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Meeting Transcript

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING I'M AMY WORTH, CHAIR OF THE BAY AREA REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE. I'LL CALL TO ORDER OUR MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 17TH. I'LL ASK STAFF TO NOW RUN THE COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT. 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 MTC 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 RAISE 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 SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF

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AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS'S TERRIFIC. WITH THAT MAY WE PLEASE HAVE THE ROLL CALL?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: YES, MADAM CHAIR. ARREGUIN?

JESSE ARREGUIN, V. CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: RABBIT? RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: HERE.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: BARRETT?

DIR. TERESA BARRETT: HERE.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: HAUBERT? HUDSON?

DAVID E. HUDSON: HERE.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: ROSS?

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DIR. MARK ROSS: HERE.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: GIOIA? GIOIA?

JOHN GIOIA: I'M SORRY. I WAS MUTED.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: PINE.

DAVE PINE: HERE.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: WAGENKNECHT?

BRAD WAGENKNECHT: HERE.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: WASSERMAN? CHAVEZ? PEDROZA? SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: PRESENT.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: WORTH.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: PRESENT.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: WE HAVE A QUORUM, MADAM CHAIR.

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AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. SERENA THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE ROLL CALL. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT WE MOVE THE ORDER OF OUR AGENDA SLIGHTLY TO TAKE UP 7 AND 8 BEFORE ITEM SIX, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES. WE HAVE SOME SCHEDULING CHALLENGES TODAY. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET THROUGH THE ACTION BUSINESS BEFORE WE -- WHILE EVERYBODY IS ABLE TO BE HERE. SO, DO WE NEED A MOTION FOR THAT?

SPEAKER: I APOLOGIZE, MADAM CHAIR, CAN SOMEBODY PLEASE SEND ZACK WASSERMAN A LINK, PLEASE? HE CANNOT GET IN.

SPEAKER: I'M ON IT.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA, WE'LL JUST CHANGE THAT ORDER. LET'S SEE, MOVING ON, CHAIR, DO WE HAVE ANY GOVERNING BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS? I SEE NO HANDS RAISED, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS. AND THE CHAIR'S REPORT, I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD. I HAVE NO CHAIR'S REPORT. SO LET'S MOVE ON TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

DAVID E. HUDSON: I'LL MOVE CONSENT. HUDSON.

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AMY WORTH, CHAIR: MOVED BY DIRECTOR HUDSON. AND I'M SORRY. I DID NOT SEE WHO MADE THE SECOND.

JESSE ARREGUIN, V. CHAIR: I SECOND IT. JESSE.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: SECONDED BY MAYOR ARREGUIN. AND SERENA I SEE NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE 2022 BARC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE. SO, BEFORE YOU, YOU HAVE THE MEETING SCHEDULE. ALLISON, WOULD YOU MIND AMPLIFYING THAT?

ALLISON BROOKS: SURE. THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOLLOWS THE SAME SCHEDULE WE HAVE THIS YEAR. AS WE MEET EVERY OTHER MONTH, WE'LL START IN JANUARY, IT'S THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, AND THEN JANUARY TO MARCH, AND THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. SO, SIMILAR SCHEDULE, HOPEFULLY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. ALL RIGHT. THANKS ALLISON. ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS BY THE BOARD? OKAY. ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS? SERENA, DO YOU SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS? OKAY.

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CLERK, SARINA SEATON: I DON'T SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD. THIS ITEM ACTUALLY NEEDS APPROVAL. MAY I HAVE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL?

BRAD WAGENKNECHT: I'LL MOVE IT.

DAVE PINE: I SECOND.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: WAS THAT DAVE PINE?

DAVE PINE: YES. I SECOND.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. TERRIFIC. THAT ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECOND. MAY WE PLEASE HAVE THE ROLL CALL?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: [ROLL CALL VOTE] THE MOTION PASSES.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: TERRIFIC. THE MOTION PASSES AND THE SCHEDULE IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR YOUR NOTICE AND KEEPING EVERYBODY INFORMED, IN ADVANCE NOTICE, WE HAVE THAT ON OUR CALENDAR. I KNOW THAT ZACK IS TRYING TO GET ON. AND I SEE LARRY, WE HAVE GOT --

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SPEAKER: HE HAS BEEN USING MY NAME. SO CLEARLY SOMEBODY NEEDS TO --

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: SO HE'S FAMOUS. LARRY.

SPEAKER: FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T HEAR.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: WE'LL LET YOU TRY. LET ME DO THIS. LET ME TURN TO ITEM SEVEN. WE WILL TURN -- LET ME GO -- AS I MENTIONED, WE'LL MOVE 7 AND 8 AHEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATES. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM SEVEN, THAT'S APPROVAL OF THE BARC JOINT RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS FOR THE WORK AND AGENCIES, THE WORK TOGETHER. AND I'LL ASK AL.

ALLISON BROOKS: THIS DOES REFLECT A LOT OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BARC MEMBERSHIP AGENCIES. YOU HAVE IT BEFORE YOU, I'M NOT GOING TO READ IT, EACH WHEREAS STATEMENT, IT'S A PRETTY COMPREHENSIVE TELLING OF THE CLIMATE ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING, BOTH GLOBALLY, AND IT BRING IT DOWN -- MULTIPLE HAZARDS WE'RE FACING HERE IN THE BAY AREA AND HOW WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER TO BOTH TRY TO MITIGATE THE CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZING THAT WE'RE ALREADY EXPERIENCING MANY OF THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. AND IT'S REALLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. REALLY HEIGHTEN OUR COORDINATION AND

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COLLABORATION AND COMMITMENT TO DOING THAT, TO BRING A SENSE OF URGENCY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. EACH OF OUR AGENCIES BRING A LOT OF TREMENDOUS EXPERTISE, AUTHORITY, AND ABILITIES, AND I THINK, ON MANY OF -- A LOT OF THIS WORK, I THINK WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN MOST INSTANCES, ONE AGENCY CAN'T TACKLE THIS ON THEIR OWN. SO, YOU KNOW, WHAT THIS DOES IS REALLY COMMIT ALL OF US TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND THOSE PROJECTS AND WAYS IN WHICH IT'S CLEAR WE NEED TO BE WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP SOME MEASURABLE GOALS IN THE NEXT NEAR-TERM, MORE 1 TO 5 YEARS, WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER TO MEASURABLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE, ADDRESS THE CRISIS AS BEST WE CAN. I DID WANT TO NOTE ON THE PRINCIPLES, THIS IS A COMMITMENT, BUT OF COURSE, THE PRINCIPLES THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED IN 2015, YOU KNOW, JUST A REMINDER, THAT EACH BARC MEMBER AGENCY RETAINS ITS AUTHORITY, AND IS VOLUNTARILY MAKING, YOU KNOW, ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT. YOU KNOW? SO, BUT, I THINK FOR ALL OF US TO SIGN OFF AND REALLY MAKE AN EFFORT TO DO THIS WORK TOGETHER, CAN HAVE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT FOR OUR REGION. SO THAT'S REALLY THE BACKGROUND ON IT, AND REALLY, THE WORK IS GOING TO BE FOLLOWING THIS RESOLUTION IN DEVELOPING THIS WORK PLAN TOGETHER AND ASSIGNING STAFF TO TAKE ON DIFFERENT ROLES AND FUNCTIONS. AND ALSO THAT EACH AGENCY IS -- THERE IS GOING TO BE A LEAD AGENCY ON MANY OF THESE PROJECTS, BUT THE RECOGNITION THAT IT REQUIRES PARTNERSHIP. IT JUST REQUIRES PARTNERSHIP ACROSS THE AGENCIES TO REALLY

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DELIVER. SO, I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT, AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. AND JUST, WHAT YOU WILL HEAR FOLLOWING THIS ITEM, YOU WILL ALSO HEAR FROM BCDC WHO BROUGHT FORWARD THE RESOLUTION ASKING BARC TO ENDORSE THE BAY ADAPT JOINT PLATFORM, AND WE REALLY SEE THAT THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH IS A MULTIHAZARD, HOW WE'RE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE MULTI-HAZARDS WE'RE FACING TOGETHER AS A REGION, BUT THIS JOIN MECHANISM CAN HELP TO MEET THE GOALS IN THE BAY ADAPT PLATFORM AND HELP, YOU KNOW, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MEET THE IMPORTANT GOALS OUTLINED IN ADDRESSING SEA LEVEL RISE THAT BCDC HAS BEEN WORKING ON. I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT, CHAIR.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ALLISON FOR THAT INTRODUCTION AND HARD WORK BRINGING THIS TOGETHER. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN TO THE BOARD FOR QUESTIONS. LET'S SEE. I'M JUST GOING TO CHECK. SERENA, DO YOU SEE ANY HANDS UP? I HAVE TWO SCREENS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE -- YES THERE WE GO. JESSE ARREQUIN.

JESSE ARREGUIN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK ALLISON FOR THIS RESOLUTION. I THINK THE BACKGROUND FRAMING THE ISSUE AND THE COMMITMENT TO ALL OF OUR MEMBER AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER ON A JOINT STRATEGY AND PLAN FOR HOW WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS CLIMATE ADAPTATION SEA LEVEL RISE IS LONG OVERDUE. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS HERE OVER, I WOULD SAY, THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS AROUND THE BETTER NEED FOR REGIONAL

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COORDINATION, SEA LEVEL RISE AND MORE BROADLY CLIMATE ADAPTATION NOT JUST RESPONSE TO SEA LEVEL RISE BUT FIRE THREATS AND OTHER HAZARDS THAT ARE INCREASINGLY BECOMING COMMONPLACE DUE TO WORSENING CLIMATE CHANGE. I WANT TO THANK STAFF AND THE LEADERSHIP OF ALL THE AGENCIES COMING TOGETHER. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POINT FOR ON YOU REGION TO BEGIN TO EMBARK ON THIS PROCESS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO ALL OF TO YOU HELP IN THE OUTCOME OF THE PROCESS.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: JESSE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. ANY QUESTIONS NOW? I KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS, THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS COMMITTEE, WHICH USED TO BE THE JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE, AND KNOW THAT WAS KIND OF THE INTENT, I THINK, ORIGINALLY WHEN TORLAKSON AND DESAULNIER LOOK TO BRING OUR REGIONAL AGENCIES TOGETHER. DIRECTOR GIOIA?

JOHN GIOIA: WE'RE UNIQUE IN THE BAY AREA THAT WE HAVE THIS STRUCTURE TO BRING TOGETHER THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL AGENCIES AND WE ALL KNOW THAT CLIMATE CHANGE HAS IMPACTS ACROSS SO MANY AREAS, AND AMY AS YOU HAVE SAID EACH OF THE AGENCIES AT VARIOUS POINTS ARE GOING TO SERVE AS THE LEAD ON PARTICULAR ISSUES. BCDC HAS BEEN TAKING A LEAD, FOR EXAMPLE, ON RESILIENCY ALONG THE BAY. SO I THINK IT WILL BE GREAT TO HAVE THIS, AND IT'S NICE TO FORMALIZE IT. BUT ULTIMATELY THE WORK IS GOING TO GET DONE IN EACH OF THE AGENCIES AND HAVING THIS

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VEHICLE AT BARC TO BE ABLE TO, SORT OF, COORDINATE THAT WORK. SO JUST SUPPORTIVE OF THAT.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT, JOHN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. LET ME SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHERS FOR NOW. IF NOT, WE'LL GO PUBLIC COMMENT. SERENA, DO YOU SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: I DON'T SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: ANY WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR FURTHER COMMENTS. AND I SEE COUNCILMEMBER ROSS ON THE -- WITH YOUR HAND UP, MARK.

DIR. MARK ROSS: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HAVE THE HONOR OF MAKING THE MOTION TO ADOPT THIS. AND THANK BCDC FOR BEING SO PROACTIVE WITH BAY ADAPT PLAN, AS WELL AND I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK BY ALL THE STAFF ON THIS, AND ALL THE AGENCIES. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

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AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THE MOTION IS APPROVED. AND I'LL ENTERTAIN A SECOND.

JESSE ARREGUIN, V. CHAIR: SECOND, ARREGUIN.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU MAYOR ARREGUIN. AND IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT, THEN, SERENA, MAY WE PLEASE HAVE A ROLL CALL?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'LL CALL THE ROLL.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: [ROLL CALL VOTE] THE MOTION PASSES.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT, SERENA THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I WANT TO ECHO ALL THE COMMENTS AND THANK STAFF, THANK ALLISON AND LUCIAN WHO WORKED SO HARD TO PULL THIS TOGETHER. ALL OF OUR COUNTIES ARE FACING THE THREATS TO CLIMATE CHANGE, AND IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE ACT. AND I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE HAS BEEN, YOU KNOW, ASSEMBLYMEMBER MULLIN BROUGHT FORWARD REGISTRATION IN THIS LAST SESSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND BAY -- YOU KNOW, ADAPTATION, SEA LEVEL RISE, BUT ALSO THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF BILLS WITH REGARDS TO WILDFIRE THREATS THAT HAVE ALSO GONE THROUGH THE LEGISLATION. AND WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL SIGN THOSE. SO, REALLY, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO

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MOVE FORWARD AS FAST AS WE CAN, YOU KNOW, AS DELIBERATIVELY AS WE CAN, TO MOVE FORWARD AND ADDRESS THIS. I THINK THIS IS GREAT RESOURCES FOR ALL THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE BAY AREA THAT ARE GRAPPLING WITH THESE ISSUES. AND IT'S BOTH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS TOO. SO THANK YOU ALLISON FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND ALL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WHO WORK ON THIS. THERE IS A REAL COMMITMENT TO MOVE FORWARD TO NEXT STEPS. SO THANK YOU. I'LL MOVE ON IF THERE IS NO FURTHER COMMENTS AND MOVE TO ITEM EIGHT WHICH IS A JOINT RESOLUTION ON BAY ADAPT AND THAT'S THE REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR A RISING BAY. WE HAD A VERY THOUGHTFUL COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION ON THIS AT OUR LAST MEETING, AND IT'S MY PLEASURE TO TURN TO JESSICA FROM BCDC FOR AN UPDATE AND TO BRING THIS FORWARD TO US TODAY FOR ACTION.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU CHAIR WORTH. I'M JESSICA, PLANNING DIRECTOR OF BCDC AND AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE AGENDA ITEM EIGHT RESOLUTION ON BAY ADAPT REGIONAL STRATEGY. AS MENTIONED I PROVIDED A DETAILED BRIEFING FOR YOU AT OUR LAST MEETING I'LL RECAP HERE. AS WE EXPERIENCE DEVASTATING DROUGHT AND FIRE SEASON IT'S EASY TO PUSH SEA LEVEL RISE TO THE BACK OF OUR MINDS BUT THE BAY AREA STANDS TO BE THE -- COASTAL AREA IN NORTH AMERICA THE BAY AREA SHORELINE ACCOUNTS FOR JUST 1/3 OF THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF CALIFORNIA'S COASTLINE BUT THE BAY AREA IS PROJECTED TO EXPERIENCE TWO-THIRDS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

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DUE TO SEA LEVEL RISE. BCDC HAS EXTENSIVELY STUDIED VULNERABILITIES AND WE KNOW WHAT IS AT RISK WHEN IT COMES TO OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES HOMES AND JOBS AND OUR COMMUTE NATURAL HAD BEEN AT THIS TIMES AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF ASSETS WILL BE INUNDATED WITHOUT ACTION TO THREAT. OUR COMMUNITIES CITIES AND COUNTIES HAVE DIFFERENT HISTORIES DIFFERENT CHALLENGES AND DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES THERE IS NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL APPROACH DEALING WITH THESE CHALLENGES. STUDIES SHOW THAT RISKS FROM SEA LEVEL RISE ON UNEQUALLY DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE BAY AREA DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTING LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WHO ALSO HAVE LONG BEEN VICTIMS OF OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. WE CONTINUE TO LEARN HOW NATURE PROTECTS PEOPLE FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND IMPROVES PUBLIC HEALTH BUT AS WATER LEVELS RISE COASTAL HABITAT RISK BEING DROWNED AND LOST BOTH NATURE AND PEOPLE WILL SUFFER. AS YOU KNOW BAY AREA IS COMPRISED OF ENTITIES CLUSTERED AROUND A SINGLE BAY NO ONE ENTITY IS IN CHARGE OF ADAPTING TO SEA LEVEL RISE. THE GOOD NEWS IS THERE IS LOTS OF EXAMPLES HAPPENING AROUND THE REGION RESTORING NATURAL WETLAND AND BUFFERING AGAINST STORMS AND PROTECTION IN THE FORM OF SEA WALLS, WE MAY NEED TO REMOVE THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY BUILT. ADAPTATION WILL BE SPURNED AS WE LEARN TO COEXIST WITH WATER IN THE FUTURE. HERE IS THE APPROACH PROTECTING OUR ENTIRE BAY AREA SHORELINE, ADDRESS MISSED OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFICIALLY SOLVE PROBLEMS AND PREVENT THE BAY AREA FROM GETTING OUR FAIR SHARE OF RESOURCES

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BECAUSE WE WENT BE SPEAKING LOUDLY WITH ONE VOICE LOCAL ACTIONS ARE NOT ENOUGH PREVENTING HARM DUE TO SEA LEVEL RISE IS A REGIONAL PROBLEM. BCDC APPROACHED A GROUP OF 30 BAY AREA LEADERS WITH A HYPOTHESIS, CAN WE COME TOGETHER AS LEADERS ACROSS A VARIETY OF SECTORS PRIVATE PUBLIC COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT WITH A CONSENSUS DRIVEN STRATEGY THAT LAYS OUT ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ADOPT THE BAY AREA TO RISE IN SEA LEVEL PROTECTION. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CAUCUS TWO PUBLIC FORUMS AND MANY EXPERT WORKING GROUPS TEN COMMUNITIES LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOCUS GROUPS AND 50 PRESENTATIONS AROUND THE REGION WE ASKED PEOPLE TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES. WE WEREN'T QUITE SURE WHAT THE SOLUTIONS MIGHT BE, WE HEARD FROM ENVIRONMENTALISTS CONCERNED THAT THE REGION'S NATURAL AREAS ARE IN NEED OF PROTECTION IF NOT MORE THAN OTHER ASSETS LIKE ROADS AND BUILDINGS. ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS WARN THAT WE NEED TO GET THE BEST SCIENCE INTO THE HANDS OF DESIGNERS ARCHITECTS AND DECISION MAKERS. ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY STAFFS UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE BUT HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES AND ARE OFTEN PLAYED WITH MORE PRESSING ISSUES. BUSINESS LEADERS TOLD US THAT REDUCING THE UNCERTAINTY AROUND WHAT TO EXPECT AND PLAN FOR WILL HELP EVERYONE AS WE FACE OTHER CHALLENGES LIKE HOUSING SHORTAGES. WE HEARD THIS IS COMPLICATED AND NEED TO COMMUNICATE IT IN A WAY THAT IS EASY FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND. THE BAY AREA ADAPT JOINT PLATFORM WHICH IS INCLUDED IN YOUR MAIN PACKET FOR TODAY DESCRIBES A SET OF NINE ACTIONS IN 21 TASKS TO ADAPT

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FASTER BETTER AND MORE EQUITABLY TO A RISING BAY. WE GOT THE GREEN LIGHT FROM THE BAY ADAPT ADVISORY GROUP IN JUNE TO MOVE THE PLATFORM FORWARD. AND THAT LIST OF LEADERSHIP GROUP MEMBERS IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE, MANY MEMBERS OF YOU ON THE MEETING TODAY ARE PART OF THAT GROUP. THE PLATFORM DOES NOT ITSELF SPECIFY SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR THE SHORELINE BUT AIMS TO LEVERAGE THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE ACTION AND WILL ULTIMATELY DO A BUNCH OF THINGS FOR BAY AREA COMMUNITIES IF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED. THIS INCLUDES REDUCING FLOOD RISK, PROTECTING NATURAL AREAS AND WILDLIFE RECOGNIZING AND PROVIDING EQUITABLE SUPPORT FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN THEIR ADAPTATION JOURNEYS. INTEGRATING ADAPTATION INTO COMMUNITY FOCUSED LOCAL PLANS. ACCELERATING, PERMITTING AND PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PARTICULARLY FOR NATURE BASED AND MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS. PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND GETTING MORE FUNDING FOR THE BAY AREA FOR ADAPTATION. A FEW WEEKS AGO WE KICKED OFF A PUBLIC FEEDBACK PERIOD ON THE JOINT PLATFORM AT AN EVENT COHOSTED WITH SPUR. OVER 160 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE EVENT WHICH INCLUDED A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS INCLUDING SUPERVISOR GIOIA. THE FEEDBACK PERIOD ENDS SEPTEMBER 25TH AND COMMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED AT WWW.BAYADAPT.ORG. THE TASK OF DEVELOPING REGIONAL RESILIENCE IS FAR BIGGER THAN ANYONE CAN DO ON THEIR OWN. THE PLATFORM WAS CREATED COLLABORATIVELY AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED COLLABORATIVELY. IT WILL REQUIRE LEADERS TO STEP INTO BIGGER

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ROLES AND WORK WITH A WIDE WEB OF THINKERS, BUILDERS, DREAMERS RATHER THAN DO IT ALONE IT CALLS FOR DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS WITH AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE BAY AREA. I ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK THE LEADERSHIP AND STAFF AT MTC, ABAG, THE WATER BOARD COASTAL CONSERVANCY CALTRANS AND BARC PARTNERING IN THE DEVELOPING PLATFORM. WE HAVE SEEN COORDINATION PLAY OUT IN THE COORDINATION OF PLANNED BAY AREA AND THE JOINT WORK BROUGHT STRENGTHENED CONNECTIONS. STARTING TO THINK ABOUT QUESTIONS AND FIGURING OUT HOW IT'S FINALIZED. THE BOARD SENDS A STRONG MESSAGE TO THE REGION THAT THE REGIONAL AGENCIES ARE COMMITTED TO FIGURING THIS OUT TOGETHER. WITH THAT I'LL ASK TO YOU SUPPORT TODAY'S RESOLUTION WHICH IS TO ENDORSE THE DRAFT JOINT PLATFORM AND THROUGH THE BARC GOVERNING BOARD'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE THAT SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SHARED WORK PLAN THAT THE MEMBER AGENCIES OF BARC WILL SUPPORT AND HELP IMPLEMENT THE BAY ADAPT JOINT PLATFORM BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY. THANK YOU.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. JESSICA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT REPORT. AND AGAIN PROVIDING THE BACKGROUND ON WHERE WE ARE IN THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO BRING US TO THIS POINT IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO TURN TO DIRECTOR WASSERMAN, BCDC CHAIR. AND, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. FINALLY

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GETTING ON THE CALL, ZACK. I'M GLAD THE TECHNOLOGY WORKED BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR YOU, WHATEVER IT TOOK.

ZACK WASSERMAN: I APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. I APOLOGIZE FOR MY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AND I AM VERY GLAD THAT I'M HERE. JUST A FEW REMARKS TO FOLLOW UP ON JESSICA'S PRESENTATION, WHICH I THINK LAID OUT VERY WELL, AND PRETTY MUCH AS CONCISELY AS POSSIBLE WHAT THIS IS AND WHAT WE ARE ABOUT. WHEN I STARTED, AS BCDC CHAIR, NINE YEARS AGO, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ALMOST INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTALISTS, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY, AND PUBLIC AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION WOULD HAVE COME TOGETHER AND AGREED ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT CONFRONTING RISING SEA LEVELS, AND HOW THEY WILL IMPACT OUR BAY. THE FACT THAT WE ARE HERE, WITH THIS JOINT PLATFORM TODAY, BRADLEY ENDORSED, IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT. NECESSARY, BUT REMARKABLE. WHILE BCDC HAS BEEN LEADING THIS BAY ADAPT EFFORT IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS NOT SIMPLY A BCDC PLAN. ITS SUCCESS WILL REQUIRE THE COLLECTIVE ACTION OF ALL OF OUR AGENCIES, AS WELL AS THE CITIES, COUNTIES, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, AND COMMUNITIES THAT RING THE BAY. TODAY'S ENDORSEMENT BY BARC'S GOVERNING BOARD IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF PROACTIVE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP WE NEED TO MAKE THIS PLAN A REALITY. AND, AGAIN, THIS PLAN IS JUST, THE BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR US TO BEGIN ADAPTING AND KNITTING TOGETHER THE SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT WE WILL NEED TO IMPLEMENT IN

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VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS AND WITH VARIOUS LEVELS OF APPROVAL IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE, THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND THE BUILT-IN ENVIRONMENT AROUND OUR BAY. BCDC PLANS TO ADOPT BAY ADAPT AT OUR SECOND MEETING IN OCTOBER. PREVIOUSLY, MAYOR ARREGUIN HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE ABAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPT AND ENDORSE BAY ADAPT, AND I HOPE THAT WILL HAPPEN. ABAG IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN THIS GROUP, BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE AGENCIES THAT WILL NEED TO ACT ARE REPRESENTED THERE. I ASK THE OTHER AGENCIES TO CONSIDER HOW THEY CAN DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR THIS JOINT PLATFORM WHETHER BY RESOLUTION, LETTER OF SUPPORT, INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS, ALL THREE OR MORE. IN ALL OF THESE, BCDC STAFF, OF COURSE, WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN THROUGHOUT THE FALL, SO WE'RE POISED AS WE ENTER 2022 TO REALLY BEGIN IMPLEMENTING BAY ADAPT AND THE EFFORT TO CREATE THE STRUCTURES AND ACTIONS THAT WILL PROTECT ALL OF US FROM WHAT WE KNOW IS GOING TO HAPPEN WITH RISING SEA IN OUR BAY. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT, ZACK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENTS. AND, LET ME JUST SEE IF THERE ARE COMMENTS. LET ME TURN TO THE PUBLIC. SERENA, DO YOU SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OR HAVE YOU RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE?

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CLERK, SARINA SEATON: I SEE NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION. I CAN'T BE AS ELOQUENT AS ZACK AND JOHN ON THIS, BUT I WAS REMINDED THIS MORNING, AND IN OUR CONVERSATIONS, ALLISON AND I HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS OVER THE LAST WEEK OR SO ON THIS, AND THIS WAS OVER 60 YEARS AGO, SYLVIA MCLAUGHLIN LYNN, ESTHER, GOT TOGETHER AND SAID WE NEED TO SAVE THE BAY. WE NEED TO -- YOU KNOW, THE BAY IS SUCH A TREASURE, AND IT'S WONDERFUL THAT WE HAVE COME SO FAR AND BEEN ABLE TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION AND ADOPT AND ENDORSE THIS BCDC PLAN, WHICH IS SO COMPREHENSIVE, AND SO, YOU KNOW, REALLY, A REFLECTION, TOO, OF THE PRIORITY THE VOTERS HAVE PUT IN, OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVING MEASURE AA SEVERAL YEARS AGO ALSO TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE BAY. SO IT'S -- I THINK THERE -- THESE THREE WOMEN ARE LOOKING DOWN AT US SAYING, OKAY, GOOD JOB. AND IT'S REALLY WONDERFUL THAT WE CAN BE HERE TODAY WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT THIS. I WANT TO TURN TO SUPERVISOR GIOIA WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS.

JOHN GIOIA: YOUR WORDS WERE GREAT AMY. I AM SO GLAD YOU REFERRED TO THE THREE FOUNDING WOMEN. THAT WAS PRETTY AMAZING WORK. BRAD WAGENKNECHT AND I, I THINK WE ARE CURRENTLY THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBERS OF BCDC. WE HAVE BOTH BEEN ON SINCE

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JANUARY OF 1999, AND WE HAVE SEEN AN AMAZING SHIFT IN WORK. BCDC HAS CONTINUE TO DO ITS INITIAL WORK OF PREVENTING THE BAY FROM BEING FILLED BUT ALSO TAKEN ON THIS MASSIVE ROLE OF ADDRESSING SEA LEVEL RISE. I THINK THERE IS SOME IRONY, FROM PREVENTING THE BAY FROM BECOMING SMALLER TO NOW ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF PREVENTING, MAYBE THE BAY FROM BECOMING BIGGER IN TERMS OF SEA LEVEL RISE. SO MAYBE THERE IS SOME IRONY IN THERE. BUT JUST TO NOTE, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, BCDC HAS LAYERED THIS NEW WORK WITHIN ITS PLANNING FUNCTION, MOSTLY. A LITTLE REGULATORY, BUT A LOT PLANNING IN ITS WORK OF PROTECTING THE BAY FROM FILL. SO WITH THAT, I'M GLAD TO MOVE THE IDEA.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT, JOHN. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR GIOIA. MAY I PLEASE HAVE A SECOND?

ZACK WASSERMAN: SECOND.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: ZACK. MOVED BY DIRECTOR WASSERMAN. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER COMMENTS, WE'LL HAVE A ROLL CALL. OKAY. MAY I TURN TO SERENA, PLEASE, FOR THE ROLL CALL?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: [ROLL CALL VOTE] THE MOTION PASSES.

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AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE. AND THANK YOU, BCDC, IN ALL YOUR INCREDIBLE WORK THAT NOT ONLY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE HISTORY, BUT WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN TERMS OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE FACING, REGIONALLY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THAT. BUT I THINK THE HARD WORK IS YET TO COME. WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DO TO COME TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER. AND, AGAIN, I THINK WE'RE SO GRATEFUL -- SO FORTUNATE TO REALLY HAVE BARC REFLECTING ALL OF THE AGENCIES THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, INVOLVED IN THIS REGION, COMING TOGETHER, SO WE CAN HAVE COMMON CONVERSATION. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THESE RESOLUTIONS BEING ADOPTED INDIVIDUALLY BY EACH ONE OF THE MEMBER BOARDS, SO THAT WE CAN, AS WE CONTINUE THE WORK. SO, THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO EVERYBODY WHO WORKED SO HARD TO BRING US HERE. SO, LET'S NOW MOVE BACK TO ITEM SIX, WHICH ARE THE BARC NUMBER AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES. SO, LET ME -- MAY I FIRST BEGIN WITH BCDC?

LARRY GOLDZBAND: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. CAN YOU HEAR ME.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: I SURE CAN. THANK YOU.

LARRY GOLDZBAND: I DON'T WANT TO KILL A SALE. SO AS A RESULT, I THINK I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS VERY, VERY SHORT. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING BAY ADAPT WHICH HAS CONSUMED

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JESSICA AND ZACK'S LIVES FOR SO LONG. ONE IMPORTANT POINT, MAYOR SAM LICCARDO SIX WEEKS AGO MENTIONED DURING I BELIEVE AN ABAG MEETING, THE NEED TO STUDY WHETHER IT IS TIME TO PUT A BARRIER UNDER THE GOLDEN GATE DUE TO RISING SEA LEVEL AND COST ASSOCIATED WITH ADAPTATION. WE ARE WORKING WITH MAYOR LICCARDO TO MAKE SURE THAT HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT THAT CONSISTS OF. AND YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE BAY AREA COUNCIL SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN UP THIS ISSUE AND IS WORKING TO ARRANGE SOME TYPE OF STUDY, PRESTUDY, SCOPING ISSUE ON IT. THAT THEY ARE WORKING WITH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO DEVELOP. BCDC IS HAPPY TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING SUCH A STUDY, SO LONG AS IT TRULY IS A HOLISTIC STUDY. NOT SIMPLY LOOKING AT WHETHER IT'S FEASIBLE TO PUT SOMETHING IN THE BAY, BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT EVERY ENGINEER IN THE WORLD WOULD TELL YOU THAT IT'S FEASIBLE, AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AND RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY. THE ISSUE REALLY IS WHAT THE EFFECTS WOULD BE. SO WE WILL HAVE MORE ON THAT WHEN IT ARRIVES. THANK YOU.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: OKAY. LARRY. THANK YOU. LARRY, I'M SORRY. CAN YOU KIND OF AMPLIFY WHO IS DOING THE STUDY?

LARRY GOLDZBAND: NOBODY. I WANTED TO MENTION THAT IT WAS MENTIONED IN AN ABAG MEETING. THERESE DID WHAT WE VERY MUCH THANK FOR, WHICH JUST SHIFTED THE ISSUE OVER TO BCDC, RIGHT NOW WE'RE WORKING WITH THE MAYOR AND THE BAY AREA COUNCIL.

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AMY WORTH, CHAIR: OKAY. I APPRECIATE YOUR UPDATE ON THAT INFORMATION. AND WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 6B, WHICH IS THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

VERONICA EADY: YES, GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. I'M VERONICA EADY, STANDING IN FOR JACK BROADBENT THIS MORNING. I HAVE A COUPLE OF ITEMS TO COVER: ONE, AN UPDATE ON THE EQUITY WORKSHOP THAT OUR CHAIR CHAVEZ ASKED FOR THE BOARD. I'M LOOKING AT A MULTI-SESSION RIGHT NOW, THREE SESSIONS, EQUITY WORKSHOP FOR OUR BOARD, WE'RE GOING TO KICK IT OFF IN OCTOBER AND THEN HAVE FOLLOW UP SESSIONS IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER. THE THREE COMPONENTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO COVER IN THIS TRAINING IS STRUCTURAL RACISM WHICH WILL BE IN OCTOBER, THEN IN NOVEMBER WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT POWER SHARING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS. AND THEN THE THIRD ONE, IN DECEMBER, WILL BE COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING AND LAYING OUT TOOLS FOR MANAGING CONFLICT. WE HAVE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE. I THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR STAFF AND BOARDS, SO I'M REALLY EXCITED THAT CHAIR CHAVEZ ASKED US TO DEVELOP THAT. THE OTHER POINT THAT I WANTED TO TOUCH ON THIS MORNING IS JUST TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON WILDFIRES AND KIND OF GET THE FIRES INTO CONTEXT. RIGHT NOW THE TOTAL SIZE OF WILDFIRES BURNING IN CALIFORNIA THIS YEAR IS ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME. BUT THE AIR QUALITY HAS BEEN A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN

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IT'S BEEN LAST YEAR. WE HAVE CALLED EIGHT SPARE THE AIR DAYS DUE TO WILDFIRES, SO FAR THIS YEAR. BUT, LAST YEAR IT WAS 30 SPARE THE AIR DAYS THROUGH THIS DATE LAST YEAR. SO WE'RE DOING A LITTLE BIT BETTER. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE FIRES LAST YEAR WERE, SOME OF THEM IN THE BAY AREA, SO IT MADE IT A LITTLE BIT WORSE, GAVE US POOR AIR QUALITY. LAST YEAR, THE SMOKE IMPACTED AIR QUALITY REGARDLESS OF THE WIND DIRECTION. SO, LOOKING FORWARD, THE NEWS IS A LITTLE BIT MIXED. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD IN THE NEWS THAT THERE IS AN ATMOSPHERIC RIVER EVENT THAT IS APPROACHING US. SO THERE MAY BE RAIN IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. I THINK EARLIER IN THE WEEK, THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT HAVING RAIN IN THE BAY AREA ON SUNDAY, BUT THAT SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED. SO IT'S GOING TO BE A BIT NORTH OF US AND INTO OREGON. AFTER THE WEEKEND WE'RE PREDICTING AN OFFSHORE EVENT WHICH COULD LEAD TO INCREASED FIRE RISK THROUGHOUT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO THAT'S IT THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT VERONICA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT REPORT. AND I KNOW WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS DOING NOW ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PUBLIC CONCERN IS SO GREAT. SO I HAD THE PLEASURE OF HEARING DIRECTOR ROSS ON THE RADIO THE OTHER DAY, AND IT'S JUST REALLY HELPFUL TO THE PUBLIC. AND I THINK YOU'RE WEB SITE, THE WAY IT'S SETUP, TOO, IT'S REALLY EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GET THE INFORMATION THEY NEED IN TERMS OF AIR QUALITY. SO I'M GRATEFUL

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TO BE ABLE TO SEND PEOPLE TO THE AIR DISTRICT WHEN THEY ASK ME QUESTIONS ABOVE MY PAY GRADE. THAT'S GREAT.

VERONICA EADY: CHAIR, I CAN MENTION ONE OTHER THING?

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: PLEASE DO.

VERONICA EADY: WE HAVE BEEN WORKING DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR FROM LAST YEAR IN THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTING INDOOR AIR FILTRATION UNITS. WE HAVE 3,000 UNITS THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET INTO THE NINE BAY AREA COUNTY. SO I JUST WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT. AND IF ANYBODY WANTS MORE INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY, INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET THEM INTO YOUR COUNTY, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: SUPER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. AND I KNOW THAT'S A FANTASTIC PROGRAM, BECAUSE THOUGH AIR FILTERS REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE INSIDE. SO, THANKS A LOT. OKAY. NEXT ONE, AND WE ARE MOVING TO EXECUTIVE MCMILLAN FOR BOTH THE ABAG AND THE MTC REPORTS. THERESE, WELCOME.

THERESE MCMILLAN: GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR, AND MEMBERS. THREE THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT FOR YOU, THE FIRST ONE ON YOUR RADAR SCREEN ALREADY, WHICH IS THIS SEMINOLE MOMENT WHEN WE WILL BE ADOPT PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AS WE PULL

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TOGETHER THIS EXTRAORDINARY WORK FOR THE LONG RANGE VISION FOR THE BAY AREA. OCTOBER 21ST WILL BE A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF MTC AND ABAG TO ADOPT THE PLAN. AND THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4TH WE WILL BE RELEASING FOR PUBLIC REVIEW THE FINAL PLAN AS PROPOSED, AS LONG AS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ATTENDANT REPORTS, INCLUDING THE EIR THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU MAY, OR YOUR STAFFS MAY WANT TO REVIEW IN ADVANCE. SO, THAT IS A HUGELY SIGNIFICANT EFFORT. ONE OF THE THINGS I WOULD HIGHLIGHT APROPOS OF THE ACTION YOU TOOK ON THE SHARED WORK PLAN IS THAT A MAJOR ELEMENT PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, WHICH AS YOU KNOW, IS A 30-YEAR-LONG-RANGE PLAN IS THE IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT OF THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THAT PLAN AND DOES A FOCUSED DEEP DIVE, IF YOU WILL, ON THE PARTNERED ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO JUMP-START THE 35 STRATEGIES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. AND THAT HAS BEEN A MAJOR FOCUS OF WORK WITH ALL OF OUR FELLOW AGENCIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDERS, OVER THE SUMMER. AND, YOU KNOW, FOR PURPOSES, CERTAINLY OF THE SHARED WORK PLAN ON RESILIENCE, WE WOULD, YOU KNOW, EXPECT THAT PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 WOULD BE THE SPRING BOARD, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ELEMENT DEALING WITH RESILIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT AND WHAT NOT, IT WOULD BE THE SPRING BOARD FOR OUR CONTRIBUTIONS GOING INTO THE SHARED WORK PLAN. SO, AGAIN, CONNECTING DOTS, AND BUILDING ON WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN THAT SPACE. THE SECOND THING I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT, IN LOOKING AT ABAG PRESIDENT JESSE ARREQUIN, WHO WILL BE LEADING

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THIS EFFORT, IS RHNA, THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT, INITIATION OF THE APPEALS PROCESS BY 28 LOCAL JURISDICTIONS STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 24TH. AS, AGAIN, YOU KNOW, THIS IS, RHNA IS A MULTI-YEAR EFFORT THAT TOUCHES EVERY SINGLE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN THE BAY AREA, AND IN FACT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I THINK THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT RECOGNITION OF THE HOUSING CRISIS IN THIS REGION, BUT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROCEDURAL STEP WHERE JURISDICTIONS CAN APPEAL THE NUMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN INITIALLY ASSIGNED TO THEM IN TERMS OF HOUSING. AND THAT'S GOING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT FOCUS FOR ABAG. END OF SEPTEMBER, THROUGH OCTOBER. THE THIRD THING I WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW IS, SORT OF, A BIT OF A PARALLEL COMPANION TO THE REPORT YOU'RE GOING TO BE RECEIVING ON STATE LEGISLATION, WHICH OF COURSE HAS BEEN, AGAIN, A REALLY HIGH FOCUS, WHICH IS JUST A RECOGNITION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. AND IT'S A LOT. [LAUGHTER] THAT'S HAPPENING THERE. AND I WANTED TO JUST HIGHLIGHT, AND OF COURSE, WE CAN COME BACK, AS APPROPRIATE TO THIS COMMITTEE, THERE IS A NUMBER OF INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITIES AT PLAY IN DC. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE SENATE PASSED ON OCTOBER 10TH, A $1 TRILLION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT. A MAJOR REFLECTION OF PRESIDENT BIDEN'S COMMITMENT TO INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT, AGAIN, IS STILL BEING TAKEN UP BY THE HOUSE. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK LEFT TO DO THAT BEFORE IT PROCEEDS FORWARD. AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO ALL OF THE COMPLEXITIES THAT HAVE BEEN

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ATTACHED TO THAT. BUT IMPORTANTLY JUST TO NOTE THAT FOR TRANSPORTATION, THAT BILL, IF IT'S TO PASS IN ITS FORM DOUBLES AS THE NEXT FIVE YEAR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION BILL, WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OVER EXISTING LEVELS, PARTICULARLY FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT. AS WELL, THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN JOBS ACT, I'M RESISTING DOING AN ACRONYM, IDA, ALSO HAS -- INCLUDES INVESTMENT LEVELS FOR BROADBAND AND RESILIENCY TO AREAS, AGAIN, THAT I THINK ARE A KEEN INTEREST TO BARC, AS WE LOOK, AGAIN, AT OUR MULTI-SECTORAL PORTFOLIO. IN ADDITION TO THAT, AND AGAIN, I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO THE DETAILS, A BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL, THAT IS BEING ADVANCED BY THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS, THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WOULD BE THE PLACE WHERE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT WOULD BE TAKEN UP. WE ARE TRACKING THAT VERY CLOSELY. AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WORKING WITH OTHER MPOS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO ENSURE THAT REGIONS HAVE AN IMPACTFUL ROLE IN POLICY AND/OR INVESTMENT, AND/OR IMPLEMENTATION IN TERMS OF PROVIDING HOUSING WHERE IT'S NEEDED. WITH THAT, I WILL CONCLUDE MY REPORT AND WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. THERESE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR REPORT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? I FORGOT TO ASK, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON EITHER THE PREVIOUS

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REPORTS OR THERESA'S REPORTS? SERENA, I DON'T SEE ANY HANDS UP. BUT I JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM WITH YOU.

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: THERE HAVE BEEN NO PUBLIC COMMENCE.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERESE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO THE MILESTONE, THE OCTOBER DATE. A LOT OF WORK GOES INTO IT BUT IT'S A REFLECTION OF ALL OF OUR WORK EFFORTS TOGETHER ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT ITEM, WE'RE MOVING ON TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. AND, MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, YOU'RE ON. WELCOME.

MICHAEL MONTGOMERY: GREAT. THANK YOU CHAIR WORTH. SERENA IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO SEND AROUND A LINK. LAST FRIDAY WE PUBLISHED OUR MUNICIPAL REGIONAL STORM WATER PERMIT THIS HAS BEEN IN THE WORK FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS WITH GROUPS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 79 MUNICIPALITIES, NGOS, EPA, WORKING THROUGH THE REVISED PERMIT. IT'S BEEN A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT WE HAVE A LOT OF ALIGNMENT ISSUES, YOU BUT WE HAD AN ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING BACK IN FEBRUARY WHICH GAVE OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY CONCERNS AND ADDRESS THEM FOR THE CURRENT DRAFT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TWO DAYS OF TESTIMONY HEARING OCTOBER 12TH AND 13TH. THE PROVISIONS, IT BASICALLY CONTINUES A NUMBER OF

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PROVISIONS FROM THE PRIOR PERMIT, BUT IT DOES HAVE SOME UPDATED REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR TRASH CONTROLS. INCLUDING EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO ACHIEVE FULL COMPLIANCE. THERE IS NEW PROVISIONS FOR MERCURY AND PCBS. THERE IS NEW PROVISIONS FOR NEW AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO INCREASE THE STORMWATER CAPTURE FROM THOSE NEW PROJECTS, AND THERE IS A PROVISION TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESS POPULATIONS. SO, WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE UPCOMING DIALOGUE. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT WE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF PROGRESS. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO DINA EL-TAWANSY, AT DISTRICT FOUR, AND CALTRANS -- YEAR AND A HALF, ALMOST. YEAH, I GUESS, OVER A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, WE HAD ISSUED A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER TO CALTRANS TO GET THEM TO MEET SOME TARGETS FOR TRASH COMPLIANCE, AND THEY HAVE DONE VERY WELL. PART OF THEIR PROGRESS HAS BEEN IN WORK MUNICIPALS ON PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS TO BUILD TRASH CAPTURE DEVICES THAT COVER BOTH CALTRANS AND LOCAL RIGHT OF WAY IT'S REALLY BEEN A HUGE EFFORT AND COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION. IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, THIS IS IMPRESSIVE, 18 AGREEMENTS IN PLACE TO COVER $50 MILLION AND PROJECTS THIS REALLY REDUCERS AND LOWERS THE COST BURDEN TO LOCALS FOR MEETING TRASH TARGETS AROUND STORMWATER PERMIT. I WANT TO THANK CALTRANS FOR STAYING ON TOP OF THAT AND DOING THE EXTRA WORK FOR THE LOCALS TO PUT THOSE AGREEMENT IN PLACE. SHIFTING STORMWATER INTO THE CLIMATE SPACE, I THINK I MENTIONED BEFORE THAT WE ARE ASKING ALL OF THE WASTEWATER FACILITIES IN THE BAY

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MARGIN AS WELL AS REFINERIES AND A NUMBER OF LANDFILLS TO DO SHORELINE VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS REPORT TO US ON THEIR EFFORTS TO PLAN FOR SEA LEVEL RISE AT THEIR FACILITIES AND ALSO TELL US HOW THEY'RE WORKING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT. SO, WE HAD A FEW POTWS THAT DID NOT PROVIDE TIMELY INFORMATION SO WE FOLLOWED UP WITH SOME ORDERS. THESE ARE LETTERS, AND THEY HAVE SINCE PROVIDED THE INFORMATION. SO WE'RE HAPPY TO SAY WE DO HAVE THAT INFORMATION FROM ALL OF THE POTWS. AND ONE -- WE HAVE ONE ACTION, IN TERMS OF CLIMATE THAT WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH. WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH SAN FRANCISCO PUC OVER THE LAST YEAR AROUND AN ISSUE ASSOCIATED WITH EXTREME WEATHER WHERE WE HAVE HAD SOME FLOODING, BASICALLY LOW-LYING AREAS WHERE THE COLLECTION SYSTEM BACKS UP INTO NEIGHBORHOODS, HOMES, AND BUSINESSES, AND WE HAVE PUBLIC NOTICED TWO WEEKS AGO, A SETTLEMENT FOR $600 MILLION IN WORK TO REDUCE FLOODING IN LOW LYING NEIGHBORHOODS IN SAN FRANCISCO. THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF CLIMATE RELATED ACTIVITY THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IN THE MANAGEMENT OF COLLECTION SYSTEMS, AND THE FACILITIES, THE ACTUAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES THEMSELVES. SO, WE'RE NOT ONLY ASKING FOR PLANS, WE'RE ACTUALLY TAKING ACTION TO ADDRESS THOSE PROBLEMS THAT ARE APPARENT. AND I'M GOING STOP THERE AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. MICHAEL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR REPORT. IT'S A GREAT EXAMPLE, HEARING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS,

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THE FACT THAT EACH OF OUR AGENCIES BRING DIFFERENT ABILITIES INTO THIS PROCESS, WHETHER IT'S REGULATORY, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE, YOU KNOW, TO MAKE PROGRESS, PLANNING, OR FINANCING. AND, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU TO -- I KNOW THAT CALTRANS HAS REALLY BEEN DOING A LOT OF WORK, ALSO IN OUR COUNTY, WITH REGARDS TO TRASH ON THE HIGHWAYS. BECAUSE IT IS SUCH A CHALLENGE. IT IS SUCH A PROBLEM. AND THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU ALL CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SO, MICHAEL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND LET ME JUST SEE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? SERENA MAY I TURN TO YOU AND SEE IF WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: I DON'T SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THIS BOARD IS REALLY A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AS TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ORGANIZATION AND HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER. SO, APPRECIATE THAT. AND, SO NOW WE'RE MOVING ON FROM THE REGION TO THE STATE. STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY, AMY, MAY TURN TO YOU, PLEASE, FOR YOUR REPORT?

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AMY HUTZEL: YES. THANK YOU CHAIR WORTH. NO PRESSURE AFTER YOUR SUMMARY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: SORRY. YOU GOT IT AT THE END.

AMY HUTZEL: I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON OUR AGENCY OF PROJECT-BASED AGENCY IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS ON THE COAST, AND IN THE BAY AREA. AND, FIRST, I JUST WANTED TO MENTION, THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAYSHORE LINE PROJECT. AT THIS POINT, I SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD WITH THIS UPDATE, BUT THE CORE OF ENGINEERS AWARDED A $129 MILLION CONTRACT TO BUILD THE LEVEE, WHICH IS GOING TO PROVIDE COASTAL FLOOD PROTECTION, SEA LEVEL RISE PROTECTION FOR THE COMMUNITY EL VISO IN SAN JOSE AND ALLOWED US TO MOVE FORWARD WITH 3,000 ACRES OF WETLANDS RESTORATION. 20-YEAR-EFFORTS, FINALLY, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THE GROUNDBREAKING. WE'RE WAITING FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO TELL US EXACTLY WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO MOBILIZE SO THAT WE CAN PLAN A GROUNDBREAKING EVENT. AND WITH THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET, SB155 WAS ONE OF SEVERAL BUDGET TRAILER BILLS AND IT PROVIDES 350 MILLION IN FY '22/'23, AND 150 MILLION FOR FY2023, 2024 FOR THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR COASTAL RESILIENCE. THAT'S HAPPENING UP-AND-DOWN THE BAY. AND STARTING JULY FIRST 202, WE ARE GOING TO UNDERTAKE A REALLY FOCUSED PLANNING EFFORT ENGAGEMENT EFFORT, SO THAT WHEN WE PUT THIS 500 MILLION TO WORK, WE'RE ACTUALLY MOVING THE

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NEEDLE ON COASTAL RESILIENCE. AND PUTTING PROJECTS INTO PLACE THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, VISIBLE, AND THAT THE PUBLIC CAN SEE THE BENEFITS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND THEN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY ON A COUPLE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE HERE, CHAIR PINE, AND VICE CHAIR GIOIA, I'M NOT SURE IF THERE ARE OTHERS ON BARC. THEY HAVE THEIR NEXT BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 15TH. PRIOR TO THAT, ON OCTOBER 7TH, THE ANNUAL GRANT ROUND APPLICATIONS ARE DUE. SO, IT'S, YOU KNOW, GETTING VERY CLOSE NOW, BUT IF YOU ARE AWARE OF PROJECTS OUT THERE, THAT SHOULD BE APPLYING. THEY HAVE A FEW WEEKS TO GET THEIR APPLICATION IN. ALONG WITH THOSE, THE ANNUAL GRANT ROUND FOR PROJECTS, WE ALSO BEGAN DOING COMMUNITY GRANT ROUND, AND WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF THESE PARTNERSHIP WEBINARS TO CONNECT COMMUNITY GROUPS WITH RESTORATION PRACTITIONERS. I THINK THE EAST BAY AND NORTH BAY PARTNERSHIP WEBINARS ARE STILL COMING UP. I THINK THE WEST BAY AND SOUTH BAY HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED. AND THESE ARE SMALLER GRANTS. THEY'RE EVALUATED SEPARATELY FROM THE LARGER PROJECTS. AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE A FEW OF THESE GRANTS, ALREADY, LIKE TO SHORE UP MARIN, AND OAKLAND, AND THE WEST OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS PROJECT, TO REALLY ENGAGE COMMUNITIES IN SHORELINE PLANNING. AND THEN FINALLY, I JUST CANNOT LET THE GOLDEN GATE BARRIER THING GO BY WITHOUT JUST MAKING A PLEA TO NOT BE DISTRACTED. WE CAN AND NEED TO FOCUS ONSHORE LINE RESILIENCE THIS DECADE. THANK YOU.

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AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. A.M. E THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT REPORT. AND GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE FUNDING. THERE IS SUCH DEMAND FOR IT. A LOT OF GREAT PROJECTS IN THE WORKS. LET ME TURN TO THE BOARD TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. IF NOT -- I DO NOT SEE ANY HANDS UP. I'LL TURN TO THE -- SERENA, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS? ANY HANDS UP?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: I DON'T SEE ANY HANDS UP, MADAM CHAIR.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. SO WE'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD. WELL, THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO ALL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS FOR YOUR UPDATES. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE HEARING FROM ALL OF YOU IN THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE. LET ME TURN NOW TO ITEM 9A, A REPORT ON THE STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. WE HAVE REBECCA LONG, AND ALAN ABBS TO GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE FAST-PACED LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

REBECCA LONG: ALAN DO YOU WANT GO FIRST? YOU'RE LISTED FIRST ON THE AGENDA.

ALAN ABBS: I'LL GO FIRST. THANK YOU CHAIR WORTH, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR ASKING ME TO DO THIS PRESENTATION. SO, REALLY, I JUST WANTED TO PROVIDE A GENERAL UPDATE ABOUT HOW THE STATE BUDGET FAIRED FOR THE BAY AREA DISTRICT OVER THIS LAST CYCLE, AND THERE IS A COUPLE OF SLIDES, IF THEY'RE

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AVAILABLE. I DON'T SEE -- ARE THEY AVAILABLE? THERE WE GO. APOLOGIES FOR MY DOG. THERE IS PROBABLY A MAIL MAN SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, ACTUALLY, IT LOOKS LIKE REBECCA, YOU MAY BE UP FIRST.

REBECCA LONG: I CAN GO AHEAD, SINCE IT'S ALREADY UP. SHOULD WE DO THAT?

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT.

REBECCA LONG: OKAY. GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY. REBECCA LONG, MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH MTC AND ABAG. ALAN AND I ARE TAG TEAMING THIS MORNING, AND I AM GOING TO PRESENT TO YOU ON THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE ADAPTATION FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, AND JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ON WHAT THERESE ALREADY COVERED RELATED TO SOME OF THE FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. NEXT SLIDE. GREAT. SO OVERALL, I JUST WOULD REALLY EMPHASIZE, THIS WAS A VERY SIGNIFICANT YEAR FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION FUNDING IN SACRAMENTO. A NUMBER OF NEW PROGRAMS WERE CREATED. THE LEGISLATURE MADE A COMMITMENT TO ABOUT $3.7 BILLION FOR THIS CATEGORY. HOWEVER, IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, IT IS A MUCH MORE MODEST AMOUNT. IT'S ABOUT 370 MILLION. I SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS AREA, AS YOU ALL WELL KNOW, SPANS SO MANY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, AND JUST AS WE DO IN THE BAY AREA, THE STATE

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LEVEL, THERE IS ALSO VERY INTERDEPARTMENTAL, IT'S MORE ART THAN SCIENCE CATEGORIZING, WILDFIRES, DROUGHT, RELATED PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING CATEGORIZED SPECIFICALLY UNDER THIS CLIMATE RESILIENCE. LEGISLATURE APPROACHING THE 369 MILLION THERE IS 45 MILLION AROUND THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH AND THE COUNCIL FOR A NUMBER OF NEW PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE GOING TO BE RELEVANT TO OUR REGION AND I'M GOING TO GO INTO DETAIL ON THE NEXT SLIDE OF THE 50 MILLION FOR EXISTING URBAN GREENING PROGRAMS. 150 MILLION FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITIES CLIMATE PROGRAM AND BACK TO MY EARLIER COMMENT, I PERSONALLY WOULDN'T PUT THIS UNDER THE CLIMB ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE SPENDING CATEGORY BECAUSE IT'S A PROGRAM THAT REALLY HAS BROADER GOALS FOCUSED ON GHG REDUCTION AND OTHER GOALS BUT IT IS BEING FRAMED AS ADAPTATION. LEGISLATURE IS TALKING ABOUT IT SO I WANTED TO INCLUDE IT HERE. IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM FOR OUR REGION BECAUSE IT'S VERY FOCUSED ON CALENVIROSCREEN AND SCHOOLS HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SOME OF THE 5 MILLION, AND SPECIFICALLY CALLED OUT FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVANCY UNDER THIS CATEGORY, 5 MILLION FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, MAPPING, THERE IS ALSO QUITE A BIT OF MONEY TO THE STATE FOR THE CLIMATE CHANGE. DEEPER DIVE INTO THIS NEW PROGRAM, 25 MILLION UNDER OPR FOR A REGIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM AND OF THAT, HALF OF IT, AT LEAST HALF OF IT IS DIRECTED TO GO TOWARDS REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION

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PLANNING AND ACTION PLANS. EARLIER IN THE MEETING, CHAIR WORTH MENTIONED ASSEMBLYMEMBER MULLIN HAD A BILL, A.B. 897 THAT BILL UNFORTUNATELY WAS HELD IN COMMITTEE SO IT'S NOT ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK BUT THE IDEAS YOU MIGHT REMEMBER THE TERMINOLOGY OF CLIMATE ADAPTING A ACTION PLAN HAS MADE ITS WAY INTO THE BUDGET TRAILER BILLS THESE ALSO HAVE PRETTY TIMELY EXPENDITURE DEADLINES SO THE THINK THE BAY AREA IS WELL POSITIONED FOR THIS AND HOPEFULLY THAT IS SOMETHING THAT BARC, THROUGH ALL OF YOU, WE CAN POSITION OURSELVES APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR ALL OF THE IMPORTANT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION WORK THAT WE HAVE. THEN THERE IS 10 MILLION FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE PLANNING GRANTS THAT SEEM MORE TARGETED TOWARD THE LOCAL LEVEL. THEN THIS OTHER PROGRAM WHICH IS SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED STATUTE SEVERAL YEARS AGO BUT NEVER RECEIVED FUNDING THAT'S TARGETED TOWARDS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL IDENTIFYING THEIR NEEDS AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES TO POSITION THEMSELVES TO APPLY FOR GRANTS. SO THAT'S THE FIRST SEED FUNDING FOR THAT, AND THAT'S ALSO OVERSEEN BY OPR. NEXT SLIDE. SO, AS I MENTIONED, THIS WAS A REALLY SIGNIFICANT YEAR IN MAKING SOME BIG DOLLAR CONDOMINIUMS, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE THESE ARE INCLUDED IN A TRAILER BILL THAT I DON'T BELIEVE THE GOVERNOR SIGNED YET BUT THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT HE WILL SIGN IT, THIS IS ALL SUBJECT TO FUTURE

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APPROPRIATION. SO IT'S A REALLY BIG DEAL FROM AN ADVOCACY STANDPOINT, IT'S FANTASTIC, YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT FOR FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR '22, '23 IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR BUT IT'S NOT REAL MONEY YET UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE VOTES. 708 MILLION FOR MULTI-BENEFIT NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT FOR COASTAL PROTECTION ADAPTATION AND THE REGIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE PIECE THE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZED THERE IS A LOT OF ADVOCACY FOR THAT BUT WE DON'T HAVE NECESSARILY A LOT OF PROJECTS THAT ARE READY TO GO. SO THEY, SORT OF, HAVE PUSHED OUT THE FUNDING TO ENABLE MORE COMMUNITIES TO BE READY TO APPLY FOR PLANNING GRANTS TO APPLY FOR IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS SO THE BULK OF THAT MONEY 225 MILLION IS IN THE NEXT TWO BUDGET YEARS. NEXT SLIDE. THERE ALSO WAS ONE DISAPPOINTMENT THIS YEAR. AND THAT WAS, THERE HAD BEEN A $300 MILLION NEW PROGRAM INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER VERSION OF THE BUDGET SPECIFICALLY LOOKING AT TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE ADAPTATION NEEDS. MTC HAD CHAMPIONED THAT, TRANSPORTATION CALIFORNIA HAD MADE IT PART OF THEIR ADVOCACY AND THIS WAS PART OF THIS BROADER SET OF GENERAL FUNDS SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION THAT WAS TIED TO HIGH SPEED RAIL. YOU PROBABLY READ THAT HIGH SPEED RAIL DID NOT RECEIVE ANY CAPITAL FUNDING IN THE BUDGET, CONTRARY TO THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST. AND SO WITH THAT, ALL OF THESE OTHER FUNDS THAT WERE KIND OF RIDING THE COAT TAILS, OR HOPING TO RIDE THE COAT TAILS OF HIGH SPEED RAIL WERE LOST IN FUNDING THAT REFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND

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IT'S A GREAT MARKER AND MADE IT INTO THE FIRST BILL AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AS PART OF THE HIGH SPEED RAIL CONVERSATION. NEXT SLIDE. THEN, FINALLY, JUST TO EXPAND ON WHAT THERESE MENTIONED EARLIER, THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL DOES HAVE A LOT OF FUNDING FOR RESILIENCE. IT'S IN MANY DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. IT'S HARD TO KIND OF HIGHLIGHT, EXACTLY, ALL OF THE DIFFERENT ONES, BUT THE TOP LINE NUMBER IS AROUND $46 BILLION. SOME OF THIS FUNDING EXISTING PROGRAMS LIKE FEMA'S BRICK PROGRAM BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM. DOWN THE LINE, WHETHER IT'S FLOOD MITIGATION WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT DROUGHT RESILIENCE, THERE IS SOME OF THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THERE. THERE IS ALSO A NEW PROTECT GRANTS, THAT ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL, AND THAT INCLUDES ABOUT 250 MILLION, NATION-WIDE, LOOKING FOCUSED AT EVACUATION ROUTES, AND PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE. AND THEN AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSPORTATION RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION CENTERS FOR EXCELLENCE, BUT THOSE ARE NOT FUNDED AT THIS TIME. SO THAT'S JUST A HIGH-LEVEL RUN THROUGH OF STATE FUNDING AND SOME OF THE FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HORIZON. AND WITH THAT I'LL CLOSE AND TURN IT OVER TO ALAN.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU REBECCA. GREAT.

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ALAN ABBS: OKAY. SO DO WE HAVE THE AQMD'S SLIDES YET? IF NOT, I CAN JUST TALK. SO I'LL START OFF WITH THE STATE BUDGET. LOOKS LIKE, HERE WE GO. NEXT SLIDE. MY NAME IS ALAN A, BAY AREA OFFICER WITH AQMD. THIS SLIDE, I KNOW THERE IS A LOT OF STUFF IN THERE AND THE ONLY REASON I PUT IT UP THERE IN THIS WAY IS TO SHOW FOLKS THAT EVERY YEAR IT'S A CHALLENGE FOR LOCAL AIR DISTRICTS TO GET FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET ON A CONSISTENT BASIS. AND SO, THE AIR DISTRICTS RELY ON THREE SOURCES OF FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL FUND, WHICH IS MANAGED BY CARB, THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND, WHICH IS FROM CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM, IS THEN, ON OCCASION, SOME MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND. AND SO, YOU CAN SEE THAT IN THE FY '19/'20 BUDGET WHAT THINGS WERE LIKE BEFORE COVID HIT, THE 2021 BUDGET HAD SOME -- WE TOOK SOME SIGNIFICANT LOSSES IN TERMS OF STATE FUNDING, PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM HAD SOME PROBLEMS COLLECTING REVENUE FROM THE CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM THEN WE FOUGHT THIS YEAR THROUGH THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND EARLY ACCESS MEASURES AND OPEN THE BUDGET GOING THROUGH SOME OF THE PROGRAMS THE 617 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM WAS FUNDED AT $50 MILLION THIS WAS MONEY AIR DISTRICTS USE TO WORK IN THEIR AB 617 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES DOING OUTREACH WORKING ON AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROJECTS DOING EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLANS AND WE HAVE TWO COMMUNITIES WHERE WE DO A LOT OF FOCUSED WORK ON RIGHT NOW, WEST OAKLAND, AND RICHMOND SAN PABLO AREA, AND WE'LL LIKELY BE

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ADDING 1 TO 2 COMMUNITIES IN THE COMING YEARS, SO THIS WORK IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE WORK WE DO IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY BURDENED BY AIR POLLUTION. THE 617 INCENTIVES ARE FOR BASICALLY REPLACEMENT PROJECTS TO REPLACE OLDER EQUIPMENT WITH NEW EQUIPMENT, REDUCE DIRECT EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROJECTS, AND WE FIND THAT BY REPLACING TRUCKS AND PORT EQUIPMENT, AND ANYTHING THAT'S OLDER AND MORE POLLUTING WITH SOMETHING THAT'S NEWER TECHNOLOGY GETS THOSE REALLY FAST REDUCTIONS THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN SEE AND APPRECIATE AS PART OF THAT 617 PROGRAM. THE CLEAN VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM, THAT'S THE REBATES FOR BUYING ELECTRIC VEHICLES, WAS, HAD SOME PRETTY SIGNIFICANT FUNDING THAT SHOULD CARRY IT THROUGH FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS. IN THE PAST IT WAS FUNDED AT $238 MILLION, AND THIS YEAR IN THE BUDGET BILL, JR. RECEIVED FUNDING OF OVER HALF A BILLION DOLLARS. CLEAN TRUCK AND BUS PROGRAM ANOTHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO CHANGE OUT OLDER TRUCKS AND OLDER SCHOOL BUSES WITH NEWER, LOWER EMITTING EQUIPMENT. WE GOT $315 MILLION. THE FARMER PROGRAM, WHICH IS REPLACING OLDER TRACTORS WITH NEWER TRACTORS GOT A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT BOOST IN FUNDING THIS YEAR. THE CLEAN CARS FOR ALL PROGRAM, THIS IS A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM WE RUN IN THE BAY AREA WHERE OLDER LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES IN LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS CAN BE SCRAPPED WITH FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THEM TO EITHER BUY A NEW OR USED HYBRID, NEW OR USED PLUG IN ELECTRIC HYBRID, OR A STRAIGHT-UP ELECTRIC VEHICLE OR FUELCELL VEHICLE HAS BEEN FUNDED FOR

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SEVERAL YEARS IN THE FUTURE. WE, THE BAY AREA AIR DISTRICT RAN A COUPLE OF BILLS IN RESPONSE TO WILDFIRES BACK IN 2017 AND 2018 AND OUR HOPE THAT WE COULD CREATE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE CENTERS WHERE PEOPLE COULD GO AND GET A BREATH OF FRESH AIR IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO A WORKING HVAC SYSTEM EITHER AT THEIR HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS, AND SO WE HAVE RECEIVED A LITTLE BIT OF FUNDING FOR THAT IN THE PAST. AND THAT CONCEPT IS KIND OF MORPHED INTO A DIFFERENT CONCEPT CALLED RESILIENT CENTERS, AND THESE ARE PUBLIC PLACES WHERE, NOT ONLY CAN YOU GO TO GET A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, BUT IT MIGHT BE A COOLING CENTER AT SOME TIMES OF THE YEAR. IT MIGHT BE A WARMING CENTER AT SOME TIMES OF THE YEAR, A HYDRATION CENTER, IT MIGHT HAVE BROADBAND SERVICE, IT'S, SORT OF, A MULTI-FUNCTION FACILITY THAT FOLKS CAN GO TO FOR A WHOLE HOST OF CLIMATE-TYPE PROBLEMS THAT THEY MAY FACE. SO THAT'S BEEN GIVEN SOME FUNDING TO GET THAT CONCEPT GOING. AND THEN ONE PROGRAM THAT WAS ONLY JUST BEGUN THIS YEAR IN THE BUDGET BILL JR. SB170 IS THE ZERO-EMISSION LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. SO THIS IS, I THINK, A REALLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM. CARB, RIGHT NOW, IS LOOKING AT REGULATIONS THAT WOULD START TRANSITIONING, LAWN AND GARDEN, SOME TYPES OF LAWN AND GARDEN AND SMALL OFF-ROAD EMISSIONS TO ZERO-EMISSION IN THE NEXT 10 TO 15 YEARS SO THE 0-EMISSIONS LAWN AND GARDEN FUNDING WILL HOPEFULLY ALLOW US TO START CONTACTING COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPERS AND TRYING TO HELP THEM TRANSITION OUT OF GAS POWERED EQUIPMENT TO BATTERY

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ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT. SO WE'RE REALLY EXCITED THIS PROGRAM IS GETTING OFF THE GROUND AND HOPEFUL WE'LL BE ABLE TO ACCESS SOME OF THAT FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS IN THE BAY AREA. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. AND THEN THIS CHART JUST SHOWS THE STATE'S COMPLETE ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES PACKAGE. AND SO THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF -- THERE WAS A LOT OF PRESS ATTENTION GIVEN TO THIS WHEN THE BUDGET WAS ORIGINALLY PASSED DURING THE SUMMER. AND YOU CAN SEE THE TOTAL FUNDING OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF ZERO-EMISSION PROJECTS IS PRETTY CLOSE TO $4 BILLION. AND SO THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES, HOPEFULLY THAT WILL COME TO THE BAY AREA, WHEN YOU LOOK AT ZERO EMISSIONS FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE, DRAYAGE, AND DRAYAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSIT BUS MONEY, SCHOOL BUS MONEY, AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE CVRP, AND THE CLEAN CARS FOR ALL PROGRAM. AND SO WITH THAT, I DON'T HAVE A SLIDE ON THE FEDERAL SIDE, BUT, YOU KNOW, LIKE MTC, WE HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN NOT ONLY THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL BUT THE RECONCILIATION BILL. BOTH HAVE A LOT OF THINGS WHICH WILL BE GOOD FOR AIR QUALITY. AND GOOD FOR THE BAY AREA, AND IN PARTICULAR, RIGHT NOW, IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, CONGRESSMAN DESAULNIER'S CLEAN CORRIDORS ACT HAS BEEN FUNDED TO THE TUNE OF $2.5 BILLION OVER FIVE YEARS THAT'S FOR ZERO-EMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG THE CORRIDORS THAT'S GOING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY HOPEFULLY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THERE IS FUNDING IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL AND RECONCILIATION PROPOSED FOR CLEAN

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PORT EQUIPMENT THE INFRASTRUCTURE HAS $50 MILLION A YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS BUT THE RECONCILIATION BILL ADDS ANOTHER HALF BILLION DOLLARS TO THAT AMOUNT. THAT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT THERE IS TAX CREDITS REBATES PROGRAM FOR BUILDING DECARBONIZATION SO PURCHASE OF NEW ZERO-EMISSION OR LOWER EMISSIONS APPLIANCES TO TRY TO CONVINCE HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES TO MAKE THAT SWITCH AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS, AND THEN THERE IS ALSO FUNDING IN BOTH OF THE BILLS FOR WILDFIRE SMOKE RESPONSE, MORE CLEAN AIR CENTER FUNDING, AND ALSO SOME FUNDING FOR AIR QUALITY MONITORING SUPPORT RELATED TO WILDFIRES. SO WE'RE PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT WE SEE SO FAR, AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP THOSE THINGS IN BOTH OF THOSE BILLS AND GET THEM TO A SUCCESSFUL VOTE. SO WITH THAT, THAT'S MY PRESENTATION. AND I'M SURE, BETWEEN REBECCA, AND I, WE CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: TERRIFIC. WELL, THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU, FOR THOSE EXCELLENT REPORTS. AND I KNOW THAT REPRESENTS A LOT OF HARD WORK FROM BOTH OF YOU, AND ALL OF OUR, AS LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES, EITHER IN-PERSON, OR VIRTUALLY BOTH IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS AND THE CAPITAL. SO THANK YOU POWER THAT. WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR THE GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL ON THESE BILLS AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR CONGRESSMAN DESAULNIER'S WORK ON THE ASPECT OF THE BAY AREA TO WEIGH IN TO REALLY IDENTIFY SOME OF THESE AIR QUALITY ISSUES AND PROVIDE

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INCENTIVES FOR THE FREIGHT CORRIDORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL TURN TO THE BOARD FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? YES, DIRECTOR WASSERMAN?

ZACK WASSERMAN: I WANT TO GO BACK TO REBECCA'S PRESENTATION AND ASK JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRANSITIONAL COMMUNITIES GRANTS. AND I APPRECIATE THAT THIS DOESN'T MEAN MUCH FOR US, AS IT IS CURRENTLY SETUP, BUT, SORT OF, A TWO-PART RELATED QUESTION. THIS IS THE TRANSITIONAL COMMUNITIES. IT MAY NOT BE RIGHT.

SPEAKER: TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITIES.

ZACK WASSERMAN: YES. TRANSFORMATIVE. I KNOW, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN LOTS OF STRUGGLES OVER THE FOCUS ON CALENVIROSCREEN, WHICH, TO USE A LEGAL WORD, "SCREWS" THE BAY AREA. AND WE HAVE BEEN LARGELY UNSUCCESSFUL. MY, SORT OF, DOUBLE-EDGED QUESTION IS, WAS THERE ANY DISCUSSION OVER THAT AS THIS PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED? WHEN I TOOK A QUICK LOOK AT IT ONLINE, THERE WAS SEVERAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH, BUT WAS THERE STRUGGLE, THE RELATED ONES REGARDLESS WHETHER IT WAS, PROVE PRESENT TO US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY NOT SO MUCH FOR THIS MONEY BUT AT HEAT FOCUSING ON IT TO GO FORWARD PERHAPS JOINING WITH COMMUNITIES, TO COME BACK AND TRY TO EDUCATE THE STATE THAT THIS IS CRAZY. AND, FRANKLY I'M THINKING, PARTICULARLY, NOT

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ALONE, BUT PARTICULARLY OF THE WEST OAKLAND INDICATORS PROJECT, WHICH HAS SOME POWER AND CERTAINLY IS CONCERNED WITH THE AIR QUALITY ISSUES THAT THIS PROGRAM IS PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT, BUT HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED WITH BAY ADAPT AND BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT FLOODING ISSUES THAT WILL DRASTICALLY AFFECT WEST OAKLAND.

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU, DIRECTOR WASSERMAN. I GUESS, I HAVE A FEW DIFFERENT ANGLES OF A RESPONSE. TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM HAS BEEN FUNDED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, RECEIVED SOME CAP-AND-TRADE FUNDING OVER THE YEARS AND HAS REGULAR UPDATES TO THE GUIDELINES. AND IN THAT PROCESS, I THINK THERE HAS DEFINITELY BEEN A RECOGNITION OF THE CONCERNS OF THE BAY AREA THAT THE PROGRAM, IN ITS INITIAL PERMUTATION REALLY WAS JUST UNBELIEVABLY DIFFICULT FOR THE BAY AREA TO COMPETE. IT WAS LIMITED TO THE TOP 5%. CALENVIROSCREEN, CENSUS TRACTS, I BELIEVE, SO THERE WERE ABOUT TWO CENSUS TRACTS, 2 TO 3 IN THE ENTIRE BAY AREA THAT COULD QUALIFY. THAT HAS CHANGED. SO IT IS A LITTLE BIT MORE, SORT OF, FLEXIBLE. BUT ESSENTIALLY PROJECTS HAVE TO BE SCORING IN THE -- SORRY -- I'M TRYING TO OPEN UP MY SCREEN HERE, WITHIN THE TOP 10%, AND SO THERE IS A LOT OF MOVING PARTS HERE. THAT'S IN THE CURRENT ITERATION OF THE GUIDELINES, UNDER CALENVIROSCREEN 4.0 WHICH IS IN THE DRAFT FORM RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE ABOUT 19 CENSUS TRACTS THAT SCORE WITHIN THE TOP 10%. SO THAT'S A LOT MORE. AND I DO THINK

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-- I DO NOT HAVE THE MAP IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW, BUT I THINK CENSUS TRACKS IN WEST OAKLAND, IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE KNOW ARE MOST IMPACTED DO QUALIFY FOR THAT. SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK, BROADLY WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT OUR MOST DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES NOT HAVING A SHOT AT THIS. SO THAT'S GOOD. AND THEN I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY BOTH WITH THE UPDATE TO CALENVIROSCREEN AND UPDATES TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM TO TALK WITH THE STATE ABOUT DESIGNING IT, PARTICULARLY AS IT'S BECOMING NOW FRAMED AS MORE ABOUT ADAPTATION TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITIES THAT BCDC HAS IDENTIFIED AS MOST IMPACTED AND VULNERABLE TO SEA LEVEL RISE, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE ELIGIBLE. SO, YOU KNOW, I -- FORTUNATELY T SEEMS LIKE, YOU KNOW, WITH THIS PROGRAM, THAT IT'S REVISITED. EVERYTHING ISN'T LOCKED DOWN IN STATUTE, AS FAR AS HOW THEY DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY. SO WE JUST NEED TO WATCH THAT. DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

ZACK WASSERMAN: IT DOES. THANK YOU.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IS THERE ANY -- SERENA, DO YOU SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: MADAM CHAIR, I DO NOT SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

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AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD. I JUST HAD A QUICK QUESTION, I KNOW WE'RE AWAITING THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE ON A LOT OF THESE BILLS, AND OBVIOUSLY CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL ACTION ON THE FEDERAL SIDE, AND I KNOW THAT THESE FUNDS, WE'RE AT THIS POINT IN TIME WHERE WE HAVE THIS UNPRECEDENTED FUNDING THAT'S AVAILABLE FOR MANY OF THESE PERSON PROGRAMS AND PICKING UP ON ZACK'S POINT ABOUT LOCAL INITIATIVES, I KNOW THESE FUNDING DOLLARS FLOW THROUGH VARIOUS WAYS. AND I'M JUST USING THE EXAMPLE OF THE -- THESE CENTERS FOR, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY THERE FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE, BAD AIR, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES WE PUT TOGETHER ELECTRICITY CENTERS, WHERE PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS, PEOPLE CAN COME AND CHARGE THEIR PHONES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND THINGS LIKE THAT, DO URGENT WORK, AND I JUST WONDERED IF AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, MIGHT BE HELPFUL, IF WE HAVE SOME KIND OF MATERIALS OR PRESENTATION ON WHERE -- HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN ACCESS -- YOU KNOW, WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE PROCESS FOR ACCESSING THESE FUNDS. I KNOW A LOT WILL NO THROUGH VARIOUS AGENCIES, BUT CERTAINLY BEGIN IN THE SPIRIT OF ACTION AND ALSO THE MORE PEOPLE IN THE BAY AREA WE HAVE SEEKING THESE FUNDS MAYBE THAT CAN IMPROVE SOME OF OUR CHANCES. AND I APPRECIATE THE UPDATE ON THE FIRE BILLS. I KNOW FROM AN AIR QUALITY STANDPOINT, I LOOK FORWARD TO AN UPDATE AT OUR NEXT MEETING ONCE THE GOVERNOR SIGNS THESE BILLS AND ALSO

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MAYBE WE CAN HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON ACTUALLY WHAT BILLS WERE SIGNED, AND ALSO LOOKING AT SOME OF THE FIRE ISSUES, ESPECIALLY FROM AN AIR QUALITY STANDPOINT. AND I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING THIS'S VERY CONCERNING TO THE AIR DISTRICT IN TERMS OF AIR QUALITY. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ALAN ABBS: THANK YOU. IF I COULD ADD ONE THING. YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THE RESILIENCE CENTERS. I SUSPECT THAT THE RESILIENCE CENTERS FUNDING WAS GIVEN THROUGHOUT STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL. SO I SUSPECT BECAUSE IT'S A NEW PROGRAM, THE SGC WILL BEGIN A PROCESS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ALLOCATE FUND SO IT'S GOING TO BE -- THERE SHOULD BE SOME WORKSHOPS ABOUT IT IN THE FUTURE WHERE THEY TALK ABOUT PRINCIPLES AND HOW THEY WOULD ALLOCATE FUNDING AND AN APPLICATION PROCESS. SO I'LL, BETWEEN REBECCA AND MYSELF, I'M SURE WE'LL HEAR ABOUT IT AND WE'LL MAKE EVERYONE AWARE ABOUT IT.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: WELL, THAT'S TERRIFIC. THAT'S GREAT. AND I KNOW PROBABLY THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, ALSO WORKING WITH THEM, WILL GET THE WORD OUT, BUT REALLY, THIS'S GREAT. THANK YOU, ALAN. SO WE WANT TO GET THOSE PROJECTS FUNDED, AND YOU KNOW, IT'S SO IMPORTANT WITH OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY, I WAS AWARE DURING THE PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT, YOU KNOW, IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES THAT RELY ON POWER FOR THINGS LIKE MEDICAL

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EQUIPMENT THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. SO, WELL THAT, THANK YOU, AGAIN, THANKS FOR THE UPDATE. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. A LOT OF ADVOCACY WENT INTO THIS AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE TO MAKE SURE OUR -- THE BAY AREA RECEIVES ITS FAIR SHARE OF THE FUNDING FOR ALL OF THESE COMPREHENSIVE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS. SO, THANKS AGAIN. AND NOW WE MOVE ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT. SERENA, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: MADAM CHAIR, I'M NOT SEEING ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. AND NO CORRESPONDENCE?

CLERK, SARINA SEATON: NO CORRESPOND AT ALL.

AMY WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AGAIN, THANKS SERENA FOR YOUR MANAGEMENT OF THIS MEETING, REALLY, JUST ALWAYS APPRECIATE IT. THE SUCCESS OF THE ZOOM DEFINITELY DEPENDS ON THE SUCCESS OF OUR TEAM THAT REALLY MAKES IT ALL WORK. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, WITH THAT, WE WILL ADJOURN OUR MEETING. THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS. WE'LL ADJOURN OUR MEETING TO FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19TH, AT 10:05 A.M. AND WE'LL SEE YOU ALL THERE. THANKS EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. [ADJOURNED]

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