

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY
AREA GOVERNMENTS
Meeting Transcript**

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1 **ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**
2 **ABAG ACFA GOVERNING BOARD**
3 **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021, 5:15 P.M.**
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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM NOW CONVENING
6 THE NOVEMBER 18TH, 2021 ADVANCING CALIFORNIA FINANCING
7 AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. MAY WE ROLL THE TAPE,
8 AGAIN, PLEASE? THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON PRESENTERS STAFF AND
9 SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THEY STATE THEIR NAMES CLEARLY BEFORE
10 GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST
11 AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLES ARE REMINDED THEIR
12 ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF
13 THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE
14 THE RAISED HAND FEATURE AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT
15 THE APPROPRIATE TIME ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE
16 FIRST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER IT IS REQUESTED THAT
17 SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION PROVIDING SUCH
18 INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT
19 INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO
20 THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE
21 READ OUT LOUD. AUTHORS OF WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO
22 SPEAK THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO AND SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND
23 THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. IN
24 ORDER TO GET THE FULL EXPERIENCE PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR
25 APPLICATION IS UP-TO-DATE.

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2 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, MAY WE HAVE
3 ROLL CALL, MR. CASTRO.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES, MA'AM. ARREGUIN?

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CHAVEZ?

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11 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MITCHOFF.

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

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17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RAMOS?

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19 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** WE HAVE QUORUM. FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT.

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23 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ITEM TWO, PUBLIC COMMENT ANY MEMBERS OF
24 THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS US ON NON-AGENDAIZED ITEMS.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
3 ON THIS ITEM.

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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES ON
6 THE BOARD HAVE ANY COMMENTS TO MAKE? SEEING NONE. MOVING ON
7 TO NUMBER FOUR, THE BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT. I HAVE NO REPORT TO
8 MAKE. NUMBER FIVE. MS. MCMILLAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

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10 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** I HAVE NO REPORT, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THAT DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVEN'T BEEN
13 HARD AT WORK. I WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR TO OUR AUDIENCE.

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15 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THANK YOU. INDEED.

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17 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVING
18 OUR MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16TH -- APPROVING OUR MINUTES --
19 PARDON ME OUR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022, AND THE ABAG REPORT
20 ON CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE REQUISITIONS BETWEEN 20,000 TO
21 \$200,000 FROM JULY TO AUGUST 2021. ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES --

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23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE WAS THE 8361 RESOLUTION.

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1 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** I KNOW YOU E-MAILED ME ON THAT AND I'M
2 SORRY I NEGLECTED THAT. THE CONSENT CALENDAR WOULD BE TO ADD
3 THE REQUIREMENT REGARDING A.B. 361 FOR THE 30 DAY NOTICE. SO,
4 WITH THAT, DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR
5 QUESTIONS FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR? MR. CASTRO DO WE HAVE ANY
6 PUBLIC COMMENT?

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
9 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
10 ON THIS ITEM.

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12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** AND SO OF MY OTHER THREE COLLEAGUES,
13 WHICH ONE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AND WHICH ONE WOULD LIKE TO
14 SECOND?

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16 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** SO MOVED. CHAVEZ.

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18 **BELIA RAMOS:** SECOND, RAMOS.

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20 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ROLL CALL, PLEASE, MR. CASTRO.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** YES.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ?

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3 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF.

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

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

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11 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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15 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ITEM SEVEN CITIZEN ABAG FINANCIAL

16 STATEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 21ST. MR. MAYHEW.

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18 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** NOT MUCH TO REPORT REVENUE OVER EXPENSES 79,000

19 REVENUE 36,000 EXPENSES JUST ABOUT WHERE WE EXPECT TO BE THIS

20 TIME OF YEAR WE HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES WE BILL ON A REGULAR

21 BASIS THAT DUE TEND TO COME IN WITHOUT ANY RELATIONSHIP TO

22 EXPENSES PUTS US IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE NOTHING GOING OVER

23 BUDGET NOTHING GOING OVER BUDGET NOTHING TO WISH ABOUT AT THIS

24 STAGE OF THE YEAR. BUT IT'S EARLY.

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1 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** COME ON. YOU CAN BE EXCITED AND
2 OPTIMISTIC. THINGS LOOK GOOD I'M HEARING. ANY COMMENTS OR
3 QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES ON THE GOVERNING BOARD? IT
4 DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT. MR. CASTRO. OOPS, YOU'RE ON MUTE. BUT I
5 ASSUME THAT MEANS THERE IS -- I'M READING LIPS. THERE IS NO
6 PUBLIC COMMENT OR LETTERS?

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THAT IS TRUE. YES.

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10 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MR. ARREGUIN,
11 WOULD YOU LIKE TO MOVE THIS ITEM?

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13 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** CERTAINLY. SO MOVED.

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15 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND MS. CHAVEZ WILL YOU
16 SECOND THIS ITEM?

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18 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

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20 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ROLL CALL VOTE.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ARREGUIN?

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MITCHOFF.

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

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RAMOS?

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7 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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11 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FINANCIAL AUDIT, MS. LAI AND
12 MR. MAYHEW WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE IT FROM HERE.

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14 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** ONE MORE TIME LET ME INTERVIEW KATHY LAI WHO IS
15 IN CHARGE OF THIS ENGAGEMENT YOU INHERITED THIS AUDIT BECAUSE
16 BY ACFA, YOU ACCEPTED FAN AS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT
17 MAKES YOU THE PARENT GOVERNMENT OF THIS AGENCY. SO, NOW KATHY
18 IS GOING TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR AUDIT LOOKS LIKE FOR THE
19 END OF THE YEAR. KATHY?

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21 **KATHY LAI:** THANKS BRIAN. I'LL LET STAFF PULL UP THE
22 PRESENTATION. AND WE WON'T GO THROUGHOUT ENTIRETY OF IT. I CAN
23 GET RIGHT TO THE AUDIT RESULTS. AND IF YOU CAN MOVE TO SLIDE
24 SIX. AS BRIAN MENTIONED, THE REPORTING ENTITY, ABAG FAN IS
25 NOW REPORTED UNDER ACFA. AND SO FAN IS A BLENDED COMPONENT

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1 UNIT OF ACFA SO THOSE ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE FINANCIAL
2 STATEMENT IN YOUR PACKET TODAY AGAIN WE ENGAGED TO DETERMINE
3 WHETHER OR NOT THOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE FAIRLY STATED IN
4 ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES. I'LL
5 GET TO THE POINT RESULTS. I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE
6 ANTICIPATE ISSUING AN UNMODIFIED OPINION. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND
7 ADVANCE THE SLIDE TO SLIDE NINE. THERE YOU GO. SO AN
8 UNMODIFIED OPINION. AGAIN NO RESPECTIVE FINDINGS TO REPORT
9 WITH MATERIAL WEAKNESSES OR SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES, AND
10 LIKewise EVEN DEFICIENCIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS CLEAN AUDIT.
11 NEXT YEAR WE FOLLOWED UP ON A PRIOR DEFICIENCY RELATED TO THE
12 PROPER CODING OF VENDOR INVOICES WE DID NOT OBSERVE THAT SAME
13 DEFICIENCY IN THE CURRENT YEAR. I WILL GO INTO REQUIRED
14 COMMUNICATIONS AS LISTED ON THE SLIDE SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU JUST
15 HEARD RELATED TO ABAG. BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY THINGS TO REPORT
16 RELATED TO REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS ON SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
17 POLICIES AND CONTROVERSIAL AREAS, NO DIFFICULTIES WITH
18 MANAGEMENT, ET CETERA, ALL THE WAY THROUGH INDEPENDENCE
19 MATTERS. SO I JUST WANTED TO KEEP THAT VERY BRIEF. AND I AM
20 HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

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22 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY
23 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FOR MR. LAI? I HAVE A NAME THAT PEOPLE
24 MISPRONOUNCE AT TIMES, TOO. SEEING NONE. MR. CASTRO ANY
25 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS. I SEE ONE HAND RAISED
3 IN THE ATTENDEES. DAVID HAUBERT.

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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAUBERT DID YOU HAVE A
6 COMMENT OR QUESTION.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** I THINK HE MIGHT BE MOVED OVER TO PANELIST.

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10 **DAVID HAUBERT:** THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

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12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WITH NO PUBLIC
13 COMMENT. I THINK IT'S SUPERVISOR RAMOS'S TIME TO MOVE THIS.
14 AND MR. ARREGUIN TO SECOND.

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16 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** YES.

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20 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ON THE MOTION ROLL CALL PLEASE.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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24 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, WE ARE
25 ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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