

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **JOINT MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE**

2 **FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 9:40 AM**

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4 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** GOOD DAY. THIS JOINT MEETING WITH THE MTC
5 PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE IS
6 CALLED TO ORDER. WOULD THE BROADCASTING TEAM PLEASE PLAY THE
7 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT? [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES
8 ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED
9 AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL
10 361 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS
11 MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. THE CHAIR WILL
12 CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER
13 SPEAKERS, BY NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE
14 THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS
15 PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS
16 ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO
17 VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
18 BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE
19 OR DIAL STAR 9, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE
20 APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON
21 BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED
22 THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT,
23 PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC
24 COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M.,
25 YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED



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

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10 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** AND WITH CHAIR SPERING'S ABSENCE TODAY
11 I'LL BE CHAIRING THE MTC SIDE. FOR THE MTC SIDE MARTHA COULD
12 YOU CONDUCT ROLL CALL AND CONFIRM QUORUM?

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SPERING IS ABSENT. VICE CHAIR AHN?

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16 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CANEPA?

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20 **DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CONNOLLY?

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24 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLEMING? IS ABSENT. GIACOPINI NON-VOTING?

6

7 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER LICCARDO?

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11 **SAM LICCARDO:** PRESENT.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SCHAFF? IS ABSENT.

14 WE HAVE A QUORUM.

15

16 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HANDING IT BACK OVER TO CHAIR

17 ARREGUIN, I BELIEVE.

18

19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WILL THE

20 ABAG CLERK OF THE BOARD CONDUCT ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM QUORUM.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ARREGUIN.

23

24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** HERE.

25



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EKLUND?

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3 **PAT ECKLUND:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLIGOR? I THOUGHT I SAW HER.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** I THOUGHT I SAW HER
8 ON THE ZOOM.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I'LL CALL HER AGAIN. MAYOR HUDSON?

11

12 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR LEE? IS ABSENT.

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16 **OTTO LEE:** LEE PRESENT.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MITCHOFF?

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20 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PERALEZ? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RABBIT?

23

24 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR RAMOS? IS ABSENT. ROMERO?

2

3 **CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLIGOR?

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7 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. QUORUM IS PRESENT.

10

11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL
12 MOVE TO ITEM TWO, THE ABAG COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT. WILL THE
13 CLERK PLEASE MAKE THE ABAG COMMITTEE COMPENSATION
14 ANNOUNCEMENT?

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, SIR ACCORDING TO STATE LAW I AM
17 MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT, THE MEMBERS OF THE ABAG
18 BOARD IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE
19 PER DIEM AN AMOUNT OF \$150 AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING
20 FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT PER DIEM. THANK
21 YOU.

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL
24 MOVE TO ITEM THREE, THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CONSENT
25 CALENDAR. CONSISTS OF ITEMS 3A THROUGH 3B ITEM 3A APPROVAL OF



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1 THE MINUTES OF MAY 13TH, 2022 ITEM 3B IS A RATIFICATION OF
2 APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TO THE BAY CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT
3 COMMISSION OFFICE NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT THE MEMO NOTING THE
4 APPOINTMENT FOR MAYOR BURKE THE SOUTH BAY REPRESENTATIVE TO
5 BCDC WAS NOTED IN THE MEMO THAT WAS SENT TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS
6 LAST NIGHT AND MAYOR BURG IS APPOINTING LARRY KLINE CITY OF
7 SUNNYVALE AS ALTERNATE TO BCDC THIS IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE
8 COMMITTEE ACTION ANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WISH TO MAKE A
9 MOTION?

10

11 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** MOTION.

12

13 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** SECOND.

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** MOTION BY FLIGOR.

16 SECOND BY ROMERO. ANY DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE. PUBLIC COMMENT
17 ON THIS ITEM?

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
20 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
21 ON THIS ITEM.

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** OKAY. I'LL ASK THE
24 CLERK TO CALL THE ROLL ON THE MOTION.

25



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ON THE MOTION BY FLIGOR. SECOND BY ROMERO.

2 MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** YES AM EKLUND?

5

6 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLIGOR?

9

10 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** YES.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HUDSON?

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14 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YES.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LEE?

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18 **OTTO LEE:** YES.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MITCHOFF?

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22 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PERALEZ? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RABBIT?

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1 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

2

3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I'LL TAKE THAT AS A YES?

4

5 **DAVID RABBIT:** SORRY. AYE.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RAMOS? IS ABSENT.

8 COUNCILMEMBER ROMERO?

9

10 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY

13 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY

16 MUCH. I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER TO VICE CHAIR --

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR RAMOS WAS ON THE ATTENDEE'S

19 SIDE. SHE JUST GOT MOVED OVER.

20

21 **BELIA RAMOS:** THAT IS A YES FROM ME. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PASSES.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** COMMITTEE VICE
2 CHAIR AHN.

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4 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO THE NEXT ITEM MTC PLANNING
5 COMMITTEE CALENDAR CONSISTING OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR APPROVAL FOR
6 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 13TH, 2022 THIS IS AN
7 ACTION ITEM. ANY MEMBERS WISH TO PULL AN ITEM FROM THE
8 CALENDAR?

9

10 **SAM LICCARDO:** MOTION.

11

12 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** SECOND.

13

14 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. ANY DISCUSSION BY
15 MEMBERS ON THIS MOTION? SEEING NONE, WILL THE CLERK INFORM US
16 WHETHER THERE ARE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM?

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPOND RECEIVED ON
19 THIS ITEM AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

20

21 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. NOW I'LL CALL FOR THE VOTE.
22 WILL THE CLERK PLEASE CONDUCT ROLL CALL VOTE.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR SPERING? IS ABSENT. VICE CHAIR AHN?

25



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1 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** YES.

2

3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CANEPA?

4

5 **DAVID CANEPA:** YES.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CONNOLLY?

8

9 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE.

10

11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI? COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

12

13 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE. I SAID AYE. I GUESS YOU DIDN'T HEAR
14 ME.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER FLEMING? IS
17 ABSENT. GIACOPINI? OH, NON-VOTING. COMMISSIONER LICCARDO?

18

19 **SAM LICCARDO:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER SCHAFF IS ABSENT. MOTION
22 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

23

24 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** GREAT. ITEM FIVE. SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS
25 TODAY. PULLING IT UP, IT'S 5A, EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF



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1 PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. AND
2 I BELIEVE CHIRAG RABARI IS PRESENTING THIS ITEM TODAY.

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4 **CHIRAG RABARI:** GOOD MORNING VICE CHAIR AHN AND GOOD MORNING
5 COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IF THE TECHNICAL STAFF COULD PULL UP THE
6 PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. OUR GOAL TODAY IS TO GIVE BACKGROUND
7 ON THE HISTORY OF THE PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA PROGRAM TALK
8 ABOUT ITS CONNECTION TO PLANNED BAY AREA AS WELL AS THE
9 COMPANION PCA GRANT PROGRAM AND THEN DO AN OVERVIEW OF THE
10 OUTCOMES, DELIVERABLES, SCOPE OF WORK, AND TIMELINE FOR A
11 REFRESH EFFORT THAT WE'RE UNDERTAKING AS STATED IS REALLY
12 ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PCA PROGRAM. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO
13 PCAS ARE LOCATIONS NOMINATED BY JURISDICTIONS, INCLUDING
14 CITIES, COUNTIES, PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND DESIGNATED
15 BY ABAG AS NATURAL HABITAT AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION. PCA
16 FRAMEWORK FIRST DEVELOPED IN 2007 AND RECEIVED A MINOR UPDATE
17 IN 2014. ONE OF THOSE CHANGES WAS INCLUSION WAS URBAN GREENING
18 ALONG WITH NATURAL LANDSCAPES AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND REGIONAL
19 RECREATION. THAT CHANGE WAS MADE TO ADDRESS VARIOUS EQUITY
20 CONCERNS THAT HAD BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND THAT IS
21 GOING TO BE A CONTINUED FOCUS OF THE REFRESH EFFORT MOVING
22 FORWARD. HISTORICALLY, PCAS WERE CHARACTERIZED AS AREAS WHERE
23 THERE IS LOCAL CONSENSUS REGARDING THE LAND IN NEED OF
24 PROTECTION WHETHER BECAUSE OF PRESSURES OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
25 AND OTHER FACTORS THAT ISN'T HOW THE PROGRAM ALWAYS WORKS IN



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1 PRACTICE. ONE CLARIFICATION A PCA IS NOT A LEGAL PLANNING OR
2 LAND USE DESIGNATION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THERE IS -- NEXT
3 SLIDE, PLEASE. THANK YOU. SO THERE IS SIGNIFICANT DIVERSITY IN
4 THE NATURE OF PCAS. THERE ARE OVER 185PCAS ACROSS ALL NINE
5 COUNTIES NOMINATED BY A BROAD RANGE OF JURISDICTIONS
6 REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 2.1 MILLION ACRES OF LAND AND IT'S
7 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THIS IS A VERY LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE
8 REGION'S OVERALL OPEN SPACE SOMETHING NORTH OF 40%. AND BY
9 NATURE, SOME OF THESE PCAS COVER A VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF LAND
10 AREA WHILE OTHERS ARE VERY SMALL. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PALOU
11 PHELPS NATURAL AREA IN SAN FRANCISCO IS A THREE ACRE GRASSY
12 HILL IN BAYVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD THAT RISES OUT OF THE CHILDREN'S
13 PLAYGROUND BY CONTRAST THE NAPA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LANDS PCA
14 IS OVER \$400,000 ACRES. THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS THE PRIORITY
15 OF COMMON GOALS TYING LANDS TOGETHER. PCAS HAVE BEEN A
16 COMPLEMENT TO PLANNED BAY AREA'S FOCUSED GROWTH FRAMEWORK
17 WHERE JOBS ARE FOCUSED IN TRANSIT PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS
18 AND OPEN SPACES ARE PROTECTED IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT
19 INCLUDING PROTECTED NATURAL HABITATS AND PRESERVED OPEN SPACES
20 AS CORE CONSIDERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO HOW OUR REGION IS GOING
21 TO GROW WAS A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT. PCAS ARE A UNIQUE PROGRAM
22 NATIONALLY AND REALLY AN EXEMPLAR OF THE BAY AREA'S COMMITMENT
23 TO AND CELEBRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
24 CONSERVATION. WITH RESPECT TO THE OVERALL REGIONAL GROWTH
25 FRAMEWORK HOWEVER THERE WERE VARIOUS IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES



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1 AS THAT FRAMEWORK WAS FIRST DEVELOPED, YOU KNOW, OVER EARLIER
2 ITERATIONS OF PLANNED BAY AREA. AND THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
3 INFORMED A MAJOR REVAMP OF THAT FRAMEWORK THAT TOOK PLACE IN
4 2018 AND 2019. AND THAT LED TO THE INCLUSION OF NEW GROWTH
5 GEOGRAPHIES AS WELL AS A BROADER RANGE OF HOUSING AND LAND USE
6 STRATEGIES IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. AND THESE WERE FOCUSED ON
7 A MUCH WIDER RANGE OF POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, MEANING, HOUSING
8 NEEDS AT ALL INCOME LEVELS HOMELESSNESS, RENTER PROTECTIONS
9 AND SO ON. THERE WAS AN INTEREST IN PURSUING A SIMILAR REVAMP
10 OF A PCA FRAMEWORK AT THAT TIME BUT DUE TO STAFFING
11 CONSTRAINTS AND THE NEED TO ALIGN THE PLAN WITH THE REGIONAL
12 HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PROCESS, AS WELL AS MEETING OUR
13 AGGRESSIVE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET, PCAS
14 WERE LARGELY LEFT IN PLACE AT THAT TIME, BUT WE DID MAKE A
15 COMMITMENT TO REVISIT AFTER PLAN ADOPTION IN OCTOBER 2021.
16 NEXT SLIDE. AND IT'S NOT JUST THE LONG RANGE REGIONAL PLAN
17 WORK PCAS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IT'S ALSO A COMPANION FOR GRANT
18 PROGRAMS THROUGH THE WHICH MISS HAS SET-ASIDE APPROXIMATELY
19 \$26 MILLION IN ONE BAY AREA OR OBAG FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF 56
20 TOTAL PROJECTS WITH FOCUS ON HELPING PCA PROJECT SPONSORS
21 ACQUIRE OR ENHANCE PROPERTIES DESIGNATED AS PCAS NEARLY \$4
22 MILLION HAS ALSO COME FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL AGENCY WHO
23 HAS BEEN A KEY PARTNER IN ADMINISTERING THE NON-NORTH BAY
24 PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM WHILE OUR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
25 AGENCIES OR CTAS HAVE BEEN KEY PARTNERS IN THE NORTH BAY. MANY



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1 DIFFERENT PROJECT TYPES HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED IN ADDITION TO
2 ACQUISITION HABITAT PROTECTION, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
3 IMPROVEMENTS IMPROVEMENT GREENING PROJECTS. WE DEFINITELY WANT
4 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE PROJECTS FOR OUR LOCAL
5 JURISDICTIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN FARM TO MARKET TRAILS IN
6 SOLANO, A BRIDGE CONNECTING TWO PREVIOUSLY DISCONNECTED
7 NATURAL AREAS IN P RICHMOND, SEGMENT OF BAY RIDGE TRAIL IN
8 RICHMOND. \$18 BILLION HAS BEEN PROPOSED AS PART OF CYCLE
9 THREE, WITH THE PROJECTS ANTICIPATED WE THINK THIS MARKS AN
10 EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT UNDERLYING FRAMEWORK. IT'S
11 IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE HAS
12 CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE FRAMEWORK WAS DEVELOPED IN
13 2007 CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS ARE MORE ACUTE INCREASING EVALUATION
14 THE PUBLIC POLICY CONVERSATION DATA SCIENCE MAPPING AND
15 TECHNICAL PERSPECTIVES AND STATE REGIONAL POLICY GOALS RELATED
16 TO CLIMATE CONSERVATION STAFF BELIEVE THE PCA FRAMEWORK CAN
17 ACT AS AN EFFECTIVE REGIONAL POLICY TOOL TO ADVANCE PLANNED
18 BAY AREA 2050 ADVANCEMENT POLICIES CORE THEMES EXPANDING
19 ACCESS TO PARK AND OPEN SPACE WHILE REDUCING RISKS FROM
20 HAZARDS WHILE DOING SO IN A SYSTEMATIC AND INTEGRATED MANNER.
21 PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL KEY NEEDS WITH
22 RESPECT TO THE PCA'S AND PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IMPLEMENTATION
23 PLAN NAMELY FRAMEWORK AND A WIDER RANGE OF POLICY CONCERNS
24 SUCH AS RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND HAZARDS. NEXT SLIDE.
25 WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE AND GRANT



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1 FUND WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE FOR THE PROJECT WE RECEIVED
2 \$250,000 WE RECEIVED FROM THE AGRICULTURAL LAND CONSERVATION
3 PROGRAM MANAGED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION THIS
4 IS GOING TO STRENGTHEN THE PLANNING FRAMEWORK SPECIFICALLY
5 FOCUSING ON ASPECTS OF HOW WE'RE NOMINATING AND EVALUATING AND
6 DESIGNING PCAS WE WANT TO DEVELOP A NEXT VISION FOR PCAS FOR
7 THE FRAMEWORK WHILE ALSO FOCUSING ON DEVELOPING THE GUIDELINES
8 AND RESOURCES THAT PROJECT APPLICANTS NEED TO SUPPORT HIGH
9 IMPACT CONSERVATION PLANNING AND POLICY DECISIONS. THERE WILL
10 BE A MAJOR EMPHASIS ON DATA AND MAPPING IN THAT AREA. AND ALL
11 OF THESE WILL FOLD INTO VARIOUS MEMOS AND CULMINATE INTO A
12 REPORT OF FINDINGS INCLUDING RECOMMENDED OPTIONS FOR POLICY
13 MAKERS TO CONSIDER WITH RESPECT TO POLICY AND FUNDING. THIS
14 WILL INCLUDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE COMPANION PCA GRANT
15 PROGRAM IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT ITERATION. OUR GOAL IS THIS
16 WILL BE A BROAD BASED MULTI-PARTNER MULTI-STAKEHOLDER EFFORT
17 AND COLLABORATION IS GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL. THERE IS LOTS TO
18 LEARN FROM OUR LOCAL JURISDICTION PARTNERS AT THE CITY AND
19 COUNTY LEVEL ABOUT WHAT THE PCA PROGRAM HAS MEANT TO THEM HOW
20 IT FITS INTO THEIR PRIORITIES, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ESPECIALLY
21 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR
22 PARTICIPATION FROM THE SMALL AND FOCUSED TO THE LARGE AND
23 COMPREHENSIVE. SO WE WILL HAVE ONE-ON-ONE IN SMALL GROUP
24 MEETINGS THERE WILL BE A BIMONTHLY TECHNICAL ADVISORY
25 COMMITTEE THAT WILL MEET BETWEEN 6 AND 8 TIMES OVER THE



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1 PROJECT TIMELINE. THERE WILL BE TWO LARGE VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS AS
2 WELL AS TWO ROUNDS OF SURVEYS. AND IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE
3 THERE IS A LOT HAPPENING IN THIS SPACE PCAS ARE JUST ONE PART
4 OF A LARGER STORY SO PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES IS GOING TO BE
5 VERY IMPORTANT. INTERNALLY WE HAVE THE BAY TRAIL, THE SAN
6 FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP, OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE
7 OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT ARE LEADING A NORTH BAY REGIONAL
8 CONSERVATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY EFFORT IN COLLABORATION WITH
9 OUR ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP COLLEAGUES, AND ALSO THE BAY AREA
10 REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE AND THE WORK THEY'RE DOING ON THE
11 DEVELOPING A PLANS, AND EXTERNALLY CALIFORNIA COASTAL
12 CONSERVANCY BCDC IS A KEY PARTNER AND HAS EFFORTS MOVING
13 FORWARD ON A SHORELINE ADAPTATION PLAN THE WATER QUALITY
14 CONTROL BOARD 2030 GOALS AND THE OPERATIONAL PLANS. TRYING TO
15 FIGURE OUT HOW ALL THESE THINGS HANG TOGETHER AND COMPLEMENT
16 EACH OTHER AND CAN SUPPORT EACH OTHER IS GOING TO BE REALLY
17 IMPORTANT. NEXT SLIDE. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT
18 WE'RE GOING TO BE TRYING TO EXPLORE WITH THIS PROGRAM. AND YOU
19 KNOW, ONE OF THE BIGGEST ONES IS JUST, YOU KNOW, WHAT THE
20 STATUS OF THE EXISTING PCAS ARE. IN OF OUR EARLY
21 INVESTIGATION, WE FOUND THAT SOMETHING UPWARDS OF 30 TO 40% OF
22 THESE PCAS MAY ALREADY BE IN OFFICIALLY CONSERVED AREAS. AND,
23 AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, IF THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM WAS REALLY
24 ABOUT PROTECTING AT-RISK LANDS, MAYBE THAT'S MISSION
25 ACCOMPLISHED. BY CONTRAST IF WHAT WE'RE REALLY THINKING ABOUT



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1 IS MAYBE MORE OF A MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT LENS WHERE, YOU
2 KNOW, WE REALLY WANT TO DOUBLE DOWN ON ADAPTATION AND
3 RESILIENCE, YOU KNOW, CONTINUING TO SUPPORT LANDS THAT MAY
4 ALREADY -- MAY BE PROTECTED COULD STILL HAVE A LOT OF VALUE.
5 DATA AROUND PCAS IS VARIABLE AND PARTNERS IS GOING TO BE
6 IMPORTANT. DATA MAPPING ON THAT FRONT, THERE IS A LOT OUT
7 THERE AND MAKING IT SIMPLE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR PARTNERS AND
8 BALANCING GOALS, ECOSYSTEM, EQUITY, RESILIENCE, HOUSING, AND
9 ALWAYS TYING BACK TO PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 WHICH IS SORT OF A
10 GUIDING LIGHT FOR OUR EFFORTS. AND FINALLY, PARTNERSHIPS AT
11 THE END OF THE DAY THE OBAG THREE PROGRAM HAS LIMITED FUNDS TO
12 SUPPORT PCAS SO HOW CAN WE ALIGN WITH OTHER RELEVANT FUNDING
13 SOURCES TO SUPPORT FLEXIBILITY, SCALEABILITY, AS WELL AS EASE
14 OF NAVIGATION. NEXT SLIDE. IN TERMS OF THE SCOPE OF WORK AND
15 TIMELINE WE'RE GOING TO BRING FORWARD A CONSULTANT SERVICES
16 CONTRACT FOR APPROVAL AT THE MTC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE IN
17 JULY USING THOSE STATE GRANT DOLLARS. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE
18 SOME OF OUR INITIAL DATA COLLECTION, CURATION AND ANALYSIS AND
19 KICKOFF STAKEHOLDER AND PARTNER OUTREACH INCLUDING THE FIRST
20 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE LATER THIS SUMMER OR EARLY FALL.
21 WE WILL BE RETURNING TO COMMITTEES AT KEY JUNCTURES INCLUDING
22 JOINT PLANNING IN WINTER AND SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2023 AND
23 THIS WILL INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD AS
24 WELL. NEXT SLIDE. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU



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1 FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING AND WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
2 QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

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4 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** THANKS FOR THAT. ANY DISCUSSION FROM
5 FELLOW COMMISSIONERS? OH, YES. COMMISSIONER CONNOLLY, PLEASE?

6

7 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. GREAT
8 PRESENTATION. IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT IN PRIOR CYCLES OBAG, THE
9 FOUR NORTH BAY COUNTIES EACH RECEIVED SPECIFIC AMOUNTS FROM
10 THE PCA PROGRAM. AND I THINK THE PCA PROGRAM FUNDS WERE, IN
11 PART, MEANT TO MAKE UP FOR THE RELATIVELY SMALL SHARE OF OTHER
12 OBAG FUNDS THAT THE NORTH BAY COUNTIES RECEIVED, RECOGNIZING
13 THAT THE NORTH BAY CONTAINED A LARGE NUMBER OF PCAS IS IN SOME
14 WAYS THOUGHT OF AS THE REGION'S BACKYARD. SO, WILL THERE BE
15 SIMILAR CONSIDERATION FOR OBAG THREE? IE, MORE PCA FUND FOR
16 NORTH BAY? OR HOW THAT HISTORY FITS IN WITH THE PROPOSED
17 STUDY, IS QUESTION ONE. AND THEN MAYBE A COMMENT, THE
18 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN STAFF HAVE CONSIDERED CARBON
19 SEQUESTRATION IN THE GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM TO ALIGN WITH
20 EFFORTS SUCH AS DRAWN IN MARIN WHICH HAS TAKEN SHAPE IN MARIN,
21 IN PARTICULAR. SO, STAFF HAVE ASKED MTC TO CONTINUE
22 COORDINATION WITH TAM AT LOCAL AGENCIES SUCH MARIN COUNTY
23 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AND WOULD LIKE TO BUILD OFF THE
24 SUCCESSFUL ELEMENTS OF THE EXISTING PROGRAM. THANKS.

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1 **CHIRAG RABARI:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER CONNOLY. WITH RESPECT
2 TO THE NORTH BAY CARVE-OUT, I CAN MAKE A FEW COMMENTS, AND
3 THEN I'M NOT SURE IF ANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES FROM OUR FUNDING
4 POLICY AND PROGRAMS TEAM ARE HERE, BUT, I -- IT IS ONE
5 IMPORTANT NOTE TO ADD IS IN 2020, THERE WAS A -- SOME FINDINGS
6 WE DID RECEIVE FROM FHWA, YOU KNOW, REGARDING HOW CERTAIN
7 ASPECTS OF THE OBAG PROGRAM WERE ADMINISTERED AND ONE OF THOSE
8 FINDINGS RELATED TO, YOU KNOW, SUBALLOCATIONS TO
9 JURISDICTIONS. AND I THINK THERE IS STILL SOME QUESTION
10 INTERNALLY ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THE SPECIFIC CARVE-OUT
11 FOR THE NORTH BAY. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS STILL BEING
12 EVALUATED. SO, YOU KNOW, FIRST, THAT WOULD BE SORT OF THE
13 FIRST THING WE HAVE TO ADDRESS, BUT THEN, YOU KNOW, IS THERE A
14 POTENTIAL WORK AROUND? WHAT MIGHT THAT LOOK LIKE, HOW MIGHT
15 THAT DIFFER FROM PAST ITERATIONS. YOU KNOW, THAT'S GOING TO BE
16 A KEY THING THAT WE WILL HAVE TO ESTABLISH. BUT, I THINK THERE
17 WILL CERTAINLY BE WAYS THAT WE CAN -- WE CAN EXPLORE HOW TO,
18 YOU KNOW CONSIDER THE NORTH BAY'S UNIQUE NEEDS IN THE CONTEXT
19 OF THE PROGRAM. EVEN IF IT LOOKS POTENTIALLY DIFFERENT THAN IT
20 HAS IN THE PAST. AND, WITH RESPECT TO CARBON SEQUESTRATION, I
21 THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT'S ON
22 THE TABLE, IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND ALL OF
23 THESE DIFFERENT VALUES AND BENEFITS THAT THESE CONSERVATION
24 LANDS HAVE. AND, AGAIN, JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE
25 MOST APPROPRIATE WAY TO RANK AND PRIORITIZE THEM.



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2 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** GREAT. THANKS.

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4 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER EKLUND, PLEASE?

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6 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY THINK THAT THIS
7 REFRESH IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK AT WHERE THE PCAS
8 WORKED AND WHERE THEY DIDN'T WORK IN THE PAST. ONE OF THE
9 THOUGHTS THAT I HAD IS THAT THERE ARE SOME VERY HIGH FIRE RISK
10 AREAS, THOUGH, THAT ARE PRIVATELY OWNED, AND IS IN JEOPARDY OF
11 POTENTIALLY BEING BUILT UPON. SO, I DON'T KNOW, IS THERE SOME
12 THOUGHT TO SEE IF THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO EXPAND
13 THE PCAS TO AREAS WHERE THERE IS VERY, VERY HIGH FIRE RISK,
14 AND WHERE IT REALLY SHOULDN'T BE BUILT ON? IT'S NOT WITHIN A
15 HIGH TRANSIT AREA OR WHATEVER, BUT, IT REALLY NEEDS TO BE,
16 "OPEN SPACE" EVEN THOUGH IT NEEDS TO BE MANAGED. AND NOT MANY
17 PEOPLE HAVE THAT MONEY. SO, I JUST WANT TO THROW OUT THE IDEA
18 THAT, LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT HIGH FIRE RISK AREAS, AND SEE IF
19 THERE IS A WAY THAT -- IF THERE IS A WAY TO MAKE SENSE TO
20 INCLUDE THAT IN THE PCAS IF NOT, I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND. BUT
21 WE'RE NEVER GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY OR RESOURCES TO DEAL
22 WITH THE VERY HIGH-FIRE RISK AREAS. BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
23 DO SOMETHING IN MY OPINION. BECAUSE ALL BUILT ENVIRONMENT IS
24 IN JEOPARDY WITH THOSE OTHER AREAS. SO, COMMENTS FROM THE
25 PEANUT GALLERY UP NORTH.



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2 **CHIRAG RABARI:** THANK YOU MEMBER EKLUND. FIRE RISK IS ONE OF
3 THE CLIMATE RISKS THAT WE WILL BE CONSIDERING IN THE PROGRAM.
4 SO, YEAH, DEFINITELY MORE TO COME ON THAT FRONT.

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6 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER CANEPA, YOU'RE UP.

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8 **DAVID CANEPA:** I HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS, MORE ON A STAFF LEVEL.
9 WILL THE EXISTING PCA LEAD PROJECT SPONSORS BE A PART OF THE
10 STAKEHOLDER GROUP?

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12 **CHIRAG RABARI:** YES. SORRY. I COULDN'T FIND MY UNMUTE BUTTON
13 FOR A SECOND. WE WILL DEFINITELY BE DOING SIGNIFICANT OUTREACH
14 WITH OUR EXISTING PCA SPONSORS. BECAUSE, AS WE SAID, YOU KNOW,
15 ONE OF OUR KEY GOALS IS GOING TO BE UNDERSTANDING, YOU KNOW,
16 THE STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES OF WHAT HAS WORKED, WHAT HAS NOT
17 WORKED, AND, YOU KNOW, OUR ON THE GROUND PROJECT SPONSORS ARE
18 GOING TO BE OUR BEST INFORMATION RESOURCE FOR DOING THAT. SO
19 THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE SIGNIFICANT ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR PCA
20 PROJECT SPONSORS.

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22 **DAVID CANEPA:** GREAT. AND IS THERE -- YOU KNOW, IS THERE A RISK
23 OF CURRENT PCAS, YOU KNOW, LOSING THEIR PCA DESIGNATION? HOW
24 IS THAT SORT OF ACCOUNTED FOR AND ADJUSTED?

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1 **CHIRAG RABARI:** I THINK THIS'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT, YOU
2 KNOW, WE -- YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO DO THIS EVALUATION ABOUT WHAT
3 IS WORKING AND WHAT IS NOT WORKING AND REALLY JUST GET A BROAD
4 PICTURE OF, YOU KNOW, THE STATUS OF THESE LANDS. AND I THINK,
5 YOU KNOW, WE ARE LIKELY TO EXPLORE WITH OUR PARTNERS JUST
6 DIFFERENT MODELS FOR HOW, YOU KNOW, HOW THE PCA PROCESS COULD
7 MOVE FORWARD. ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT, YOU KNOW,
8 WE HAVE SUCH IMPROVED DATA AVAILABLE. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE'LL
9 REALLY JUST BE TRYING TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT PATHWAYS FORWARD.
10 AND, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THAT, YOU KNOW, COULD, YOU KNOW, COULD
11 PROPOSE MOVING AWAY FROM THE DESIGNATION PROCESS AS ITS
12 EXISTED, AND THE OTHER WILL BE JUST SORT OF CONTINUING,
13 EXPANDING, BUILDING ON THAT PROCESS PUTTING ALL THE
14 CONSIDERATIONS ON THE TABLE AND GETTING FEEDBACK FROM OUR
15 PARTNERS ON WHAT THE BEST WAY FORWARD MIGHT BE.

16

17 **DAVID CANEPA:** YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK ABOUT -- AND
18 I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO DO THIS -- IS THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE
19 RECEIVED PREVIOUS OBAG FUNDS. IS THERE, ON THE STAFF LEVEL,
20 ARE YOU GOING TO BE DOING AN ANALYSIS OF THAT? JUST SO THAT WE
21 CAN SORT OF UNDERSTAND WHAT'S -- AND MAYBE IT'S OUT THERE --
22 I'M SURE IT IS -- WHAT'S BEEN FUNDED PREVIOUSLY?

23

24 **CHIRAG RABARI:** YEAH. WE WILL CERTAINLY BE LOOKING AT JUST A
25 SUMMARY OF THE 56 PROJECTS AND WHAT TYPE OF EFFORTS HAVE BEEN



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1 SUPPORTED. I THINK, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WILL
2 BE LOOKING AT IS, THERE ARE THESE SPECIFIC PROJECT TYPES THAT
3 HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED THROUGH THE PCAS, AND, YOU KNOW, IS THERE
4 AN APPETITE? IS THERE AN INTEREST, FOR MAYBE EXPANDING THE
5 SCOPE OF THAT, PROJECT TYPES THAT COULD BE SUPPORTED THROUGH
6 THE PCA PROGRAM. BUT THEN, YOU KNOW, WHAT, AGAIN, ARE THE
7 CHALLENGES OR COMPLICATIONS THAT COULD BE INVOLVED IN DOING
8 THAT. SO IT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE
9 LOOKING AT.

10

11 **DAVID CANEPA:** GREAT. AND NOT TO BE PAROCHIAL, BUT I WILL, ONE
12 OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE SORT OF LOOKING AT IN CLOSING IS,
13 REGIONAL COMPETITIVE FUNDING FOR SOME OF OUR COSITE PROJECTS.
14 IN SAN MATEO COUNTY WE HAVE ABOUT 44 MILES OF COASTLINE, WHICH
15 MAY NOT BE A LOT. MAYBE WE THINK IT IS, BUT WE'RE REALLY
16 TRYING TO IDENTIFY MAYBE ON THE COAST SOME OF THESE PROJECTS.
17 HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO ENGAGE ON A DEEPER AND GREATER
18 LEVEL. BUT, OVERALL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS PRESENTATION.
19 I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE CHIRAG. THANK YOU.

20

21 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** CHAIR ARREGUIN.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** I WANT TO FOLLOW UP
24 ON A COMMENT THAT COUNCILMEMBER EKLUND MADE WITH REGARD TO
25 NATURAL HAZARDS. OBVIOUSLY A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE PCAS WERE



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1 ESTABLISHED AND WE FACE INCREASING CLIMATE RISK AND OTHER
2 NATURAL HAZARD THERE IS LOTS HAPPENING IN THE BAY AREA THERE
3 IS BAY ADAPT PROCESS, NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS SEA
4 LEVEL RISE. I'M JUST CURIOUS HOW WE'RE GOING TO INTEGRATE
5 THOSE POLICIES WITH THE EFFORTS AND PCA UPDATE?

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7 **CHIRAG RABARI:** WE ARE ENGAGED WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AT BCDC, WE
8 ARE ENGAGED WITH COLLEAGUES AT BARC, WE HAVE HAD INITIAL
9 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY, AND I THINK,
10 AGAIN, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS THAT THIS
11 COORDINATION COULD PROCEED. AND I THINK WE'RE DEFINITELY
12 EXPLORING THE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT MIGHT HAPPEN. I THINK
13 SHARING OF DATA AND MAPPING RESOURCES IS SOMETHING THAT WE
14 HAVE ALL KIND OF MUTUALLY DISCUSSED. YOU KNOW, EVALUATING THE
15 GOALS AND VISIONS OF THE EFFORT AND LOOKING FOR AREAS OF
16 ALIGNMENT WHERE POSSIBLE. AND, THEN, I THINK FINALLY ON THE
17 FUNDING PIECE, AS WELL, YOU KNOW, TRYING TO, KIND OF,
18 UNDERSTAND HOW ALL THESE DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES CAN BE, YOU
19 KNOW, COMPLEMENTARY TO ONE ANOTHER. THOSE ARE ALL THINGS THAT
20 WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
21 COLLABORATING ON.

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** GREAT. YEAH. I
24 MEAN, I -- THERE IS GOING TO BE MORE FUNDING THAT'S LIKELY
25 GOING TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS, YOU KNOW, THIS TYPE OF CLIMATE



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1 ADAPTATION WORK. AND, SO, I THINK THE MORE WE CAN KIND OF
2 BRAID THE RESOURCES TOGETHER TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT, I THINK
3 THAT COULD, YOU KNOW, HELP MOVE SOME OF THESE PROJECTS
4 FORWARD. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF, NOT JUST HOW
5 WE ARE PRESERVING OPEN SPACE AND EXPANDING OPEN SPACE AND
6 NATURAL HABITAT, BUT, ALSO, HOW WE'RE DOING THROUGH THE LENS
7 OF EQUITY AND ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE. THANK YOU.

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9 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER RABBIT?

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11 **DAVID RABBIT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE
12 DISCUSSION. THANKS FOR THE WORK. AND I WANT TO ECHO THE
13 COMMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUE FROM MARIN COUNTY REGARDING THE
14 IMPORTANCE OF THE PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS IN THE NORTH
15 BAY. AND I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT THE NORTH BAY COUNTIES
16 WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING PCAS ORIGINALLY. AND THE
17 NEED TO HAVE NATURAL AREAS OF REFUGE, I THINK, ARE SERVE URBAN
18 AREAS, IS PARAMOUNT. WE ALL KNOW THAT. OUR COUNTY ALONE HAS 8
19 MILLION VISITORS A YEAR PRIMARILY FROM YOUR JURISDICTIONS, TO
20 BE HONEST, COMING UP NORTH. AND THE THAT'S GREAT. IT SHOULD
21 BE. AND I AM SURE MARIN COUNTY HAS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF
22 VISITORS AS DOES NAPA. IT'S TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT I THINK
23 FOR THE ENTIRE BAY AREA TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS
24 TYPE OF ASSISTANCE GOING FORWARD. I ALSO KNOW, WE HAVE HAD SAD
25 HISTORY OF MAJOR WILDFIRES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS MAJOR



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1 WILDLAND FIRES LOSS OF LIFE WE HAVE INVESTED TENS OF MILLIONS
2 OF DOLLARS IN FUEL MANAGEMENT. ALL NINE CITIES HAVE CITY
3 CENTER GROWTH, WE HAVE URBAN BOUNDARY GREENBELTS AND A QUARTER
4 CENT SALES TAX, THAT'S WHY THE PCAS IN THE NORTH BAY ARE SO
5 IMPORTANT. SO FOR THE INFILL DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTING THE
6 AREAS OF THE BAY AREA LANDS. AND BECAUSE OF PROPERTY VALUES
7 AND THE PANDEMIC SHOWING THAT EVEN MORE PEOPLE FROM OTHER
8 COUNTIES OR COMMUNITY ARE COMMUTE BE AROUND SO THEY DON'T HAVE
9 TO COMMUTE AS FAR. THE AUDIT FINDINGS, THE SUBALLOCATIONS ARE
10 AN ISSUE BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT STAFF CAN CONTINUE WORKING ON
11 THAT AND WE CAN OVERCOME THAT AND WE CAN KEEP ON THAT SAME
12 PRIORITY GIVEN TO THE NORTH BAY COUNTIES THAT DO PROVIDE THAT
13 RESPITE FOR FOLKS THAT FROM ALL OTHER COUNTIES. AND I DO
14 APPRECIATE THAT. TALK ABOUT CLIMATE ADAPTATION THAT'S WHAT
15 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT REALLY IS. AND WE HAVE ALSO, SONOMA
16 COUNTY WAS 1 OF 3 ENTITIES TO PUT UP MONEY FOR THE BAY AREA,
17 \$25 TAX THAT WE HAVE IN ALL NINE COUNTIES, FOR THE BAY WORK.
18 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE BAY LANDS, DOWN AT THE SOUTHERN PART
19 OF OUR COUNTY IS IMPORTANT. BUFFER, TO ALLOW THAT TO OCCUR
20 WITHOUT DAMAGING TOO MUCH INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFE WORK, OF
21 COURSE, HIGHWAY 37. AGAIN THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK.
22 APPRECIATE THAT. JUST WANT TO KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WE GO
23 FORWARD.
24



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1 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER RABBIT. AND I
2 ALSO SEE COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI HAS HER HAND RAISED.

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4 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** OH OKAY. I APOLOGIZE. I SPACED OUT THERE
5 FOR JUST A SECOND, COMMISSIONER AHN. IN ANY CASE, I'M
6 LISTENING TO ALL THE COMMISSIONERS TALK ABOUT THEIR AREAS. I
7 JUST FELT LIKE I HAD TO CHIME IN FOR MY TOWN, UNION CITY.
8 UNION CITY IS 18 SQUARE MILES AND HALF OF IT, NINE SQUARE
9 MILES IS ACTUALLY ALL IN THE HILLS. AND BACK IN 1996, THE
10 VOTERS SAID THERE SHOULD BE NO BUILDING IN THE HILLS UNLESS
11 IT'S APPROVED BY THE VOTERS. SO WE HAVE ALREADY HAD A COUPLE
12 OF ELECTION WHERE IS WE HAVE MANAGED TO KEEP THOSE HILLSIDES
13 SAFE AND NOT DEVELOPED. AND I MENTION THIS, BECAUSE AS WE TALK
14 ABOUT THESE PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS, AS ITS LOOKED AT FOR
15 THE AREA AROUND UNION CITY, I WOULD CERTAINLY BE VERY
16 INTERESTED IN, AS THAT BEING STUDIED, BECAUSE IT'S VERY
17 COSTLY, TIME CONSUMING, AND WHAT HAVE YOU TO KEEP GOING BACK
18 AND BATTLING WITH THE VOTERS TO SAY, NO. IT'S IMPORTANT TO
19 HAVE THE OPEN SPACE FOR SO MANY REASONS. SO, PLEASE DO MAKE
20 SURE THAT'S PUT ON THE LIST AND TAKEN A LOOK AT. BECAUSE GOING
21 BACK YEAR AFTER YEAR FIGHTING OFF DEVELOPERS FOR A VERY
22 IMPORTANT PIECE OF PROPERTY IS JUST IMPORTANT PERSONALLY TO ME
23 AND A LOT OF FOLKS IN MY PART OF ALAMEDA COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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1 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** I'M GENERALLY VERY APPRECIATIVE OF
2 COMMISSIONERS FROM THE NORTH BAY COMMENTING ON, PARTICULARLY,
3 SEA LEVEL RISE, AND FIRE HAZARDS. I'M HOPING AS WE ADVANCE
4 THESE PROGRAMS THOSE CONSIDERATIONS ARE OF COURSE PUT INTO
5 PLACE. ANY OTHER STAFF RESPONSE BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO PUBLIC
6 COMMENT, TO ANYTHING PREVIOUS COMMISSIONERS HAVE TALKED ABOUT?

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8 **CHIRAG RABARI:** I WAS GOING TO BRIEFLY NOTE, FOR COMMISSIONER
9 DUTRA-VERNACI, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO FOLLOW UP TO DISCUSS SOME
10 OF YOUR SPECIFIC THINGS THIS WE CAN LOOK AT FOR YOU. SO, THANK
11 YOU.

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13 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** THANK YOU CHIRAG. WITH THAT SAID, IS
14 THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE, LINED UP FOR
15 US, MARTHA?

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
18 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM, AND THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
19 WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

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21 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** GREAT. SEEING NO OTHER DISCUSSION. LET'S
22 CLOSE OUT THIS ITEM AND MOVE TO THE NEXT ONE THEN. AND THAT IS
23 ITEM SIX, WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS. AND,
24 AGAIN, THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO READ
25 THE NAMES OR ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV



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1 BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY INTO THE RECORD AND I WOULD ASK IF ANY
2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING BY TELECONFERENCE TO DIAL STAR
3 NINE AND I'LL CALL UPON YOU TO SPEAK.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
6 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
7 ON THIS ITEM.

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9 **EDDIE AHN, V. CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE, THEN, MARTHA,
10 WE'LL MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM SEVEN. ADJOURNMENT TO OUR NEXT
11 MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL
12 BE FRIDAY JULY 8TH 9:40 A.M. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL
13 BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. THIS MEETING OF THE MTC
14 PLANNING COMMITTEE IS ADJOURNED. I'LL PASS IT BACK TO CHAIR
15 ARREGUIN TO CLOSE US OUT ON THE ABAG SIDE.

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR:** THIS MEETING OF THE
18 ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE IS ALSO NOW ADJOURNED. THANK
19 YOU. [ADJOURNED]

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