ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Meeting Transcript

ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 5:30 PM

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: GOOD EVENING. I'M JESSE ARREQUIN BERKELEY MAYOR AND CHAIR OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD TO ORDER AND FOR THE PROCEDURES RECORDING. [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEBSITE. 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 PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, 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 INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M., YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED

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INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. THEY SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP-TO-DATE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: THANK YOU. WILL THE ABAG CLERK OF THE BOARD PLEASE CONDUCT ROLL CALL.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: ADAMS?

SUSAN ADAMS: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: ARREGUIN.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: PRESENT.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: BAS IS ABSENT. BREED IS ABSENT. BUTT?

TOM BUTT: HERE.

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CLERK, FRED CASTRO: CANEPA IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ IS ABSENT. MAYOR EKLUND?

PAT ECKLUND: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: COUNCILMEMBER ESPARZA IS ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER FIFE IS ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER FLIGOR

NEYSA FLIGOR: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: HALLIDAY?

BARBARA HALLIDAY: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: LEE?

OTTO LEE: PRESENT.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MAHAN?

SPEAKER: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MILEY IS ABSENT. MITCHOFF?

KAREN MITCHOFF: HERE.

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CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SUPERVISOR MOULTON PETERS?

STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: ROMERO?

CARLOS ROMERO: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: TAYLOR?

SPEAKER: HERE.

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CLERK, FRED CASTRO: WILSON? ABSENT. DIRECTOR ROGERS.

SPEAKER: HERE.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: DAVID HUDSON?

SPEAKER: HERE FOR HUDSON.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: NEXT ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISHES TO GIVE COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA? PUBLIC COMMENT, MR. CASTRO?

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: THAT COMPLETES ITEM TWO. WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM THREE. EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS. INFORMATION ITEM. ARE THERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AT THIS TIME. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. I ASSUME THERE ARE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS EVENING. IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISHES TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY. THANK YOU. UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM WE CAN PROCEED TO ITEM FOUR, THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM MY REPORT FOR TODAY JANUARY 20TH, 2022 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR ATTENDING TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING, THE FIRST MEETING FOR 2022 LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU AND REFLECT ON THE PROGRESS THAT WE MADE THIS PAST YEAR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AND ALSO THE ADOPTION OF THE RHNA PLAN. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION OVER THE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SOME OF YOU THAT SERVE ON OUR COMMITTEES FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DID TO HELP US ACHIEVE THOSE MILESTONES AND WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US TO MOVE TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNED BAY AREA THIS YEAR. ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS, ONE FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP AND ANOTHER FOR BAYREN. WE WILL ALSO HEAR FROM THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. I WANT TO REPORT LAST DECEMBER THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CONDUCTED A LISTENING SESSION ON THE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING NEEDS THE POTENTIAL FUTURE FOR A

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MEASURE AND I WAS INVITED BY ALFREDO PEDROZA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LISTENING SESSION I THOUGHT IT WAS A REALLY WELL PLANNED DISCUSSION AND I THINK NOT ONLY HEARING FROM STAFF BUT HEARING FROM VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS AROUND THE REGION LAID THE FOUND FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. AND I INTEND TO CONVENE A SIMILAR LISTENING SESSION ON HOUSING. ADD A DATE TO BE DETERMINED. I THINK SOMEBODY IS -- SUPERVISOR MILEY IS NOT MUTED. OKAY. SO, WE'LL LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT THE DATE FOR THAT LISTENING SESSION ON HOUSING, SO WE CAN BEGIN THE CONVERSATION AND WORK TOWARDS A POTENTIAL FUTURE REGIONAL HOUSING MEASURE. ALTHOUGH WE'RE MEETING BIMONTHLY THIS YEAR SINCE THE WORK LEADING THE APPROVAL OF THE PLANNED BAY AREA IS COMPLETED BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361, WE WILL NEED TO MEET TO ADOPT EMERGENCY FINDINGS AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS TO CONTINUE TO MEET REMOTELY SO WE WILL HAVE TO CONVENE SPECIAL MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH TO PICK UP THAT BUSINESS HOWEVER OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS ON MARCH 17TH. FINALLY I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THIS WAS, I THINK, SAID TO US AS A COMMUNICATION LAST NIGHT, THAT THE STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HAS APPROVED OUR REGIONAL HOUSING ALLOCATIONS PLAN. WE RECEIVED A LETTER ON JANUARY 12TH WHICH WAS SENT TO MEMBERS AND INCLUDED IN THE PACKET I WANTED TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT YOU PUT INTO THIS IMPORTANT REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. ONCE AGAIN I WANT TO

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THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE AND ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WHO HORRID 28 APPEALS AND WE WERE PLANNING ON HAVING AN IN-PERSON EVENT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR YOUR WORK, BUT OBVIOUSLY DUE TO THE OMICRON VARIANT WE NEED TO HOLD OFF ON THAT BUT WHEN IT IS SAFE WE WILL HAVE AN EVENT TO THANK YOU PROPERLY FOR NOT ONLY THE MANY HOURS OF PREPARATION AND WORK THAT YOU PUT IN TO CONSIDER THESE APPEALS SO I JUST WANT TO LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT THAT. AND I JUST ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS ANOTHER ISSUE RELATED TO RHNA. AT OUR LAST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WE MENTIONED WE WOULD LIKE TO CALENDAR A DISCUSSION OF A LIST OF POLICY TOPICS CORRECTED DURING THE APPEALS HEARINGS AND TO HAVE AN OVERALL DISCUSSION OF THE RHNA PROCESS TO INFORM FUTURE ADMINISTRATION AND POTENTIAL POLICY CHANGES. FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER MEETING ABAG MTC PLANNING STAFF REQUEST THAT WE POSTPONE THIS DISCUSSION TO AT LEAST THE FEBRUARY MEETING SO STAFF CAN BE PREPARED TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS. THEREFORE THIS ITEM DOES IS NOT APPEAR ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA BUT WE WILL BE COMING FORWARD WITH A DISCUSSION OF THAT LIST AND A THE RHNA PROCESS AT A FUTURE MEETING. AND I WILL ASK STAFF TO SEND A LIST OF POLICY ISSUES PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO WE CAN BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS. THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS. I SEE MAYOR EKLUND HAS A QUESTION.

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PAT ECKLUND: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN, WE REORGANIZED IN DECEMBER SO I AM BACK TO COUNCILMEMBER AGAIN.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY.

PAT ECKLUND: NO WORRIES. I THINK WE MAY NEED TO GET HCD TO CHANGE THEIR LETTER. IT'S DATED JANUARY 12TH, 2021. UNLESS I LOOKED TWICE ON THAT, I WAS ACTUALLY PUTTING IT IN MY ABAG REPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION TOMORROW, AND I -- I REALLY THINK THAT THIS LETTER IS REALLY IMPORTANT, SO, THIS LOOKS LIKE THEY APPROVED IT PRESUBMITTAL. SO WE MIGHT WANT TO GET THEM TO DO A CORRECTED DATE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY. THANK YOU FOR CALLING ATTENTION TO THAT.

PAT ECKLUND: OH, YEAH, IT'S EASY TO DO, BUT IMPORTANT THAT IT GET CHANGED.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON MY REPORT? OKAY. I'LL ASK IF THERE IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY, THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES ITEM FOUR THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM FIVE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THERESE MCMILLAN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN, AND YOU TOUCHED ON THE MAJOR ELEMENT THAT WAS IN MY REPORT, WHICH WAS THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION, AND, AGAIN, THE LETTER WAS ATTACHED THERE, AS WELL, SO WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KIND OF CLOSED THAT DOOR WITH A NOTE OF COUNSEL ON THAT DATE AND WE'LL FOLLOW UP ON. THERE WAS A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT, CLEARLY FOR STAFF AND ALL THE WORK THEY PUT INTO IT, BUT REALLY ALL ABOUT THE DEDICATED WORK THAT YOU ALL DID. YOU KNOW, EVERY EIGHT YEAR REQUIREMENT THAT WE NEED TO DO, AND IS ESSENTIAL TO PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. SO KUDOS AND MUCH GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND DEDICATION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, JUST A NOTE THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION APPROVED A '22/'23 BUDGET OF OVER $47 MILLION FOR BAYREN THAT WILL GO TO UNDERWRITE AND SUPPORT A NUMBER OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT INCENTIVES. SO OUR BAYREN PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A STATE MODEL ON A NUMBER OF

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WAYS. SO MANY KUDOS TO JENNY BERG AND HER STAFF FOR KEEPING US AT THE FRONT END OF THAT. AND, THEN, ALSO TO NOTE, AS BAYREN IS PULLING TOGETHER THE BUSINESS PLAN, THEY'RE CONSIDERING A NEW WORKFORCE PROGRAM AIMED AT JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT FOR YOUTH IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES RELATED TO THEIR PORTFOLIO. WHICH IS VERY EXCITING, AS, YOU KNOW, CONTINUING ELEMENT OF OUR BROAD SCOPE EQUITY PLATFORM, AND, AGAIN, DOING OUR BEST, LARGE AND SMALL, TO HELP ADVANCE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA THAT, YOU KNOW, OTHERWISE ARE VULNERABLE TO A NUMBER OF BENEFITS AND BURDENS THAT WE SEE. KUDOS AGAIN TO THE CREATIVITY OF STAFF THERE, AND WITH THAT MR. PRESIDENT, I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH MS. MCMILLAN. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE COUNCILMEMBER GIBBONS?

LIZ GIBBONS: THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I WANTED TO ASK YOUR ADVICE AND HELP ON THIS. AS MANY OF OUR CITIES ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR HOUSING ELEMENTS STRUGGLING TO GET THE LAND USE MAPS DONE PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE CEQA PROCESS, THERE IS A LOT OF COMMUNITY PUSH BACK ON THE RHNA NUMBERS. SO, I HAVE BEEN ASKED THAT -- TOLD THAT THERE IS SEVERAL -- THERE ARE SEVERAL LAWSUITS OUTSTANDING ON THE RHNA NUMBERS, AND ALSO, THERE IS A LEGISLATIVE AUDIT GETTING UNDERWAY ON THE RHNA

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NUMBERS PROCESS. IS THERE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE ME WITH THAT? OR GIVE US WITH THAT?

THERESE MCMILLAN: I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHICH ASSISTANCE YOU'RE SEEKING. IF IT'S CLARITY AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN THOSE TWO SPACES, THE STATUS OF IT, WHATEVER IMPACT OR REACH IT HAS FOR US, YOU KNOW, FROM WHERE WE SIT, WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE HAVE DONE, HCD HAS BLESSED IT, WE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD ACCORDING TO STATE REQUIREMENTS. BUT IN TERMS OF JUST BEING ABLE TO TRACK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THOSE PARTICULAR ARENAS, I THINK PARTICULARLY THE LAST ONE IN TERMS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT, I DON'T THINK IT'S SURPRISING THAT IN OUR REGION AND PERHAPS IN THE STATE THERE IS JURISDICTIONS THAT MAY BE UNHAPPY WITH THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME, BUT THAT IS NOW AN OFFICIAL OUTCOME THAT WE ARE BOUND TO CARRY OUT. SO, YOU KNOW, I CAN CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT ARREGUIN IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE FOR US TO DO. BUT IN -- I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS, I WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY CITY THAT IS FEELING STRESSED, IN TERMS OF DEVELOPING THEIR HOUSING ELEMENT, WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLY RICH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT OUR STAFF HAS DESIGNED AND SETUP, AND THEY ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK WITH ANY JURISDICTION IN THE REGION TO GIVE THEM AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS THEY CAN. SO THAT WOULD BE, I THINK, THE PROACTIVE AND HELPFUL RECOMMENDATION I WOULD BRING, IS THAT, WE NEED TO STEP FORWARD AND DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO, BUT WE ALSO

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KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE HARD FOR A NUMBER OF JURISDICTIONS AND WE HAVE RESOURCES TO HELP. SO, I DON'T KNOW, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: I THINK THE LOSS YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COG. THEY'RE CHALLENGING THEIR RHNA DETERMINATION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STATUS OF THAT LAWSUIT IS OR WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THAT LITIGATION WOULD BEAR ON OUR PROCESS UNLESS THERE IS AN ACT OF LEGISLATURE OR HCD VOLUNTARILY AGREES TO ADJUST THE TIMELINES WE'RE BOUND BY, THE TIMELINES PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE, BUT I'M CURIOUS IF MS. LONGER ON MS. BOCKELMAN YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POTENTIAL OR ONGOING AUDIT OF THE RHNA PROCESS OR RHNA STATUTE?

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T HEARD THAT TERMINOLOGY OF A LEGISLATIVE AUDIT, BUT I AM AWARE OF A BILL, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO THAT REQUIRED THAT HCD DO KIND OF THEIR OWN ANALYSIS OF THE RHNA PROCESS AND MAKE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THAT AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT STUDY HAS YET BEEN COMPLETED I CAN POKE AROUND SEEING IF I COULD TRACK IT DOWN. -- I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED, IT'S PROBABLY CERTAIN THERE WILL BE BILLS INTRODUCED THIS YEAR THAT DEAL WITH RHNA BUT AS HAS BEEN STATED FOR NOW, YOU KNOW, THE LAW IS THE LAW. AND, YOU KNOW, WE'RE BOUND BY IT. THANKS.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: MR. MALONEY DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL? MATT.

MATT MALONEY: MATT MAHAN DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING THERE IS A DUE DATE FOR THAT RHNA PROCESS EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY HCD. I BELIEVE THE DUE DATE IS DECEMBER 31ST, 2022, SO WE ARE TRACKING THAT AS BEST AS WE CAN. IN TERMS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THERE IS A LOT OF ACTIVITY, THEY'RE AHEAD OF US IN THE RHNA PROCESS. MANY OF THE JURISDICTIONS ARE GOING THROUGHOUT HOUSING ELEMENT PROCESS RIGHT NOW AND THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH COMPLIANCE WITH HCD, AND SO THERE IS A LOT OF BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN JURISDICTIONS AND THE STATE IN TERMS OF THOSE COMPLIANCE ISSUES, AND IN TERMS OF STAFF LEVEL WE'RE CERTAINLY WATCHING ARE THOSE AS CLOSELY AS WE CAN.

LIZ GIBBONS: THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENTS, AND I DO APPRECIATE THE REFERENCE, THE ABAG TECHNICAL STAFF IS OBVIOUSLY A RESOURCE. I THINK -- I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HELP OUR CITIES TO HAVE CONFIDENCE WHEN THEY SAY -- AND I RECEIVED A LETTER ALREADY. I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT TO THE COMMUNITIES SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, THE NUMBERS ARE FALSE, WE CAN WAIT UNTIL THE SUMMER AND WHEN THE LAWSUITS ARE RESOLVED, AND AUDIT, IT'S A VERY CHALLENGING SITUATION IN SEVERAL JURISDICTIONS. SO I'M TRYING TO PROVIDE CITIES, STAFF, WITH

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CLARITY. AND I THINK WHAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED IS THAT THE LETTER THIS EVENING IS THE BEST I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO FOR THAT.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: THANK YOU. YEAH. A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS I WOULD ADD, ONE, AS I MENTIONED IN MY REPORT, I DO WANT TO HAVE A DISCUSSION TO TALK ABOUT THE POLICY ISSUES THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HAD IDENTIFIED DURING THE PROCESS. I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US, YOU KNOW, FOR THE FUTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD. I DOUBT I'LL BE HERE EIGHT YEARS FROM NOW, BUT, TO HAVE SOME, YOU KNOW, INFORMATION ABOUT HOW OUR PROCESS WENT AND ARE THERE WAYS THAT WE CAN IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE PROCESS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAME UP IN THE HEARINGS WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL JURISDICTION SURVEY REALLY COMMUNICATING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF THEM PARTICIPATING HAS AN IMPACT ON WHETHER THEY COULD APPEAL OR NOT. SO I WANT US TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THOSE ISSUES, AND COUNCILMEMBER EKLUND HAD SPECIFICALLY REQUEST THAT WE DO THAT. AND THERE MAY BE ISSUES AROUND IMPLEMENTATION THAT WE WANT TO SEE, LIKE [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT WOULD AFFORD US AT A HIGH-LEVEL LOOK BACK ON THE PROCESS. BUT I'LL JUST SAY THAT I THINK OUR STAFF DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS. THOSE OF US WHO ARE ON THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE, TO THE ADMIN COMMITTEE, TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. WE HAVE SEEN ALL THE WORK, ALL THE TIME, ALL THE DETAILED THOUGHT THEY PUT INTO IT. NOW THAT THE RHNA PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED

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WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COMMUNICATE TO THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS -- UNLESS WE ALREADY HAVE -- AND WHEN WE DO THAT I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO REINFORCE THE RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT WE'RE MAKING AVAILABLE TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO ASSIST THEM IN IMPLEMENTING THESE NEW RHNA REQUIREMENTS. BUT I AM SURE YOU KNOW THAT BUT JUST WANTED TO REINFORCE THAT. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT? SEEING NONE. I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM SIX, THE CONSENT CALENDAR THREE ITEMS MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16TH, 2021. ITEM B CONTRACT FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY INSTITUTE AND C IS THE AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR BAYREN AND PG&E. ANYONE WISH TO PULL AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR OR MOTION TO APPROVE?

PAT ECKLUND: I'LL MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDER.

SPEAKER: SECONDS.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: MOTION AND SECOND ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. I'LL ASK IF THERE IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY. THANK YOU. UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE MOTION.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MOTION BY EKLUND, SECOND BY HALE. COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS?

SUSAN ADAMS: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: ANDERSON?

CANDACE ANDERSON: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MAYOR ARREGUIN?

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: YES.

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CLERK, FRED CASTRO: BAS IS ABSENT. BREED IS ABSENT. BUTT?

TOM BUTT: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: CANEPA IS ABSENT.

DAVID CANEPA: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: COUNCIL MEMBER ESPARZA IS ABSENT? COUNCIL MEMBER FIFE?

SPEAKER: ABSTAINED. FLIGOR?

NEYSA FLIGOR: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MAYOR GARCIA?

LEON GARCIA: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: GIBBONS?

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LIZ GIBBONS: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MAYOR HALE?

GISELLE HALE: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MAYOR HALLIDAY?

SPEAKER: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: HAUBERT?

SPEAKER: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: LEE?

OTTO LEE: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MAHAN?

SPEAKER: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MANDELMAN?

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SPEAKER: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SUPERVISOR MAR IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MILEY? I'LL COME BACK TO HIM. SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

KAREN MITCHOFF: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SUPERVISOR MOULTON PETERS?

STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: COUNCILMEMBER PERALEZ?

RAUL PERALEZ: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SUPERVISOR RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: COUNCILMEMBER ROMERO?

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CARLOS ROMERO: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SUPERVISOR SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR IS ABSENT. MAYOR WILSON IS ABSENT. DIRECTOR ROGERS?

SPEAKER: YES.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER SILVA?

CINDY SILVA: YES ON ITEM 6A AND B, AND I RECUSE ON ITEMS 6C AS A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MILEY IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES AND THERE WAS ONE ABSTENTION AND ONE RECUSAL FOR ITEM 6C.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: NEXT ITEM IS REPORT FROM THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND I WILL GIVE THE REPORT AS CHAIR OF THAT COMMITTEE. THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MET JOINTLY WITH THE MTC COMMITTEE JANUARY 14TH, 2022 AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE I THOUGHT IT WAS A REALLY GOOD DISCUSSION AND I

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THANK CHAIR SPERING FOR FACILITATING A REALLY IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. WE RECEIVED TWO REPORTS FIRST ON SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION FUNDING AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK. AND THIS IS THE PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING THE REGIONAL CONTEXT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COLLABORATIVE SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION FUNDING INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, THIS IS ALSO FOR THE BAY ADAPT FRAMEWORK WE ENDORSED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING. AND WE RECEIVED A PRESENTATION AND HAD A VERY IMPORTANT DISCUSSION ON THE INITIAL DRAFT POLICY APPROACH AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UPDATE TO MTC'S TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT POLICY. AND TO THAT END, I REQUESTED THAT STAFF MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED TOC POLICY TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR US TO HAVE A DISCUSSION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO MTC GIVEN THAT THIS REALLY, I THINK, IS NOT JUST A CRITICAL STEP TO IMPLEMENT PLANNED BAY AREA, BUT JUST THE INTERSECTIONALITY OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND HOUSING. AND I WANT TO THANK CHAIR SPERING AND STAFF FOR SUPPORTING THAT. AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE PRESENTED AT OUR MARCH MEETING IN ADVANCE OF THE MTC COMMISSION ACTION. AND SO THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT. I'LL ASK ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? IF NOT I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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

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JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY. THANK YOU. WITH THAT WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM EIGHT THE REPORT FROM THE MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. I TOO WILL GIVE THIS REPORT AS I AM CHAIR OF THAT COMMITTEE TOO. THE COMMITTEE MET JANUARY 14TH, 2020 AND RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS RECEIVED A REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND DETAILED LIST OF BILLS THAT MTC IS TRACKING INCLUDING THOSE THAT WE HAVE TAKEN A SUPPORT AND OPPOSE POSITION ON WE RECEIVED OVERVIEW OF THE GOVERNOR'S 2022 BUDGET PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION HOUSING CLIMATE ASPECTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET WE RECEIVED UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE STATE LEVEL TO MAXIMIZE THE REGION'S BENEFITS FROM THE NEW FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL WE RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE BUILD BACK BETTER LEGISLATION, PARTICULARLY SOCIAL AND CLIMATE SPENDING PROVISIONS, AND LASTLY, WE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM OUR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON KEY LEGISLATIVE FUNDING AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE PAST MONTH. SO THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT AND I'LL ASK IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD? IF NOT I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM NINE, THE REPORT FROM THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF.

KAREN MITCHOFF: THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHAIR ARREGUIN. WE MET THIS EVENING, EARLIER, AS THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE ABAG -- WE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE ABAG FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31ST, 2021, UNAUDITED AN OVERALL SUMMARY IS ACTUAL EXPENSES WERE AT 19% WHICH IS GREAT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER BECAUSE WE'RE UNDER THE 25%. THE TOTAL SURPLUS FOR THE PROGRAMS WAS 1.19 MILLION FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER. THE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM COLLECTED 2.2 MILLION WHICH IS 90% OF THE 2.4 MILLION TOTAL MEMBERSHIP REVENUES REPORTED. THE FINANCIALS SHOW US SIGNIFICANT YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS OF 1.26 MILLION EXPENSE IS 28% OF THE PROPOSED -- PARDON ME -- OF THE APPROVED BUDGET JUST A FEW PERCENTAGE POINTS OVER 25. WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT GOES. IN DECEMBER 2021 THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AUTHORIZED ITS STAFF TO RETURN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 SURCHARGE AND THE FISCAL '21 AND '22SSO -- AND I'M SO SORRY -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT S BUT IT'S PART OF OUR RENT, AS I UNDERSTANDS -- ASSESSMENT PAYMENT MADE BY ABAG

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SO THE TOTAL REFUND ESTIMATE AT $925,000 IN ADDITION ABAG WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE $530,000 SURCHARGE. AND WE HAVE ASKED STAFF TO DRAFT A LETTER FOR PRESIDENT ARREGUIN AND MYSELF TO SEND TO MTC AND TO ALL THE COMMISSIONERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THIS MEETING, AND OTHERS, THANKING THEM SO MUCH FOR DOING THIS FOR US. BAYREN EXPENSES WERE 5.3 MILLION AS OF OCTOBER 31ST AND 22% OF THE APPROVED BUDGET. THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PROJECT EXPENSES, AS OF OCTOBER, WERE 1.6 MILLION. EXPENSES AS USUAL ARE RUNNING A BIT LOWER THAN THE BUDGET AT 13% BECAUSE OF GETTING GRANT DOLLARS AND EXPENSES. THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL IS A NEW NON-PROFIT ENTITY THAT HAS NOT YET STARTED TO INCUR EXPENSES. ON THE CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE REQUISITIONS, BETWEEN 20-200,000, WE APPROVED A CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR 107,000 TO PEAK DIGITAL LLC FOR WEB SITE SUPPORT SERVICES. AND A CONTRACT FOR $182,430,000 TO HEALTHY OUTCOMES, INC. FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WEB BASED TOOLS. ON OUR INVESTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 2021, THE TOTAL FUNDS UNDER ABAG MANAGEMENT ARE JUST OVER $114.5 MILLION. THIS CONCLUDES THE COMMITTEE REPORT.

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO ALSO MENTION SOMETHING WE DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE, AND ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE MTC MEMBERS FOR SUPPORTING THAT PAYMENT. THAT'S PART OF THE PACKAGE THAT WE TALKED ABOUT IF YOU RECALL AT A PREVIOUS MEETING OF FISCAL REFORMS TO HELP US

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ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AND HELP POTENTIAL CREDIT RESERVE SO THAT WE CAN BE PREPARED FOR UNANTICIPATED EXPENSES. AND WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DUES AND WE'LL BE TALKING MORE ABOUT DUES. ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT? IF SO JUMP RIGHT IN. IF NOT I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT: I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? IF NOT, THAT COMPLETES OUR BUSINESS FOR THIS EVENING. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM TEN ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD IS MARCH 17TH, 2022, AND EVERYONE HAVE A GOOD EVENING, AND WE'RE ADJOURNED.
[ADJOURNED]

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