

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY  
AREA GOVERNMENTS**  
Meeting Transcript

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**ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020, 5:05 PM**

**KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2020 MEETING OF THE MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. IT'S NOT ON MY THING. DO WE HAVE TO PLAY THE VIDEO?

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, MA'AM.

**KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC

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1 SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING  
2 SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS  
3 RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL  
4 BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD,  
5 BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN  
6 CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO,  
7 AND THEY SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON  
8 THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN  
9 FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT  
10 FEATURE IS ACTIVE, HOWEVER PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANYTHING TYPED  
11 INTO THE CHAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. CHAT  
12 FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE TO ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL  
13 ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO  
14 DATE.

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16 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND MR. CASTRO, WOULD YOU  
17 CALL THE ROLL TO CONFIRM OUR QUORUM?

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** PRESENT.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ?

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25 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR CORTESE?

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4 **DAVID CORTESE:** HERE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR HAGGERTY?

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8 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR HANNIGAN IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR  
11 MITCHOFF?

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13 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** HERE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER PIERCE?

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17 **JULIE PIERCE:** PRESENT.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR RAMOS? ABSENT. QUORUM IS  
20 PRESENT.

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22 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A QUORUM. PUBLIC  
23 COMMENT. IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO  
24 ADDRESS US ON ANY ITEM THAT IS NOT ON OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE  
25 AGENDA?

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I SEE NO HANDS RAISED AND NO PUBLIC  
3 COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED.

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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO COMMITTEE MEMBER  
6 ANNOUNCEMENTS. DO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE ANY  
7 ANNOUNCEMENTS? AND I SEE SUPERVISOR RAMOS HAS JOINED US, FRED.  
8 HI BELIA. NO COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT. I AM HAPPY TO SEE EVERY  
9 ONE OF YOU IN PERSON. ISN'T IT NICE TO HAVE SOME BLUE SKY?  
10 SUCH WONDERFUL COMMENTS. WE HAVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WHICH  
11 BASICALLY OUR ONLY CONSENT ITEM IS THE APPROVAL OF OUR FINANCE  
12 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 16TH, 2020. ARE THERE ANY  
13 CORRECTIONS OR EDITS TO THE MINUTES? SEEING NONE. MAY I HAVE -  
14 - PIERCE MOVED. MAY I HAVE A SECOND?

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16 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** I SECOND. ARREGUIN.

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARREGUIN SECONDS. ANY  
19 FURTHER DISCUSSION. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE, FRED.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES.

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23 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** MOVING TO OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. MR.  
24 MAYHEW. HELLO.

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1 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** GOOD EVENING, YES IT IS NICE TO HAVE GOOD AIR.  
2 THAT IS ONE OF THE -- IT'S BEEN A HECK OF A WEEK FOR AIR  
3 QUALITY, EVEN IN CLAYTON. GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY, WHEREVER YOU  
4 MAY BE. IT IS THE SEASON WHERE I GET TO TELL EVERYBODY HOW  
5 THEIR YEAR ENDED. AND FORTUNATELY YOU'RE THE FIRST ONES I GET  
6 TO TELL HOW THE YEAR ENDED AND YOURS ENDED PRETTY WELL. IN A  
7 VERY DIFFICULT YEAR WE DIDN'T HAVE A BAD ONE. LET ME SAY ONE  
8 THING ABOUT THE FINANCIAL --

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10 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** BRIAN JUST A SECOND. SCOTT, YOU'RE NOT  
11 MUTED. AND I SEE BELIA, SHE SENT ME A NOTE THAT SHE NEEDS TO  
12 BE MADE A PANELIST, IF SHE HASN'T ALREADY BEEN MADE ONE. OKAY.  
13 THANK YOU BRIAN. SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTIONS.

14

15 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** NO WORRIES. IT GETS MY HANDS A CHANCE TO STOP  
16 SHAKING. AS THE YEAR HAS GONE BY, IT WENT FROM PROBABLY THE  
17 END OF THE EXPANSION -- THE LONGEST RUNNING --

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19 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** SCOTT?

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21 **SPEAKER:** THAT WASN'T SCOTT.

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23 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ERIN.

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1 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** IT WAS A TOUGH YEAR FOR EVERYBODY. ALL BUDGETS  
2 SUFFERED. IF YOU'RE AT THE END OF THE YEAR FOR MTC, OUR  
3 REVENUE WAS OFF 15 PERCENT AND DIVING. GOOD NEWS IS HERE IF  
4 YOU GO THROUGH THE TOTALITY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, YOU  
5 WILL SEE WE HAD TOTAL REVENUE OF 28 MILLION, TOTAL EXPENSES OF  
6 31 MILLION WHICH WOULD NORMALLY CONCERN THE AVERAGE FINANCE  
7 OFFICER, BUT BECAUSE WE'RE SUCH A HEAVILY GRANT ORIENTED  
8 OPERATION, THAT IS JUST A TIMING DIFFERENCE. MIND YOU, THESE  
9 ARE JUNE 30TH NUMBERS, THEY ARE STILL SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF  
10 THE OUGHT AND WHEN WE RECORD THE FINAL ARS THAT IS PROBABLY  
11 GOING TO MAKE MOST OF THAT GO AWAY. LET ME GET TO THREE  
12 DISTINCT FOUND TALK ABOUT, ONE PARTICULARLY, THE  
13 ADMINISTRATION OF ABAG, IF I'M PERMITTED FOR A MOMENT. IT WAS  
14 NOT LONG AGO THAT AN AUDIT FIRM CAME OUT WITH THE OPINION THAT  
15 ABSENT SUPPORT FROM MTC, ABAG WOULD FAIL. IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE  
16 TO PAY ITS PENSIONS, IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ITS OPEB,  
17 IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ITS BILLS. NOW, THREE YEARS  
18 LATER, WE COME OUT WITH A SURPLUS IN THE BUDGET, STRAIGHT UP  
19 CASH OF \$155,000. NOT BAD, CONSIDERING THE YEAR WE HAD. YOUR  
20 MEMBERSHIPS, DUES WERE ALL COMPLETELY PAID. A MILLION DOLLARS  
21 CAME OVER FROM FAN, THE OPEB LIABILITY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY  
22 RETIRED. WE ARE ABOUT 15 PERCENT -- AND I WISH IT COULD BE  
23 BETTER -- AND WE'RE WORKING ON THAT. WE'RE NOT KNOCKING DOWN  
24 THE PENSION OBLIGATIONS BUT AT THE VERY LEAST, THE FUTURE  
25 PENSION OBLIGATIONS NOW THEY HAVE BEEN RESTRUCTURED THROUGH

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1 PERS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO STAY WELL WITHIN YOUR CURRENT  
2 MEMBERSHIP DUES THEREFORE THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A  
3 FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO SPIKE THEM AT THE MOMENT, I CANNOT SPEAK  
4 FOR SPURS IN THE FUTURE. ON THE DETAIL, AS YOU KNOW, REVENUE  
5 WAS UP ABOUT \$4 MILLION, EXPENSES ROUGHLY ABOUT \$4 MILLION. AS  
6 YOU COME DOWN TO THE BALANCE IN ABAG, YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE  
7 IS \$155,000 SURPLUS. IF YOU TAKE THE DEPRECIATION EXPENSE  
8 AWAY, WHICH I'M STILL NOT SURE WHY THIS IS CLASSIFIED THAT  
9 WAY. YOUR ACTUAL NET RETURN AT THE END OF THE YEAR IS  
10 \$500,000. SO FOR THE FIRST TIME WE ACTUALLY HAVE A POSITIVE  
11 NET RETURN IN THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SIDE. EVERYTHING LOOKS LIKE  
12 BY YEAR END IT'S GOING TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE. HIGHLIGHTED  
13 MEMBERSHIP DUES CAME IN RIGHT ON THE MONEY. YOU GET ABOUT  
14 \$535,000 REFUND FROM PERS FOR YOUR RETIREE PENSION COST NOW.  
15 YOUR OPEB COSTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY RETIRED. SALARIES AND  
16 BENEFITS STAYED RIGHT ABOUT ON THE PIKE. WE HAVE YEAR'S END IN  
17 THE POOL SO I DON'T WANT TO JUMP ON THAT TOO HARD.  
18 ENCUMBRANCES REMAINING AT THE END OF THE YEAR WILL BE GONE  
19 WITH ONE CARRY OVER CONTRACT AND THAT'S ALREADY WITHIN THE  
20 SURPLUS THAT WE HAVE. SO THAT LEAVES THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE  
21 OF IT IN PRETTY DECENT SHAPE GOING INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.  
22 YOU MADE YOUR OPEB'S AGAIN, YOU MADE THE TRANSFERS, AND YOU  
23 STILL MADE THE TRANSFER FOR MTCS. SO PRETTY GOOD WAY TO END  
24 THAT YEAR. ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP, THE ONLY THING TO BRING UP ON  
25 THE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP IS THESE ARE KIND OF STRANGE GRANTS

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1 BECAUSE OF THEIR TIMING SO YOU WILL SEE A LARGE REVENUE SOURCE  
2 OF 40, \$50 MILLION. 30 MILLION OF IT IS NOT BUDGETED YET  
3 BECAUSE IT'S NOT ACTIVE YET. WE GOT THE ENTRANT BUT THE OTHER  
4 SIDE PROGRAMMING THE GRANT HASN'T HAPPENED YET. SO YOU WILL  
5 SEE MISMATCH THERE. A SLIGHT DEFICIT AT THE END OF THE YEAR  
6 BUT WE EXPECTED BECAUSE THAT'S THE YEAR END COOLS AND WE BUILT  
7 THE GRANTS ON THAT. SAY THING IS TRUE OF BAYREN. SAME  
8 SITUATION, SALARIES AND BENEFITS CAME IN ON THE PIKE REVENUE  
9 IS RECORDED AS WE EARN IT SO THERE IS ABOUT 20 MILLION TO GO  
10 ON THESE GRANTS. AGAIN, THERE'S THIS CASH FLOW DEFICIT. IT  
11 DOESN'T BOTHER US AND WHEN WE GET TO THE INVESTMENT REPORT,  
12 I'LL TELL YOU WHY. ALL IN ALL WITHOUT GOING INTO THE  
13 FINANCIALS AND AGAIN REMINDING YOU THAT THIS IS STILL SUBJECT  
14 TO FINAL ENTRIES AND CLOSING OUR BOOKS, A PRETTY GOOD SOLID  
15 YEAR.

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17 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** OKAY. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF  
18 BRIAN? AND, SCOTT, I'M VERY SORRY. I THOUGHT I HEARD YOUR  
19 VOICE, BUT IT WASN'T YOU, AND WELCOME TO ERIN THAT SHE'S HERE.

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21 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** IT'S OKAY. I'M OVER IT.

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23 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL YOU'RE MY DEAR FRIEND, AND I  
24 WOULD NEVER WANT TO ATTRIBUTE ANYTHING TOWARD UNTOWARD BAY  
25 AREA.

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2 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** NO ATTRIBUTE IT TO ERIN.

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4 **JULIE PIERCE:** WE GOT HER. KAREN, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU  
5 TO YOU, BRIAN. WHEN WE MADE THIS TRANSITION, A FEW YEARS AGO,  
6 IT WAS DOOM AND GLOOM AND THERE WERE THOSE WHO WERE PREDICTING  
7 THE END OF ABAG AND BANKRUPTCY AND IT WAS HORRIBLE AND IT  
8 COULDN'T BE MADE TO WORK, AND FRANKLY BRIAN WASN'T SO SURE AT  
9 FIRST EITHER. BUT BRIAN FIGURED OUT HOW TO MAKE IT WORK. AND I  
10 GOT TO SAY, BRIAN, YOUR CREATIVITY, YOUR STEADFAST  
11 DETERMINATION TO MAKE SURE WE COULD DO THIS, PARTICULARLY WITH  
12 OUR RETIREES, AND WITH OUR PERS ISSUES, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE  
13 DONE A MASTERFUL JOB OF GETTING US ALL ON A REAL EVEN KEEL,  
14 AND I CANNOT SAY THANK YOU IN A BIG ENOUGH WAY. BECAUSE, YOU  
15 KNOW, WE WERE BEING TOLD IT COULDN'T BE DONE. AND YOU WEREN'T  
16 EVEN SURE AT THE BEGINNING, BUT I AM SURE GLAD YOU WERE THE  
17 ONE SITTING IN THAT CHAIR, BECAUSE YOU MADE IT HAPPEN, AND  
18 YOU'RE CREATIVITY, PARTICULARLY THE FIGURING OUT HOW TO MAKE  
19 IT WORK FOR THE RETIREES, JUST REALLY MADE EVERYONE FEEL SO  
20 MUCH BETTER AND SO MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE AND POSITIVE AND  
21 SECURE. AND KUDOS. BIG KUDOS.

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23 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** WELL LET ME -- I SHOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING BUT LET  
24 ME SAY ONE THING, FIRST OF ALL I DON'T DESERVE CREDIT. I GOT A  
25 BIG TEAM. I REMEMBER SOME OF THOSE MEMOS I WROTE.

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2 **JULIE PIERCE:** I DO.

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4 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** AND I HAVE TO SAY IT'S A LOT EASIER WHEN YOU  
5 HAVE GOT GOOD CLIENTS AND IT'S YOUR DEDICATION TO WHAT YOU  
6 WERE DOING, THE STAFF THAT WE GOT OVER WAS JUST FIRST RATE.  
7 YOU KNOW, THEY OKAY, THEY'RE STILL MAD THAT THEY HAVE TO LIVE  
8 WITHIN BUDGET BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING ALONG. I WOULD SAY WHEN  
9 YOU HAVE GOOD CLIENTS AND THEY'RE BRINGING FIRST RATE A LEVEL  
10 ASSIGNMENTS IT JUST GETS A LOT EASIER.

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12 **JULIE PIERCE:** GREAT TEAM EFFORT, AND YOU'RE THE LEADER OF THE  
13 TEAM, SO YOU GET TO PASS THE KUDOS ALONG TO YOUR TEAM. BUT  
14 THANK YOU.

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16 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** AND I CAN'T HELP MENTION BELIA, YOU  
17 DON'T KNOW. YOUR DAUGHTER JUST OPENED YOUR REFRIGERATOR DOOR,  
18 AND IT'S FUN TO WATCH WHAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR.  
19 PLEASURES OF ZOOM. [LAUGHTER] ANY OTHER COMMENTS? MOTION TO  
20 ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT?

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCOTT HAS HIS HAND UP.

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24 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD SCOTT.

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1 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** I WANT TO SAY -- IS MY HAIR OKAY? I NEED  
2 TO GET AN AGENT. I JUST WANT TO SAY EVERYTHING JULIE SAID,  
3 SOMEBODY WHO HAS BEEN ON ABAG FOR ALMOST 24 YEARS. THIS IS A  
4 GREAT TURN AROUND, AND I KNOW THAT BUDGETS HAVE BEEN VERY  
5 IMPORTANT TO BOTH BOARDS BUT ALSO SINCE THERESE HAS COME ON,  
6 BUDGETS HAVE BECOME IMPORTANT TO HER, AND SO I WANT TO THANK  
7 THERESE TOO. I ALSO WANT TO THANK BRIAN AND HIS STAFF BECAUSE  
8 THIS REALLY IS A GREAT TURN AROUND AND JULIE SAID IT  
9 ELOQUENTLY SO THERE IS NO SENSE IN ME SAYING MORE. THANK YOU  
10 VERY MUCH.

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12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** I THINK WE ALL AGREE WITH THAT BRIAN.  
13 YOU EARNED YOUR WINGS.

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15 **JULIE PIERCE:** IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A MOTION I'M HAPPY TO MAKE  
16 IT.

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** PIERCE MOVES?

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20 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** SECOND.

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22 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** HAGGERTY SECONDS. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
23 THIS ITEM?

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE RECEIVED.

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2 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES  
5 UNANIMOUSLY.

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7 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 7A AND  
8 IT SAYS THAT IT'S APPROVAL FOR ACTION. BUT I LOOKED AT IT, AND  
9 THERE ARE NO CONTRACTS TO REPORT ON BETWEEN \$20,000 AND  
10 \$50,000. SO CAN WE JUST ACCEPT THE REPORT? ADRIENNE?

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12 **SPEAKER:** MOVE APPROVAL.

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14 **JULIE PIERCE:** SECOND.

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16 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THERE IS NOTHING TO APPROVE OTHER THAN  
17 THE REPORT, I GUESS. SHOULD WE -- DO WE NEED A MOTION TO  
18 ACCEPT THE REPORT ADRIENNE?

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20 **ADRIENNE WEIL, COUNSEL:** YES PLEASE.

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22 **JULIE PIERCE:** MOTION FROM JESSIE AND SECOND FROM ME.

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24 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT  
25 ON THIS ITEM FRED?

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO ONE WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ON MUTE BUT I CAN --

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NONE.

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8 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THERE ARE NONE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED.

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12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** I GOT TO TURN SIRI OFF ON MY LAPTOP,  
13 EVERY TIME I ASK A QUESTION SHE COMES UP TO ANSWER IT. ALL  
14 RIGHT. ROLL CALL PLEASE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUS.

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE'RE ON TO ITEM EIGHT,  
19 INVESTMENTS REPORT ON ABAG INVESTMENTS FOR JUNE 2020,  
20 UNAUDITED, BRIAN IT'S YOUR TURN AGAIN.

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22 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** WELL WE'LL MAKE THIS RELATIVELY QUICK. IT'S YEAR  
23 END, AND THERE IS A COUPLE OF THINGS I'M GOING TO POINT OUT.  
24 WELL FIRST THINGS FIRST, YOU HAVE 75 MILLION UNDER MANAGEMENT,  
25 THE LIQUIDITY IS RELATIVELY, ALL RELATIVELY SHORT, HIGHLY IN

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1 CASH, HIGHLY IN GOVERNMENT POOLS AND AGENCIES. BASICALLY  
2 NOTHING OTHER THAN THAT. EXTREMELY LIQUID, WHICH IS WHAT WE  
3 WOULD EXPECT TO BE IN THIS KIND OF A FUND. THING I WANT TO  
4 POINT OUT IS IF YOU WENT THROUGH -- I KNOW YOU SPENT HOURS AND  
5 HOURS STUDYING THESE PAGES, BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT AS YOU GO  
6 THROUGH YOUR MEMO AND LOOK AT THE COVER OF YOUR MEMO, THERE IS  
7 NOT A SINGLE NEGATIVE NUMBER. THERE IS NOT A SINGLE FUND WITH  
8 A NEGATIVE YEAR END CASH FLOW DEFICIT. THAT'S WHY I SAY  
9 ESTUARY, AND BAYREN, IF WE LOOK AT THE END OF THE YEAR WE END  
10 UP WITH A MILLION 7 THAT ALLOWED US TO MAKE THE UP FRONT PERS  
11 PAYMENTS TAKE THE DEDUCTION, AS YOU REMEMBER A COUPLE OF YEARS  
12 AGO WE HAD SO MANY DEFICITS WE HAD TO ARRANGE -- BECAUSE THERE  
13 WERE TWO SEPARATE ENTITIES DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY EXISTED  
14 ALL THE SAME ELECTRONS I COULDN'T MOVE MONEY FROM ONE TO THE  
15 OTHER AND WE HAD TO MAKE ADVANCES FROM MTC TO ABAG AND WE  
16 HAVEN'T TOUCHED IT SO AT YEAR END IT'S ALL CLEAR. ALL OF THE  
17 INVESTMENTS THEMSELVES ARE ALL VERY SIMPLE. MOSTLY GOVERNMENT  
18 BONDS. CASH FLOWS ARE VERY LIQUID AND EVERYBODY ENDED THE YEAR  
19 WITH A POSITIVE BALANCE. I DON'T THINK I CAN SAY MUCH MORE  
20 THAN THAT.

21

22 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** NO? WE ALL LIKE POSITIVE BALANCES. ARE  
23 THERE ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS OF BRIAN ON THE  
24 INVESTMENT REPORT? DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, FRED?

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE FROM THE ATTENDEES AND NO WRITTEN  
2 PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED.

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO  
5 ACCEPT THE INVESTMENT REPORT.

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7 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** MOVE IT.

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9 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** SCOTT MOVED.

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11 **ERIN HANNIGAN, VICE CHAIR:** SECOND.

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13 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL  
14 FRED.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUS.

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO OUR  
19 LAST ITEM, CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING, WHICH IS A REPORT ON --  
20 OH, I'M MISSING -- REPORT ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-2020  
21 REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PURCHASING AND CONTRACT  
22 AUTHORITY. AND BRAD PAUL IS GOING TO TAKE THIS ONE.

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24 **BRAD PAUL:** THANK YOU. THIS IS A BRIEF REPORT. AS YOU KNOW, THE  
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXECUTED CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF ABAG

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1 CONTRACT AND PURCHASE ORDERS AND FUNDING AGREEMENTS UP TO  
2 \$50,000 WITHOUT EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVAL IF THE WORK THAT'S  
3 INCLUDED IN THESE CONTRACTS IS PART OF ABAG ANNUAL BUDGET WORK  
4 PLAN. ON BEHALF OF MTC THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAN NOW SIGN OFF  
5 ON CONTRACTS UP TO \$200,000. SO IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE THE  
6 PROCESS IMPROVE STAFF EFFICIENCY AND SHORTEN TIME TO PROCESS  
7 CONTRACTS RECOMMENDATION IS PRIORITIZING UP TO \$200,000 THIS  
8 WOULD RAISE AUTHORITY OF ABAG FROM \$50,000 TO \$200,000 FOR  
9 CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY FOR ABAG'S PROGRAMS AND STAFF. LET  
10 ME REITERATE, YOU WILL STILL GET A REPORT LIKE YOU DID TODAY.  
11 THERE WAS NOTHING IN IT BUT ANY CONTRACTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
12 APPROVES UP TO \$200,000 WILL BE REPORTED TO YOU IN WRITING AT  
13 THE FINANCE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT PART OF YOUR REGULAR MONTHLY  
14 FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCEDURES AND ITEM 7A IN THIS REPORT  
15 WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THIS REPORT HAD THERE BEEN ANY CONTRACTS  
16 APPROVED. FINALLY TO PUT IN CONTEXT WE HAD STAFF LOOK AT ALL  
17 CONTRACTS BETWEEN JULY 2014 AND AUGUST OF THIS YEAR 281  
18 CONTRACTS AND OF THOSE 61 PERCENT WERE UNDER \$50,000. SO THEY  
19 WERE ALREADY APPROVED BY ED AND IN THE REPORT YOU GOT 19  
20 PERCENT BETWEEN \$250,000 THAT DID REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL BUT  
21 AT THIS POINT WOULD GO TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND REPORTED  
22 TO YOU ON THE REGULAR REPORT ON WHAT WAS APPROVED BY THE  
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. 20 PERCENT OF THE CONTRACTS DURING THAT  
24 PERIOD OF TIME WERE OVER \$200,000, AND WE CONTINUE TO GO TO

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1 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. THAT CONCLUDES MY  
2 PRESENTATION. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BRAD. ANY MEMBERS HAVE ANY  
5 QUESTIONS OF BRAD?

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCOTT HAGGERTY HAS HIS HAND UP.

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9 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH JESSE. SCOTT, GO  
10 AHEAD PLEASE. YOU'RE STILL MUTED, SCOTT.

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12 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** YEAH. I WOULD LIKE SUPERVISOR CORTESE TO  
13 LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING AND MAKE SURE WHAT I'M SAYING IS  
14 CORRECT. WHEN WE DID THIS AT MTC, THE REASON WE DID IT IS  
15 BECAUSE WE HAD A COUPLE OF NATURAL BIG DISASTERS AND THIS WAS  
16 KIND OF LIKE AN EMERGENCY THING. AND ALTHOUGH IT'S MORPHED  
17 INTO SOMETHING DIFFERENT, MY ORIGINAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE  
18 WERE DOING WHEN WE DID IT, FOR EXAMPLE, UP IN OAKLAND, I THINK  
19 IT WAS 980 CAUGHT ON FIRE, AND THERE WAS A LOT OF CONTRACTS  
20 THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE REALLY QUICK, AND WE FOUND THAT IT WAS  
21 REALLY CUMBERSOME THE WAY WE DID IT. SO IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE  
22 TEMPORARY AUTHORITY IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER, SO I DON'T  
23 KNOW WHERE NOW IT'S KIND OF -- AND IF EVERYBODY DOESN'T CARE,  
24 I DON'T KNOW -- I PERSONALLY THINK IT'S A LOT OF MONEY FOR A  
25 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY. BUT IF NOBODY CARES THEN I'LL GO ALONG

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1 WITH IT I GUESS. BUT IT'S JUST KIND OF MORPHED INTO THIS NOW.

2 DAVE, AM I CORRECT?

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4 **DAVID CORTESE:** THAT'S MY RECOLLECTION AS WELL. AND OBVIOUSLY  
5 THE ORGANIZATION HAS EVOLVED AND WE HAVE DONE THE STAFF  
6 MERGER, AND I DON'T KNOW, THE WHOLE THING IS A LITTLE BIT  
7 DIFFERENT NOW. SO I GUESS -- I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY, MY  
8 RECOLLECTION IS WHAT YOU SAID, SCOTT, I GUESS, AND THE OTHER  
9 HALF OF MY BRAIN IS SAYING, WELL, HERE WE ARE TODAY WITH A  
10 VASTLY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION, WHAT DO WE DO. YOU KNOW. SO.  
11 YOU KNOW, SURE IT'S STILL A LOT OF MONEY TO ME AS WELL.

12

13 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** YEAH, AND SUPERVISOR, I DON'T MEAN TO PUT  
14 YOU ON THE SPOT BUT I JUST -- LIKE I SAID I -- IT'S SOMETHING  
15 THAT HAS MORPHED INTO SOMETHING MORE THAN WHAT IT HAD  
16 ORIGINALLY STARTED OUT AS. SO, WILL TO THE BOARD.

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND I APPRECIATE THOSE COMMENTS.  
19 AND I APPRECIATE STAFF LOOKING AT AND ANALYZING OUR CONTRACTS.  
20 SO I'M HEARING THAT 19 PERCENT WOULD FALL IN THE 50 TO  
21 200,000. BUT THE MAJORITY STILL COME IN UNDER 50. DAVE, GO  
22 AHEAD. DAVE RABBIT.

23

24 **DAVID RABBIT:** CLARIFICATION FROM STAFF WHAT I HEARD IS THIS  
25 WOULD OBVIOUSLY FALL IN LINE WITH WHAT WAS ALREADY IN THE

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1 BUDGET. SO HOW MUCH DETAIL, YOU KNOW, WOULD THE CONTRACT HAVE  
2 VERSUS WHAT WAS ALREADY IN THE BUDGET? I MEAN, IF IT'S ALREADY  
3 IN THE BUDGET, I FEEL COMFORTABLE, OBVIOUSLY. IT IS A BIG  
4 FIGURE BUT WE HAVE ALREADY GONE THROUGH THAT DISCUSSION,  
5 THEORETICALLY, AND I'M JUST TRYING TO PARSE WHAT THE ACTION  
6 WOULD BE THAT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY COME TO US WITH A SIGNING  
7 AUTHORITY.

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9 **BRAD PAUL:** ON THE ABAG SIDE A LOT OF THIS IS THE LARGE  
10 CONTRACTS THAT ARE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES THAT BRIAN  
11 TALKED ABOUT SFEP, BAYREN, TRAILS. SO YOU GET IN THE BUDGET  
12 THE WHOLE PROGRAM WHICH COULD BE \$7 MILLION, \$3 MILLION, AND  
13 WHAT THIS DOES, AS YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN THE WHOLE PROGRAM,  
14 IT'S IN THE BUDGET, BUT AS INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS COME UP, IT  
15 WOULD MEAN THAT WE COULD PROCESS THOSE CONTRACTS WITHOUT  
16 HAVING TO WAIT AN EXTRA 4 TO 6 WEEKS DEPENDING WHERE WE ARE IN  
17 THE CYCLE OR WHEN THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS TAKE PLACE  
18 ONCE WE GO BACK ON THE EVERY OTHER MONTH CYCLE. THIS IS  
19 ALREADY WORK THAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE BUDGET AND WORK PLAN  
20 AND IT'S PRIMARILY THE LARGER PROJECTS THAT SFEP, AROUND THE  
21 ESTUARY, AROUND THE BAY TRAIL REGIONAL TRAILS AND BAYREN,  
22 LARGE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLANS. AND THESE ARE PAY OUTS ON THE  
23 GRANTS. AND YOU GOT A REPORT AT EACH ONE OF THESE AT YOUR  
24 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SAYING WE DID THIS AND IT WAS PART  
25 OF THE LARGER CONTRACT.

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2 **DAVID RABBIT:** THANKS.

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4 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** CAN I BUT THE -- BUTT IN HERE FOR A SECOND  
5 BECAUSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FINANCE. EVERY CONTRACT WE GET  
6 WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS IS DETAILED IN THE BUDGET. SO WE HAVE A  
7 COMPLETE RECORD OF EVERYTHING. AND -- BUT YOUR BUDGET REQUEST  
8 BRINGS IT TO A MUCH HIGHER SUMMARY LEVEL. WE DON'T -- WE HAVE,  
9 YOU KNOW, LIKE A SAID, EVERY CONTRACT, IF SOMEBODY THINKS  
10 THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND MONEY ON THIS YEAR, IN OUR BUDGET  
11 INFORMATION, BUT WHAT YOU GET IS AT A MUCH HIGHER LEVEL.  
12 YOU'RE BASICALLY LOOKING AT A LINE THAT SAYS CONTRACT BUDGET  
13 AND THIS. WE DON'T REALLY PUT THAT MUCH OF THE DETAIL IN IT,  
14 AND GENERALLY SPEAKING, YOU DON'T WANT US TO, BECAUSE THE  
15 CONTRACT CAN CHANGE. AND YOU WANT US TO WORK WITHIN THE  
16 BUDGETARY AUTHORITY AND STILL MEET THE PRIORITIES OF THE YEAR.

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BRIAN. JULIE, DID YOU HAVE A  
19 QUESTION?

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21 **JULIE PIERCE:** YEAH. I AGREE A BIT WITH SCOTT, AND WITH DAVE.  
22 I'M A LITTLE GOOSY ABOUT THIS. I WAS GOOSY ABOUT IT WHEN WE  
23 WENT TO 200 FOR MTC, WHEN I WAS OUR REPRESENTATIVE THERE. BUT  
24 THAT WAS IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, AND IT'S SORT OF NEVER  
25 GONE DOWN. AND I'M WONDERING IF THERE IS A MIDDLE GROUND THAT

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1 MIGHT BE BETTER. I'M -- I KNOW WE DON'T HAVE THAT MANY  
2 CONTRACTS. SO, MAYBE THIS IS OKAY ANYWAY. BECAUSE IT IS IN THE  
3 BUDGET. IT'S JUST -- THAT'S A WHOLE OF A LOT OF MONEY AND WE  
4 DON'T DEAL WITH THE KINDS OF MONEY THAT MTC DOES. SO. I'M  
5 WONDERING IF 100 IS BETTER. JUST A THOUGHT. AND I'M SURE STAFF  
6 DOESN'T APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I'M SORRY. IT'S A WHOLE OF A LOT  
7 OF MONEY, AND OUR BUDGET IS A WHOLE LOT SMALLER THAN MTCS.

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9 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** JESSE, YOU SEE YOU SHAKE YOUR HEAD YES.  
10 DID YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

11

12 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** I SEE THERESE'S HAND IS UP. I'LL TAKE  
13 ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY. MY TYPICAL REACTION IS EXACTLY  
14 WHAT JULIE SAID WHICH IS OUR BUDGET IS MUCH SMALLER THAN MTCS,  
15 AND I DO WANT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR STAFF TO IMPLEMENTATION  
16 THE BUDGET AND THE CONTRACTS THAT WE NEED TO APPROVE, BUT  
17 HAVING THINGS COME TO THE BOARD DOES ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND  
18 OVERSIGHT BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. SO THAT WOULD -- THOSE WERE  
19 MY INITIAL THOUGHTS WHEN I READ THE ITEM.

20

21 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THERESE?

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23 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** YES. I APPRECIATE ALL THE COMMENTS. I GUESS  
24 THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY IS PERHAPS APROPOS OF MTC'S SIDE OF  
25 THE HOUSE THAN ABAG. WE ARE AN EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFERENT

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1 AGENCY WITH AN EXTRAORDINARILY HIGHER LEVEL OF CONTRACTING  
2 PROCUREMENT. I WILL SAY THAT I HAVE MADE IT ONE OF MY  
3 OBJECTIVES SINCE I TOOK ON THE ROLE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO  
4 TAKE A MUCH MORE HONED EYE TOWARD OUR PROCUREMENT PROCESSES. I  
5 MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD EARLY ON HAVING HEARD SOME  
6 CONCERNS ABOUT PUTTING IN MORE DISCIPLINED REVIEW AND THE  
7 LIKE, AMONG THEM FOR EXAMPLE, SOURCE, I HAVE DONE THAT. THERE  
8 IS ADDITIONAL THINGS. I THINK YOU COULD ALWAYS LOOK AT YOUR  
9 PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AS A WAY OF ENSURING NOT ONLY  
10 TRANSPARENCY THAT'S NEEDED, BUT ALSO JUST THE STRUCTURES TO  
11 INFLATE YOU'RE MAKING SURE YOU'RE MAKING THE BEST AND  
12 CONSISTENT DECISIONS WITH BUDGET AND AMENDMENT AND THE LIKE.  
13 AND I, YOU KNOW, WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THERE HAVE BEEN  
14 CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE SOMETHING AGAIN MORE ON THE MTC SIDE,  
15 WHERE I FELT THE NATURE OF THE CONTRACT AND THE ISSUES  
16 SURROUNDING IT WARRANTED TAKING IT TO THE BOARD EVEN IF IT WAS  
17 UNDERNEATH THE LIMIT OF THE 200,000. SO, JUST WANTED TO OFFER  
18 THAT PERSPECTIVE AS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. AND MY, YOU KNOW,  
19 FOCUS ON THE CONTRACTING, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO HAVE A MIDDLE  
20 GROUND, THAT'S FINE, IT WOULD CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, ALLOW US TO  
21 MANAGE JUST THE AMOUNT OF, YOU KNOW PREPARATIONS AND  
22 INFORMATION THAT WE BRING TO YOU ON A MONTHLY BASIS. BUT OF  
23 COURSE, I WILL ACCEPT WHATEVER DECISIONS YOU PUT FORWARD. AND  
24 IF NECESSARY, WE CAN BRING THIS BOARD TO THE METROPOLITAN

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1 TRANSPORTATION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IF THAT'S SO DESIRED  
2 BUT WE CAN TAKE THAT UP SEPARATELY.

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** WAYNE, I SEE YOU HAVE YOUR HAND RAISED  
5 BUT I'M GOING TO WAIT UNTIL PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE ARE ANY  
6 OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WHO WANT TO WEIGH IN ON THIS? OKAY. I'M  
7 GOING TO ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE WE COME UP WITH A  
8 MOTION. WAYNE, GO AHEAD.

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10 **WAYNE LEE:** THANK YOU. IT'S ABOUT OVERSIGHT. IT'S OUR  
11 RESPONSIBILITY. I'M THINKING OF THE CRITICISM WE WOULD GET TO  
12 SAY HEY WE'RE NOT DOING OUR OVERSIGHT CAPACITY, AND IF IT WAS  
13 ALL BUDGETED, THEN I DON'T REALLY SEE THAT WE EVEN NEED TO  
14 WORRY ABOUT HAVING SUCH A LARGE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING THING  
15 FOR THE PRESIDENT. SO I'M THINKING THAT EVEN IF -- YOU CAN  
16 EVEN START A CONTRACT WITH \$100,000. SO AND ALSO DIDN'T GET  
17 THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD. BUT I THINK IT JUST WOULDN'T -- IT  
18 JUST KIND OF SEEMS TO ME LIKE THE BOARD WOULD BE LOSING ITS  
19 ABILITY TO OVERSEE PROJECTS THAT WE SHOULD -- WE'RE SUPPOSED  
20 TO BE LOOKING AT FOR THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
21 TIME.

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23 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU WAYNE. SO, DO -- ERIN?

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1 **ERIN HANNIGAN:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE  
2 TO MOVE AND MAKE DECISIONS WHEN WE NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS  
3 HAVING THAT MONEY AVAILABLE AND NOT HAVING TO GO BACK TO A  
4 BOARD FOR APPROVAL BECAUSE THAT DELAY CAN COST MONEY AT TIMES  
5 AND SOMETIMES COST AN OPPORTUNITY. SO MY THOUGHT IS THAT,  
6 MAYBE WE LOOK AT -- WE HOLD OFF, FOR A YEAR, AND SEE IF THERE  
7 IS AN OPPORTUNITY, OR IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT HAS HAPPENED  
8 IN THE LAST YEAR, OR WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE LAST SEVERAL  
9 YEARS THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT THE EXECUTIVE HAS BEEN REQUIRED TO  
10 GO INTO OR NEEDED TO GO INTO A FUND TO SPEND. AND SEE WHAT  
11 HAPPEN -- I MEAN, IF THERE IS I PATTERN, IF THERE IS A  
12 SITUATION WHERE WE'RE DOING THAT ON A REGULAR BASIS THEN I  
13 DON'T SEE WHY WE COULDN'T BUDGET FOR THE MONEY, OR MAYBE WE DO  
14 INCREASE IT TO 200 BUT IT'S RARELY EVER TOUCHED. I THINK  
15 THAT'S KIND OF LOOSEY-GOOSEY. I THINK THE OTHER OPTION IS YOU  
16 COULD PUT A REQUIREMENT THAT THERE IS A REPORT-OUT TO THE  
17 BOARD ON HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT, OR IF IT WAS SPENT, WHEN IT  
18 WAS SPENT. I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF OPTIONS. YOU KNOW. YOU  
19 COULD DO AN AUTOMATIC 200 AND SAY GOOD BY TO IT AND THAT'S IT.  
20 AND IT MAY GET SPENT AND IT MAY NOT GET SPENT. I THINK WE HAVE  
21 A LOT OF OPTIONS ON THE TABLE. I FEEL LIKE THERESE IS A VERY  
22 RATIONAL HUMAN BEING, AND SHE WOULD MAKE GREAT DECISIONS ON  
23 HOW THAT MONEY IS UTILIZED SHOULD WE CHOOSE TO INCREASE IT TO  
24 200,000.

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1 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CINDY, I SAW YOU UNMUTED  
2 YOURSELF. DID YOU WISH TO MAKE A COMMENT?

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4 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WAS -- I WAS JUST GOING TO  
5 SAY THAT, I THINK THAT -- I THINK IF THERE IS A NUMBER THAT  
6 PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD. I AM  
7 COMFORTABLE WITH THE DIRECTION AND THE REASON IS THAT THE  
8 OVERALL PROJECT WILL BE VOTED ON, THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY  
9 TO DO WHAT, ESPECIALLY SMALLER BUSINESSES ARE ASKING US TO DO,  
10 WHICH IS BE ABLE TO RESPOND IN A JUST AND TIMED WAY. THERE IS  
11 A REPORT-OUT THAT THE BOARD WOULD LEARN ABOUT AND IF THE BOARD  
12 EVER WANTED TO UNDO IT, IT COULD. I LIKE ERIN'S IDEA. I WOULD  
13 LIKE TO SAY YES TODAY, GIVE IT A YEAR AND REPORT BACK. THAT  
14 WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION.

15

16 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** SO YOUR RECOMMENDATION IS STAFF'S  
17 RECOMMENDATION IS GO WITH IT AND REPORT BACK WITH IT IN A YEAR  
18 AS TO HOW IT WORKED. JULIE?

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20 **SPEAKER:** I WILL GO WITH THAT MOTION.

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22 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** JULIE.

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24 **JULIE PIERCE:** I WILL SECOND THAT. ALL OF THESE ARE BUDGETED  
25 EXPENDITURES BECAUSE MOST OF THESE EXPENSES COME THROUGH OUR

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1 SPECIAL ACCOUNTS, OUR SPECIAL WORK GROUPS LIKE THE ESTUARY  
2 PARTNERSHIP AND OTHERS. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE ARE GRANT  
3 MONEYS THAT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR CERTAIN THINGS. I DO LIKE THE  
4 IDEA, THOUGH, OF HAVING A REPORT BACK IN A YEAR TO SEE HOW  
5 MANY TIMES WE HAVE ACTUALLY HAD TO GO TO THAT AMOUNT, AND WHAT  
6 FOR. I -- THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. THAT'S TEN PERCENT OF OUR  
7 ANNUAL BUDGET. SO LET'S TRY IT AND SEE.

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9 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO I UNDERSTAND THE MOTION,  
10 ERIN, IS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION, WITH THE  
11 LIMIT OF 200,000, AND ASK STAFF TO REPORT BACK NEXT YEAR AT  
12 THIS TIME WITH AN ANALYSIS, SUCH AS BRAD PRESENTED TO US OVER  
13 THE LAST SIX YEARS, FOR THIS 2021 FISCAL YEAR. AND I'M SORRY.  
14 SOMEBODY SECONDED THAT. BUT I DIDN'T SEE OR HEAR WHO.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS JULIE.

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** OKAY. I THINK I HEARD A MALE VOICE  
19 FIRST. SO I'M GOING TO GO WITH HANNIGAN, RABBIT. ANY FURTHER  
20 DISCUSSION? ROLL CALL PLEASE.

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22 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** WHERE IS THE CURRENT AUTHORITY?

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24 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THE CURRENT AUTHORITY IS 50,000.

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1 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** MINE CEO HAS 25,000.

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3 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** MY CEO HAS 100,000.

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5 **JULIE PIERCE:** I CAN MAKE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THIS?

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7 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** SURE.

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9 **JULIE PIERCE:** AND HAVE IT SAY IF THERE IS NOT ANYTHING ALREADY  
10 IN THE BUDGET IT SHOULD COME BACK REGARDLESS OF COST.

11

12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THE AUTHORITY IS UP TO 200,000 FOR ANY  
13 BUDGETED ITEM AND FOR ANYTHING THAT'S NOT BUDGETED, DO WE WANT  
14 TO GO TO A DIFFERENT FIGURE THAN THE 50? DO WE WANT TO MAKE  
15 THAT 100? WE WANT TO LEAVE IT LOAN?

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17 **JULIE PIERCE:** I WANT TO LEAVE IT ALONE.

18

19 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ERIN IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU.

20

21 **ERIN HANNIGAN:** YES.

22

23 **JULIE PIERCE:** AND THEY'RE DOING A GREAT JOB TO MAKE SURE WE  
24 DON'T DO SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS BUT UNDER PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT  
25 THERE WERE A FEW OF THOSE THAT WERE REALLY BIG CONTRACTS THAT

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1 GOT US ON THE HOOK FOR EITHER BIGGER CONTRACTS AND THAT WAS  
2 NOT OKAY. SO IF IT'S A BUDGETED EXPENDITURE, FINE. IF NOT, YOU  
3 HAVE GOT TO COME BACK.

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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** FRED, DO YOU CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE  
6 MOTION OR DO YOU WANT ME TO RESTATE IT?

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RESTATEMENT.

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10 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** MOTION IS TO APPROVE STAFF  
11 RECOMMENDATION ON BUDGETED ITEMS ONLY; THE CURRENT LIMIT OF  
12 \$50,000 REMAINS ON ANY UNBUDGETED ITEM.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE ROLL CALL  
17 PLEASE? OH DAVE DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

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19 **DAVID RABBIT:** HATE TO PUT MORE WORK ON STAFF. PUT THE CHECK  
20 BACK WITHIN A YEAR. THAT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION  
21 DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THAT.

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23 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** SECOND SEMICOLON AND REPORT TO STAFF AT  
24 THE SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING.

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1 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK JULIE FOR  
2 THE AMENDMENT BECAUSE HER REASONING AND WHAT SHE SAID HAS BEEN  
3 IN THE BACK OF MY MIND ABOUT THIS SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTING AND  
4 I KNOW THERESE HAS GOTTEN THAT UNDER CONTROL AND WORKING ON IT  
5 BUT IT'S STILL SITTING IN THE BACK OF MY MIND SO I APPRECIATE  
6 THE MENTAL HEALTH. -- AMENDMENT.

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8 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** GREAT. COMMENTS?

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO COMMENTS.

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12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** JUST FROM WAYNE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THE REPORT WILL BE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
15 BOARD?

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17 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** YES.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ON THE MOTION: [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES. EIGHT VOTES.

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23 **SPEAKER:** COUNCILMEMBER --

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25 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** YOU'RE NOT ON THE COMMITTEE.

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2 **SPEAKER:** OH I'M SORRY. I'M EARLY.

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** YOU WILL GET A CHANCE TO VOTE ON THE  
5 REPORT AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I APOLOGIZE. I'M ON THE WRONG MEETING.

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9 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** YOU'RE FINE. ERA OF ZOOM CREATES SO  
10 MANY FUN THINGS TO HANDLE. WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN TO THE  
11 NOVEMBER 19TH, 2020 MEETING. [ADJOURNED]



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