



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ABAG Executive Board

February 20, 2020

PERSONNEL CHANGES:

Departures

Kaki Cheung – Kaki started with MTC in July 2014 as an Associate Program Coordinator. Her last day with MTC is February 28, 2020 as a Senior Program Coordinator in the Field Operations & Asset Management section.

Promotions & New Assignments

Raymond Woo – Raymond transitioned from his current position as an Associate Financial Analyst to Principal Financial Analyst in the Finance & Accounting section on February 24, 2020.

New Appointments

Kara Vuicich – Kara will be starting with MTC on February 24, 2020 as a Principal Planner/Analyst in the Regional Planning Program section.

Maureen Devlin – Maureen will be starting with MTC on February 24, 2020 as an Associate Program Coordinator in the Electronic Payments section.

Rosaliza Galvez – Rosaliza will be starting with MTC on February 26, 2020 as a Finance Technician I in the Finance and Accounting section.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY:

RHNA Housing Methodology Committee

The latest meeting of the Housing Methodology Committee was held on Friday, January 24, at the Bay Area Metro Center (BAMC). February's HMC meeting has been cancelled in order to better align the timelines of RHNA and Plan Bay Area 2050. The next HMC meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, at the Bay Area Metro Center.

ABAG Executive Board Workshop with MTC -

On Friday, January 31, ABAG President Jesse Arreguín, along with 20 other Executive Board Members, attended a successful joint workshop of the ABAG Executive Board and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin, California.

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The topics discussed included Plan Bay Area 2050 and AB1487, the Bay Area Housing Finance Act.

ABAG Special General Assembly

On Friday, February 7th, a successful General Assembly brought more than 150 attendees together at the BAMC to hear information on the RHNA process, while providing an opportunity for local governments to share their concerns about the process. ABAG's delegates also approved an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget to accept \$23.7 million in Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program (REAP) from the State.

RHNA Outreach

Planning staff member Daniel Saver attended the League of California Cities - Peninsula Division meeting on January 29th and the League of California Cities City Managers Conference on February 6 to provide information on RHNA. Key RHNA staff member Gillian Anderson, along with several LPA staff members, also met with the following community-based organizations (CBOs) throughout the region to discuss RHNA in small focus groups: Community Resources for Independent Living in Hayward on January 14; Acterra in Palo Alto on January 16; Green Hive in Vallejo on January 17; Sacred Heart Community Service in San Jose on January 21; Environmental Indicators Project in West Oakland on January 2; and Sound of Hope Radio Network in San Francisco on February 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

State HCD - Local Early Action Planning Grants Program Funding Opportunity

A workshop on the Local Early Action Planning Grants (LEAP) Program will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020, 1:30 p.m., in the BAMC Board Room. The LEAP Program was a result of the Governors 2019-20 Budget, where he made housing his first priority. LEAP Grants provide cities and counties with planning grants to update their planning documents and implement process improvements that accelerate housing production and plan for their 6th cycle RHNA.

RHNA Housing Methodology Committee

The next HMC meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, BAMC.

San Francisco Bay Trail Steering Committee

Thursday, March 12, 2020, 2 p.m., BAMC, CR-7102 Tamalpais.

6th Annual Youth for the Environment and Sustainability (YES) Conference

The 2020 YES Conference will convene middle and high school youth from around the Bay Area. The Conference will provide a forum for Bay Area youth to highlight innovative projects addressing climate change, transportation and environmental protection issues.

The YES Conference is a component of the Spare the Air Youth Program. The program aims to educate, inspire and empower youth and families in the San Francisco Bay Area to walk, bicycle, carpool, and take transit. A part of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)'s Climate Initiatives Program, in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Spare the Air Youth seeks to find effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation while also providing a regional resource for students, parents, teachers and program providers. The program also supports Bay Area Safe Routes to School outreach and encouragement efforts.

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Please share the 6th Annual Youth for the Environment and Sustainability (YES) Conference widely with your networks. To learn more about how you can help promote the conference, email Kristina Chu at kchu@baaqmd.gov (flyers are also available to handout).



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