

Association of Bay Area Governments

General Assembly

June 11, 2020

Agenda Item 8.a. and 8.b.

ABAG Bylaws

Subject: Approval of Proposed ABAG Bylaws Amendment

Background: The ABAG Bylaws were last revised on May 31, 2018. Staff is recommending the Bylaws be amended to provide the ABAG Executive Board with the authority to amend the detailed budget as necessary to accommodate new or additional revenue sources received after the July 1 adoption of the detailed budget.

In November 2019, in response to the inclusion in the 2019-2020 Budget Act of \$125 million in State funds to support Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of which ABAG was eligible for \$23.7 million, staff recommended that ABAG amend its FY 2019-20 operating budget and apply for the eligible funds. To accomplish that, because the ABAG Bylaws currently do not contemplate a mid-year budget amendment where additional revenues become available, the General Assembly was required to approve a budget amendment to authorize an increase in the total revenue and expense level.

At its November 21, 2019 meeting, the ABAG Executive Board approved a motion recommending ABAG General Assembly adoption of amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget to take the additional \$23.7 million in funds to support RHNA into account. The ABAG General Assembly approved the recommended budget amendment on February 7, 2020.

At its meeting on April 23, 2020, the ABAG Executive Board recommended General Assembly approval of the proposed Bylaws amendment (Attachment).

Issues: In order to facilitate future budget augmentations in instances when additional revenues become available, staff recommends the Executive Board to have authority to amend the detailed budget as necessary to accommodate new or additional revenue sources. The proposed changes to the Bylaws to provide the Executive Board with this authority are shown in the attached redline with underscoring indicating added provisions in Articles VII A (6) (c) and XI B (5).

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Recommended Action: The ABAG General Assembly is requested to approve the proposed amendments to the ABAG Bylaws, indicating added provisions in Articles VII A (6) (c) and XI B (5), as reported.

Attachments: Proposed ABAG Bylaws Amendments

Reviewed:


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