED TO EACH PCA AS WE DEVELOP  
22 OBJECTIVES WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND BROUGHT IN CORRESPONDING DATA  
23 SETS TO SUPPORT WHERE THERE MIGHT BE OPPORTUNITIES OR VALUES  
24 ASSOCIATED WITH THAT PCA TYPE. IN ADDITION TO LETTING DATA  
25 DRIVE WHERE THERE MIGHT BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE PCAS, WE'RE

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1 ALWAYS DRAWING DISTINCTION TO AREAS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE CITY  
2 LIMITS NATURAL WORKING LANDS WHERE WE SEE BROADER  
3 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE PCA TYPES OUTSIDE SEA LIMITS WHEREAS  
4 URBAN GREENING WE SEE INSIDE COMMUNITIES. REGIONAL RECREATION  
5 AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION ARE ONES WE SEE EXISTING IN EITHER.  
6 ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY PCA TYPE AGAIN WITH NATURAL AND  
7 WORKING LANDS HAVING KEY NEED FOR PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION  
8 WHILE ALSO ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES URBAN GREENING, REGIONAL  
9 RECREATION AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION ARE FOCUSED ON ENHANCEMENT.  
10 I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT CLIMATE ADAPTATION THE  
11 FIFTH NEW PCA TYPE IS THOUGHT OF AS A COMPANION AND OVERLAY  
12 PCA THAT JOINS ONE OF THE FOUR OTHERS. NATURAL LAND COULD BE  
13 NOMINATED WHERE THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION  
14 ACTIVITIES PCAS COULD BE NOMINATED TOGETHER. URBAN GREENING  
15 SIMILARLY COULD BE PAIRED WITH CLIMATE ADAPTATION. THEN THE  
16 FINAL SET OF ROWS FOCUS ON HOW EQUITY IS INCORPORATED, WHERE  
17 WE HAVE OVERLAP WITH COMMUNITIES, WITH URBAN GREENING AND  
18 REGIONAL RECREATION, WE SEE A PLACE-BASED APPROACH WHERE WE'RE  
19 ABLE TO BRING IN OUR EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES MAPPING  
20 DIRECTLY INTO THOSE PCA TYPES. BUT FOR NATURAL AND WORKING  
21 LANDS, AS WELL AS CLIMATE ADAPTATION WE REALLY FEEL LIKE THE  
22 OPPORTUNITY IS MORE IN A PROGRAMMATIC SENSE WHERE THERE ISN'T  
23 NECESSARILY OVERLAP WITH WHERE THOSE COMMUNITIES ARE AND THOSE  
24 PCAS ARE. NEXT SLIDE. SO, WHEN WE TAKE THAT FRAMEWORK AND PUT  
25 IT INTO A MAP, THIS IS WHAT WE WIND UP WITH. AND I THINK THE

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1 FIRST TAKE AWAY IS JUST THAT MOST OF THE REGION IS STILL  
2 ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS A PCA, SO  
3 WE'RE TRYING TO ENSURE THAT FLEXIBILITY WHERE FOLKS CAN STILL  
4 NOMINATE PCAS WHERE THEY HAVE LOCAL PRIORITIES. THE NEW  
5 STRUCTURE IS REALLY WHICH TYPES ARE APPROPRIATE IN DIFFERENT  
6 SECTIONS IN THE REGION. AND IN MOST PORTIONS OF THE REGION,  
7 NOT ONLY COULD AN AREA BE NOMINATED AS A PCA, BUT IT COULD BE  
8 NOMINATED AS MULTIPLE TYPES STILL. I WANT TO MENTION THAT OUR  
9 GOAL IS NOT IN A FUTURE NOMINATION CYCLE FOR A COMMUNITY TO  
10 DECIDE TO NOMINATE EVERYTHING THAT'S ELIGIBLE, WE STILL WANT  
11 TO EMPHASIZE THAT PRIORITY IN THE PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA  
12 FRAMEWORK. THE, YOU KNOW, WE WOUND UP WITH THIS APPROACH TO  
13 REALLY ENSURE THAT LOCAL FLEXIBILITY, BUT THEN ENSURE THAT  
14 COHESION AND CONSISTENCY WITHIN TYPES BY BRINGING IN THE DATA  
15 TO SUPPORT THESE ELIGIBILITY MAPS. NEXT SLIDE. THIS NEXT MAP  
16 IS FOCUSED ON A DRAFT THAT REGIONALLY IDENTIFIED PCA LOCATIONS  
17 AND WHAT WE HAVE TRIED TO DO HERE IS LOOK AT THE SAME DATA  
18 SETS THAT WERE -- PRODUCED THE MAP ON THE PRIOR SLIDE BUT  
19 ELEVATE CERTAIN AREAS IN THE REGION WHERE THERE IS REGIONAL  
20 SIGNIFICANCE OR REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY THAT'S KEY. WE'RE  
21 PROPOSING THIS AS JUST A DRAFT AT THIS POINT. WE ANTICIPATE  
22 COMING BACK TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WHEN WE GO OUT FOR A  
23 NEW CALL FOR PCA NOMINATIONS TO MORE FORMALLY ADOPT THESE  
24 REGIONALLY IDENTIFIED PCA AT THAT TIME. THE WAY WE HAVE GOTTEN  
25 FROM BROAD ELIGIBILITY FOR EACH TIME TO THIS MORE NARROW SET

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1 OF LOCATIONS, AGAIN, IS LOOKING AT THE DATA IN A NARROW SUBSET  
2 WHERE THERE ARE THOSE REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT OR REGIONALLY  
3 CONNECTIVE PLACES. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH NATURAL LANDS, THIS IS A  
4 SMALL SUBSET OF WHAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO  
5 NOMINATE WE HAVE FOCUSED NARROWLY ON WILDLIFE CORRIDORS AND  
6 PRIORITY STREAMS THAT COINCIDE WITH KEY HABITATS TRYING TO  
7 IDENTIFY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NEED WHERE WE HAVE GAPS COVERAGE  
8 CREATING ANOTHER EXAMPLE WHERE WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT REGIONAL  
9 TRAIL NETWORK MS. COVERAGE ACROSS THE REGION. NEXT SLIDE.  
10 AGAIN SEEKING APPROVAL FOR THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
11 TO RELEASE A DRAFT FOR FINAL REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT THROUGH  
12 END MARCH FORWARD THE PCA REFRESH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ABAG  
13 EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION IN MAY. PENDING EXECUTIVE  
14 BOARD DIRECTION WE WOULD THEN WORK ON LEADS ON THE 185  
15 EXISTING PCAS TO EVALUATE AND AMEND AS NECESSARY ONCE WE GET  
16 THROUGH THAT PROCESS OPEN CALL FOR PCA NOMINATIONS IN PARALLEL  
17 TO THE PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND DECISION OF PCA GEOGRAPHIES  
18 GRANT PROGRAM ONGOING ANTICIPATION FOR CALL TO PROJECTS. I'LL  
19 TAKE ANY QUESTIONS

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21 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU, MICHAEL FOR THAT  
22 REFRESHER. ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COMMISSION SPERING?

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24 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING MTC PC:** IN THE PAST IN THE NORTH BAY  
25 COUNTIES, ALLOCATION WAS 10 MILLION AT THE TIME AND TWO AND A

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1 HALF MILLION FOR EACH ONE OF THE COUNTIES AND IT WAS TO  
2 DELIVER PCAS. I'M HOPING THERE WILL BE SOME CONSIDERATION. AT  
3 THE TIME WHEN THE COMMISSION APPROVED THAT, THE NORTH BAY  
4 COUNTIES WEREN'T GETTING LARGE TRANSPORTATION ALLOCATIONS THEY  
5 DIDN'T HAVE THESE LARGE PROJECTS LIKE BART AND OTHERS. IT'S  
6 KIND OF AN EQUITY ISSUE. I'M HOPING MTC WILL LOOK AT SOME TYPE  
7 OF ALLOCATION FOR THE NORTH BAY COUNTIES. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE  
8 PROJECTS WE'RE DELIVERING, YOU KNOW, I USE THE ROCKVILLE PARK  
9 AS AN EXAMPLE, 75% OF PEOPLE WHO USE THAT PARK ARE OUT OF THE  
10 BAY AREA, SOLANO COUNTY RESIDENTS. THOSE PROGRAMS SERVE THE  
11 WHOLE BAY AREA, NAPA, SONOMA, MARIN, AND SOLANO, ALL ARE VERY  
12 UNIQUE. THEY HAVE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS WITHIN THE REGION.  
13 SO, I HOPE THAT THERE IS SOME CONSIDERATION FOR THAT. AND THAT  
14 WE CAN CONTINUE, YOU KNOW, THE PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURE,  
15 OPEN SPACE, THE VERY THING THOSE FOUR NORTH BAY COUNTIES  
16 PROVIDE. SO.

17

18 **MATT MALONEY:** SURE, COMMISSIONER. MATT MALONEY --

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20 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING MTC PC:** YOU CAN STOP RIGHT THERE WITH  
21 SURE. (LAUGHTER)

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23 **MATT MALONEY:** MATT MALONEY DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS  
24 COMMITTEE RECEIVED A PRESENTATION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ABOUT  
25 CALL FOR PROJECTS. AND I THINK WHAT WE REFLECTED IN THAT

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1 PRESENTATION WAS WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING UP. YOU KNOW, BASED ON  
2 SOME SCRUTINY FROM THE FEDS IN TERMS OF HOW WE DISTRIBUTE  
3 FEDERAL MONEYS WE CAN'T NECESSARILY.

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5 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING MTC PC:** I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT.

6

7 **MATT MALONEY:** BUT THERE IS A TARGET WE HAVE PUT IN THAT  
8 PROGRAM, YOU KNOW, TO, SORT OF, ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE  
9 WHAT THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN OVER THE YEARS AND WITH THE  
10 UNDERSTANDING THAT NORTH BAY DOES HAVE A LOT OF THESE LANDS.  
11 SO, THAT'S KIND OF WHERE WE HAVE LANDED AND I THINK IT WILL BE  
12 A GOOD PROGRAM WITH GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.

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14 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING MTC PC:** MICHAEL, I APPRECIATE THIS  
15 STRUCTURE THAT YOU PRESENTED. AND I THINK IT'S GOOD. AND YOU  
16 KNOW, THE MONEY THAT NORTH BAY COUNTIES, THEY CERTAINLY WILL -  
17 - YOU KNOW, FOLLOW THIS POLICY. BUT, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT  
18 THAT, YOU KNOW, THOSE COUNTIES PROVIDE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES  
19 FOR THE REST OF THE BAY AREA. AND, SO, YOU KNOW, IF WE CAN AT  
20 LEAST LOOK AT THOSE PROJECTS IN A VERY POSITIVE WAY, IT WOULD  
21 BE HELPFUL. I JUST WANT TO RAISE THAT ISSUE. WHEN IT COMES TO  
22 THE COMMISSION I'M GOING TO RAISE IT AGAIN. AND I SAW BRAD,  
23 DEREK, AND KATHLEEN NOD THEIR HEADS SO THAT MEANS WE'RE GOOD  
24 TO GO. (LAUGHTER) SINCE THE LEADERSHIP IS NOT HERE. (LAUGHTER)

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1 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** I APPRECIATE THAT ADVOCACY FOR  
2 NAPA. I'M GOING TO GO TO MEMBER ECKLUND AND THEN GO AROUND.  
3

4 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIR BELIA. I AGREE WITH  
5 COMMISSIONER SPERING ABOUT THE NORTH BAY. AND I KNOW THAT  
6 MARIN AND SONOMA, WE ENTERTAIN VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE  
7 REGION AND AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND THAT INCLUDES, ALSO,  
8 SOLANO, AS WELL. AND, SO, WE -- I KNOW WE WERE A BIG USER OF  
9 THIS PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA PROGRAM, BUT I HAVE SOME  
10 QUESTIONS. SO, FIRST OF ALL, DID YOU SEEK INPUT FROM CITIES  
11 AND COUNTIES ON THIS REVISED VERSION?

12  
13 **SPEAKER:** YES. WE IN ADDITION TO WORKSHOPS AND SURVEYS AND  
14 GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT ON REFORMS THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS, WE  
15 ALSO HAD A FEW FOCUS GROUPS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPECIFICALLY  
16 TO TALK ABOUT THE REFORMS, IN ADDITION, THE PROCESS TO AMEND,  
17 IF NECESSARY, SOME OF THE EXISTING PCAS, AND IN FEBRUARY, WE  
18 STARTED KIND OF OUR ROADSHOW GOING TO THE COUNTY PLANNING  
19 DIRECTOR MEETINGS THAT HAPPENED ON A MONTHLY OR BIMONTHLY  
20 BASIS TO TALK THROUGH THE SET OF REFORMS.

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22 **PAT ECKLUND:** DID YOU INCLUDE MARIN, SONOMA AND SOLANO IN THAT?

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24 **MICHAEL GERMERAAD:** CORRECT.

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1 **PAT ECKLUND:** SO YOU VISITED ALL THREE COUNTIES. OKAY. SO, MY  
2 QUESTION IS, ON SEVERAL PAGES WHERE YOU SAID IT DID NOT HOLD  
3 TOGETHER, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

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5 **MICHAEL GERMERAAD:** I THINK THAT'S REALLY ABOUT THE FOURTH  
6 CHALLENGE WITH THE PCA TYPES. WHEN WE LOOK AT THEM AT A  
7 REGIONAL SCALE, AND WE LOOK AT ALL OF THE NATURAL LAND PCAS,  
8 ALL THE URBAN GREENING PCAS, AND LOOK AT THE AREAS THAT HAVE  
9 BEEN DESIGNATED, THEY'RE VERY DIFFERENT AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN  
10 NOMINATED. SO PEOPLE HAVE NOMINATED PLACES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY  
11 THAT ARE REALLY FOCUSED ON AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AS URBAN  
12 GREENING. SO, REALLY, THE -- WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO HERE IS,  
13 IN SOME WAYS, JUST ENSURE THAT WE HAVE CONSISTENCY. SO WE HAVE  
14 TRIED TO BE VERY INCLUSIVE WITH THE DATA SO THAT FOLKS WILL  
15 STILL HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY TO PRIORITIZE, BUT WE WANT TO  
16 PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT MORE IN STRUCTURE AND GUIDE RAILS TO  
17 ENSURE WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT HOLDS TOGETHER, SO WHEN WE LOOK  
18 AT URBAN GREENING IN ONE COUNTY, THIS'S SIMILAR IN TERMS OF  
19 THE TYPE OF WHAT HAS BEEN NOMINATED ELSEWHERE. THAT'S THE  
20 RATIONALE, AND WE THINK THE ADDED STRUCTURE WILL ALLOW US TO  
21 ELEVATE PCAS IN MORE OF OUR PLANNING WORK WHEN WE'RE DOING  
22 PLANNED BAY AREA, AS WELL AS FUTURE ADVOCACY WORK, WHEN WE'RE  
23 LOOKING TO PULL URBAN GREENING PCAS FOR A STATE URBAN GREENING  
24 PROGRAM, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO SOME ADDITIONAL VETTING TO DECIDE  
25 WHAT IS APPROPRIATE TO ELEVATE TO THE STATE.

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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** BUT, MICHAEL, MY FEELING IS THAT URBAN GREENING  
3 MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT COUNTIES. WE'RE NOT ALL  
4 THE SAME. WE ALL ARE VERY UNIQUE. AND, SO, URBAN GREENING, TO  
5 MARIN COUNTY, IS GOING TO BE SO MUCH DIFFERENT THAN, SAY,  
6 ALAMEDA COUNTY, FOR EXAMPLE. SO, I DON'T NECESSARILY AGREE  
7 THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SIMILAR -- OR THE SAME DEFINITION. I  
8 THINK THAT -- LIKE, WE WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE, I BELIEVE, AN  
9 OLD FARM, AND IN MARIN, WHICH -- IN NOVATO, WHICH AG LANDS ARE  
10 DISAPPEARING HERE AND THERE, BECAUSE -- BUT WE NEED TO RETAIN  
11 THEM. SO, I GUESS I'M NOT CONVINCED THIS WE NEED TO HAVE A  
12 SIMILAR DEFINITION OF URBAN GREENING THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE BAY  
13 AREA. BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT WITH DIFFERENT  
14 COUNTIES. THE OTHER QUESTION IS, YOU SAY THAT THE -- THAT THE  
15 EXISTING PCA DEFINITION IS INCONSISTENT WITH HOW PCAS WERE  
16 USED AND FUNDED. BUT, REALLY WASN'T EXPLAINED, I THINK IT WAS  
17 ON PAGE TWO OR SIX, HOW PCAS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AND FUNDING  
18 OVER THE PAST DECADE WAS NOT FULLY ALIGNED WITH THE PROTECT  
19 ONLY DEFINITION OF THE PROGRAM. AND THERE IS SOME CONFUSION  
20 ABOUT WHAT IS MEANT FOR PCA OVERLAP WITH EXISTING COMMUNITIES  
21 FOR GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES. CAN YOU HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT  
22 PHRASE?

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24 **MICHAEL GERMERAAD:** THE ORIGINAL DEFINITION DEVELOPED IN 2017  
25 AND ACQUISITION APPROACH TO PCA ELECTION OF PCAS HAVE THE

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1 REGION AREAS THAT ARE PLACES UNDER STATE OR LOCAL OWNERSHIP,  
2 PARKS OPEN SPACES OR PRESERVES, THERE ARE STILL NEEDS FOR  
3 PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AND HABITAT RESTORATION INCLUSION  
4 OF CLIMATE ADAPTATION MAYBE SOME NEEDS FOR INVESTMENT UNDER  
5 THAT CATEGORY, ACKNOWLEDGING THE PCAS THAT OVERLAP COMMUNITIES  
6 WHERE THERE IS EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD THERE ARE CERTAINLY  
7 OPPORTUNITIES THERE, URBAN GREENING RECREATION CLIMATE  
8 ADAPTING A AND NOT REALLY PROTECT FOCUSED IT'S MORE OF AN  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THOSE COMMUNITIES. DEFINITION MAINTAINS  
10 PROTECTION IS NECESSARY FOR SOME PCAS, BUT ALSO ENHANCEMENT OF  
11 LANDS WHETHER THAT'S IN THE URBAN FABRIC OR OUT IN THE OPEN  
12 SPACE.

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14 **PAT ECKLUND:** SOMETIMES ENHANCEMENT INCLUDES PROTECTING. MY  
15 LAST QUESTION IS ON PAGE THREE YOU SAY REFINE PCA DEFINITION  
16 TO BE CLEAR REFLECT HOW IT'S USED IN PRACTICE. YOU MENTIONED  
17 THIS CHANGE REMOVES ANY PERCEIVED CONFLICT WITH PCAS WITHIN  
18 THE EXISTING COMMUNITY OR PDAS. YOU CAN HELP ME UNDERSTAND  
19 THAT?

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21 **MICHAEL GERMERAAD:** THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAME OUT THROUGH  
22 SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHERE THERE ARE NOT  
23 CLARITY ON WHAT IT MEANT FOR A PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA TO  
24 COEXIST WITH A PCA IN THE SAME SPACE AND THAT LINKS BACK TO  
25 THE ELEMENT OF THE PROTECTION FOCUS OF THE PRIOR DEFINITION.

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1 SO WE THINK WITH THESE ADDED STRUCTURE, THAT WE'RE INCLUDED  
2 FOR EACH PCA TYPE, AS WELL AS THIS EXPANSION INTO ALSO  
3 DESCRIBING PCAS AS ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, A PCA CAN  
4 COEXIST WITH A PDA, WITHOUT THAT PRESENTING ANY CONFLICT ABOUT  
5 US SAYING THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT THAT LAND FOR  
6 CONSERVATION VALUES ONLY. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WANTED  
7 TO ENSURE WAS INTERNALLY CONSISTENT, SO WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT  
8 WE CAN BRING INTO OUR REGIONAL KIND OF LAND USE FRAMEWORK.

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10 **PAT ECKLUND:** SO, YOU'RE INTENDING TO SEND THIS OUT FOR COMMENT  
11 FROM CITIES AND COUNTIES?

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13 **MICHAEL GERMERAAD:** CITIES AND COUNTIES AND INTERESTED  
14 STAKEHOLDERS. YES.

15

16 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU.

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18 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU. MEMBER RABBITT?

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20 **DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NO SURPRISE I'M GOING TO  
21 AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUE FROM SOLANO COUNTY REGARDING THE  
22 ALLOCATION TO THE NORTH COUNTIES. WE ALL REMEMBER AND I  
23 REALIZE THERE IS A WAY TO STILL MAKE THAT HAPPEN AS WE DID IN  
24 THE PREVIOUS ALLOCATION. THAT ALLOCATION WAS RECOGNIZED IN THE  
25 DOLLAR ALLOCATION TAKING PLACE WITHIN THOSE PROJECTS AND

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1 GIVING A NOD TO THE NORTH BAY FOR THAT. OUR OWN COUNTY VERY  
2 PROUD WE HAVE 8 MILLION VISITORS PER YEAR. THE VAST MAJORITY  
3 OF THEM ARE FROM THE OTHER EIGHT COUNTIES IN THE BAY AREA. AND  
4 THOSE ARE REAL AND IN FACT I'M JUST LOOKING AT AN ITEM FOR  
5 FUTURE MEETINGS, NOT MULTI-TASKING A LITTLE BIT (LAUGHTER)  
6 BUT, YOU KNOW, IT'S THOSE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH  
7 THOSE IMPACTS, AS WELL, AND WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE  
8 CAN SCRAMBLE AND KEEP AHEAD OF THE CURVE AMONGST ALL THE OTHER  
9 THINGS HAPPENING. I DO APPRECIATE THAT CONSIDERATION GOING  
10 FORWARD. I'LL ALSO BE TALKING ABOUT IT AT THE COMMISSION.  
11 BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT WAS A LOGICAL, COMMON SENSE APPROACH,  
12 RECOGNIZING KIND OF THE BROADER AREA, AND TO DIRECTOR  
13 ECKLUND'S POINT THAT EVERY COUNTY IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT AND  
14 SERVES THE BAY AREA IN A DIFFERENT WAY. THANK YOU.

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16 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** COMMISSIONER MOULTON-PETERS?

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18 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO APPRECIATE THE  
19 DEFINITION OF PCAS IS EVOLVING YOUR NATURAL LAND REFLECTS  
20 WILDLIFE CORRIDORS NOW AND PRIORITY STREAMS AND THE WORK I DO  
21 ON LANDSCAPE SCALE CONSERVATION WE'RE MOVING FROM A PEOPLE  
22 FOCUS TO A WHOLE ECOSYSTEM AND HABITAT FOCUS. SO, I THINK IT'S  
23 IMPORTANT THAT WE BRING THAT IN, AND I WANT TO SUGGEST A  
24 SIMILAR EXPANSION IN THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORK, AND WILL  
25 MAKE THESE COMMENTS DURING THE COMMENTS PERIOD. BCDC WHERE I

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1 SERVE WITH COMMISSIONER AHN, WE'RE MOVING TO WATERSHED  
2 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL LANDSCAPE UNITS TO REFLECT THE  
3 ENTIRETY OF THE WATERSHEDS THAT THEN FEED INTO TIDAL HABITAT,  
4 AND ARE AFFECTED BY SEA LEVEL RISE. SO, I THINK EXPANDING ON  
5 THE SCIENCE THAT INFORMS SOME OF THESE DEFINITIONS IS  
6 IMPORTANT. CERTAINLY A TREND THAT WE'RE SEEING IN OTHER WORK.  
7 SO, THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

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9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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11 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER  
12 COMMENTS AT THIS TIME. THE REQUESTED ACTION FOR US TO APPROVE  
13 THE PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA FRAMEWORK REFRESH AND RELEASE A  
14 REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. AND BEFORE I TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT, I  
15 WOULD ASK IF THERE IS A MOTION AND SECOND FROM THE ABAG  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE?

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18 **EDDIE AHN:** MOTION APPROVED FOR STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

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20 **CARLOS ROMERO:** I'LL SECOND. ROMERO.

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22 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A MOTION BY  
23 MEMBER LEE AND A SECOND BY MEMBER ROMERO. AT THIS TIME, I WILL  
24 ASK THE CLERK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED  
2 FOR THIS ITEM. NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM FOR  
3 PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME, AND AT THE TELECONFERENCE  
4 LOCATIONS, I SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THERE FOR PUBLIC  
5 COMMENT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU. IF THE ABAG CLERK  
8 WOULD NOW PLEASE CONDUCT THE ROLL.

9

10 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU CHAIR. MAYOR ARREGUIN?

11

12 **V. CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG AC:** YES.

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14 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COUNCIL MEMBER ECKLUND?

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16 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

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18 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** SUPERVISOR LEE?

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20 **OTTO LEE:** AYE.

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22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** SUPERVISOR RABBITT?

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24 **DAVID RABBITT:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

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3 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** YES.

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5 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO?

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7 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** AND COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA?

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11 **CINDY SILVA:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS  
14 PRESENT.

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16 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WILL NOW ASK  
17 THE CLERK TO LIST ANY ITEMS RECEIVED UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC  
18 COMMENT FOR ITEM EIGHT, THAT IT WERE RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M.  
19 INTO INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV YESTERDAY INTO THE RECORD AND I  
20 WOULD ASK THAT IF ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ARE  
21 PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE TOs DIAL STAR NINE AND MEMBERS  
22 OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD LINE UP BEHIND THE PODIUM TO SPEAK.

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24 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** NO WRITTEN COMMENDATION RECEIVED FOR  
25 THIS ITEM NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND

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1 AT THE TO LOCATION NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THERE FOR PUBLIC  
2 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

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4 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT  
5 CONCLUDES OUR BUSINESS FOR TODAY. I WILL BE ADJOURNING THIS  
6 ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO OUR NEXT MEETING ON  
7 FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH, AT 9:40 A.M., HERE AT THE BAY AREA METRO  
8 CENTER, 375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA. ANY  
9 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC.  
10 I'LL HAND IT OVER TO COMMISSIONER SPERING.

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12 **CHAIR, JAMES P. SPERING, MTC PC:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF ABAG  
13 AND MTC STAFF AND THIS JOINT COMMITTEE WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN  
14 THE MEETING IN HONOR OF THE FORMER MTC DEPUTY EXECUTIVE  
15 DIRECTOR ANNE FLEMING. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY  
16 APRIL 12TH AT 9:40 A.M. HERE AT THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER.  
17 THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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