

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

April 15, 2021

Agenda Item 9.d.

Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles

Subject: Adoption of Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles to guide legislative engagement on climate adaptation legislation including, but not limited to Assembly Bill 897 (Mullin) as well as resilience-related bond proposals, including Assembly Bill 1500 (Garcia) and Senate Bill 45 (Portantino)

Background: In March 2021, the MTC/ABAG Legislation Committee recommended the Executive Committee adopt staff-proposed Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles. Since that meeting, staff received input from various regional and statewide stakeholders suggesting changes to the principles. Staff brought forward some revised principles to the ABAG Executive Board's March meeting and received direction to engage in additional dialogue with members of the Bay Area Regional Collaborative and other Bay Area stakeholders before bringing back revised principles for adoption in April.


Staff has engaged in various conversations since the March ABAG Executive Board meeting, including holding a special meeting of the recently formed Bay Area Climate Adaptation Legislative Working Group to discuss the principles. The meeting was well attended by a staff from equity and environmental advocacy organizations, the Bay Area Climate Action Network (BayCAN), the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), as well as local and regional agency staff. Staff is developing further revisions based on that feedback, including adding a specific focus on equity. With respect to pending bills, staff plans to bring bill position recommendations on key bills to the MTC/ABAG Legislation Committee in May, which, if adopted by the Legislation Committee will come to the Executive Board for approval.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to adopt revised Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles, a final version of which will be presented at the meeting.

Attachments: None

Reviewed:


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