




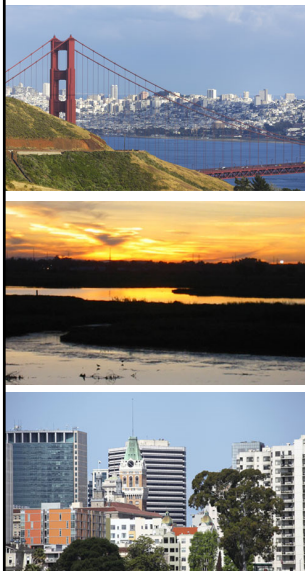
Introduction to the Association of Bay Area Governments



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ABAG Formation



- Formed in 1961 to address common issues and challenges from a regional perspective
- Established as joint powers authority (JPA), ABAG is unique among regional agencies in mission and governance
- Fosters partnerships among local jurisdictions and provides support through Local Government Services

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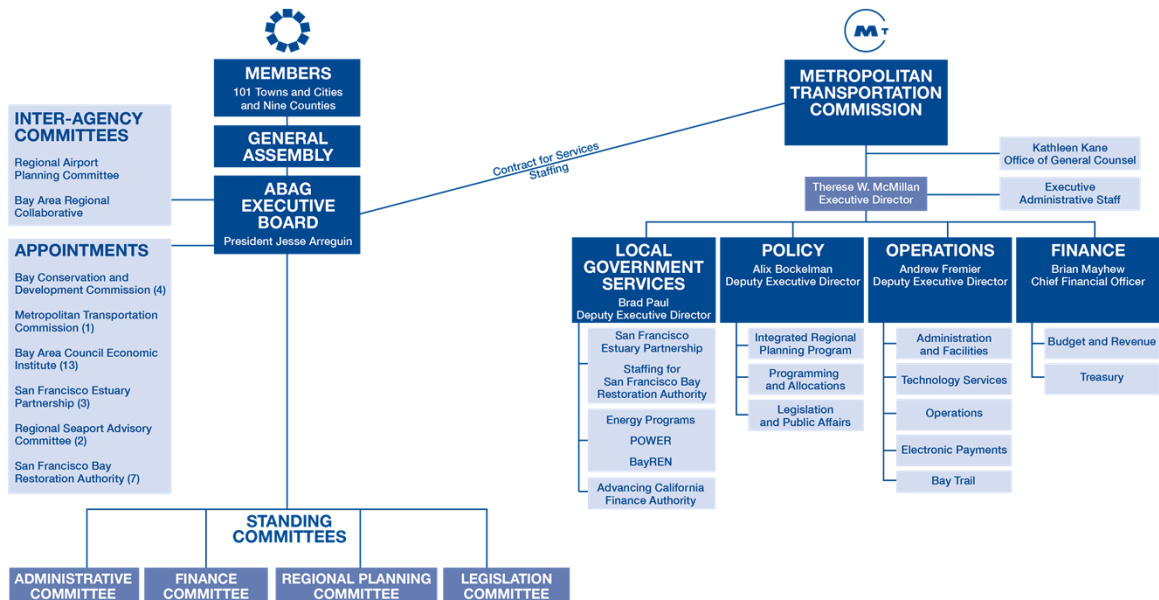
ABAG and MTC Consolidation



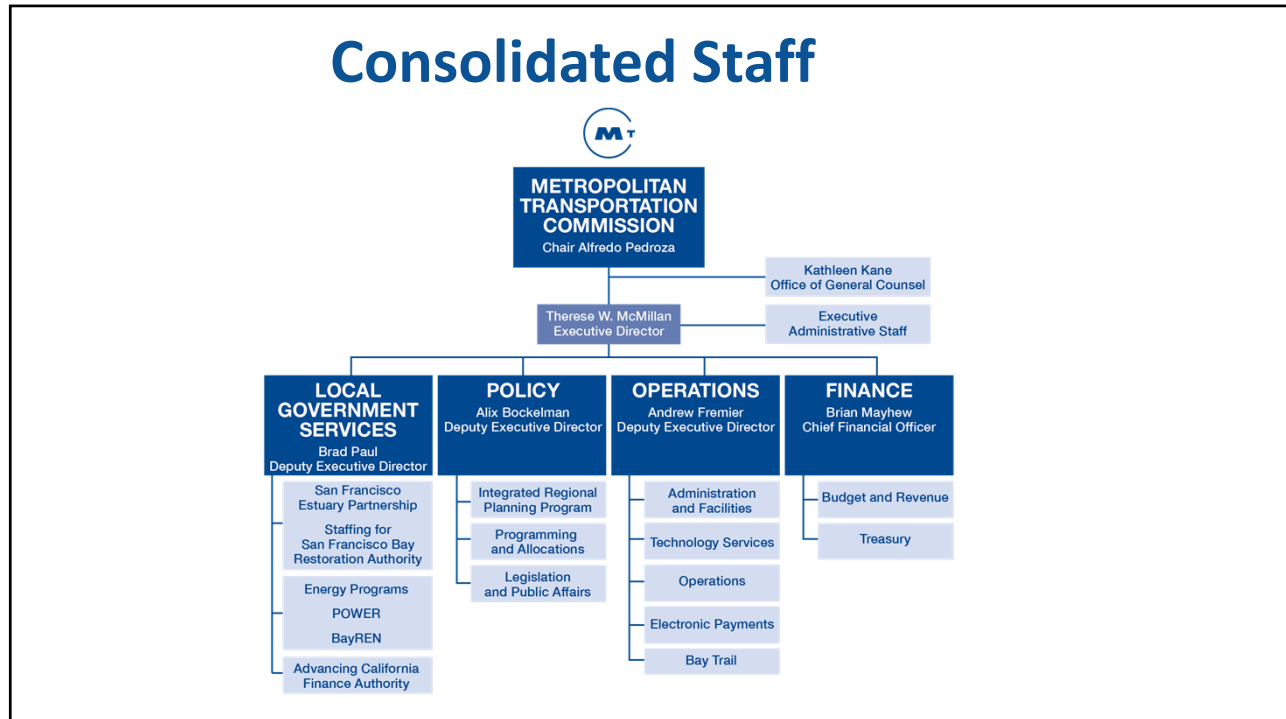
- May 2016, ABAG and MTC governing boards voted to consolidate staff on July 1, 2017
- Retained independence and statutory authority of both boards
- In 2019 created Joint Governance Committee to explore additional consolidation opportunities

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ABAG Governance Structure




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ABAG, RHNA and Local Government



- State-mandated process to plan for housing every 8 years
- CA Dept of HCD identifies total need for region
- **ABAG creates RHNA methodology** to distribute regional housing numbers to individual jurisdictions
- Jurisdictions update Housing Elements to show zoning changes and potential sites to accommodate new RHNA numbers.

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What are the statutory objectives of RHNA?

Increase housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties in an equitable manner

Promote infill development and socioeconomic equity, protect environmental and agricultural resources, encourage efficient development patterns, and achieve GHG reduction targets

Promote improved intraregional jobs-housing relationship, including balance between low-wage jobs and affordable housing

Balance disproportionate household income distributions (more high-income RHNA to lower-income areas and vice-versa)

Affirmatively further fair housing

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ABAG, MTC and Plan Bay Area 2050

- The Bay Area's long-range plan, also known as PBA

- Focuses on:

- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Transportation

Identifies a path to make the Bay Area more equitable and resilient

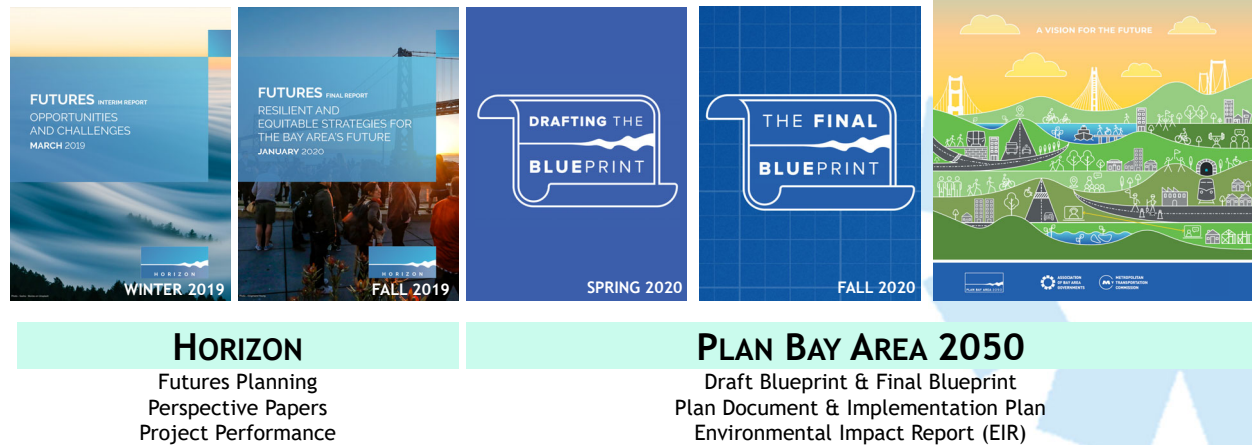
- RHNA and PBA must coordinate

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Four-Year Journey to a Bold New Regional Vision

Kicked off in early 2018, Horizon and Plan Bay Area 2050 focused on planning for an uncertain future, while advancing more equitable outcomes for all residents.

Ultimately, these efforts shaped the most comprehensive regional vision to date, with deep community engagement & a strong commitment to equity.



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ABAG Local Government Services

- ABAG POWER
- BayREN
- SF Estuary Partnership
- ABAG Finance Authority (FAN/ACFA)
- Regional Trails Program (Bay and Water Trails)



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SF Estuary Partnership

- Bolster resilience of ecosystems, shorelines, and communities to climate change
- Improve water quality/quantity of fresh water
- SF Bay Restoration Authority (\$25M/year)
- Champion the Estuary
 - ✓ Annual Conference
 - ✓ NEP Conference



www.sfestuary.org

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Advancing CA Financing Authority (ACFA)

- Since 1978, provided \$8 billion in tax-exempt financing to help meet needs of public agencies and their nonprofit partners
- Financings constructed/preserved/refinanced
 - 12,000 units of housing
 - Schools
 - Hospitals and clinics
 - Water Districts
 - Municipal Infrastructure
 - Museums
 - CFDs



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Key Benefits

- **Simple, fast and low-cost financing**
 - Proven Track Record
 - Experienced Staff
 - Streamlined Approvals Process
- **Staff expertise in local land use/housing issues**
- **Fee revenue supports ABAG and its Local Government Services**

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San Francisco Bay Trail



- Vision connecting 9 counties via 500 miles of bike/pedestrian paths
- Links 47 cities and over seven toll bridges
- 360 miles (72%) complete

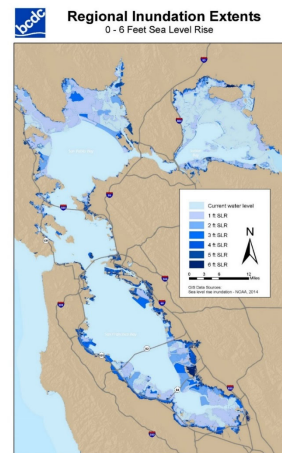
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Bay Area Regional Collaborative - BARC

Members

- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC)
- Caltrans District 4



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Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

- BayREN is a Program Administrator of Ratepayer Funds from the State PUC
- Successful climate, resource, and sustainability programs:
 - Residential
 - Business
 - Codes & Standards
 - Water Bill Savings
- By coordinating efforts at the regional level and delivering integrated solutions, RENs help State meet our aggressive climate change goals



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Recent Focus:

- Preparation of 8-year Business Plan and Budget Request, and segmentation of sectors into one of three “buckets”

Resource Acquisition	Market Support	Equity
Deliver cost-effective avoided cost benefits to the electricity system.	Support the long-term success of the energy efficiency market by educating customers, training contractors, building partnerships, or moving beneficial technologies towards greater cost-effectiveness.	Serve hard-to-reach or underserved customers and disadvantaged communities in advancement of the Commission’s Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan

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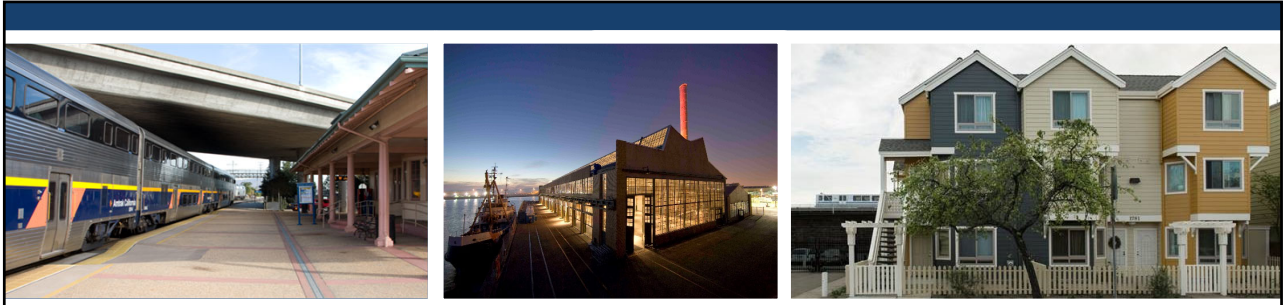
Looking Forward:

- Implementation of **strategic plan with focus on equity**
- Organization study to ensure structure is effective
- Leveraging different funding source and working with new partners including CBOs, CCAs, and other stakeholders
- Further intra-agency integration

Recent Highlights:

- Water Upgrades \$ave program has two partner water utilities and **will soon add another**
- Recognition by the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG)

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Questions?

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