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Meeting Minutes - Final

ABAG Executive Board

President, Belia Ramos, Supervisor, County of Napa
Vice Prs, Carlos Romero, Councilmember, City of East Palo Alto
Past Prs, David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma

Thursday, March 20, 2025

5:10 PM

Board Room - 1st Floor

Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board Meeting No. 500

Roster

Susan Adams, Sylvia Arenas, Pamela Campos, Ken Carlson, Noelia Corzo, Bien Doan, Matt Dorsey, Betty Duong, Pat Eklund, Carroll Fife, Neysa Fligor, Nikki Fortunato-Bas, Lisa Gauthier, Rich Hillis, Rosemary Kamei, Eric Lucan, Daniel Lurie, Rafael Mandelman, Yvonne Martinez-Beltran, Nathan Miley, Lisa Motoyama, Catherine Moy, Mark Nagales, David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos, Carlos Romero, Shanelle Scales-Preston, Cindy Silva, Pierre Washington, Wanda Williams.
Donald Young (Advisory).

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum / Compensation Announcement

President Ramos called the meeting to order at about 5:23 p.m. Quorum was present.

Present: 25 - Arenas, Campos, Carlson, Corzo, Doan, Duong, Eklund, Fife, Fortunato Bas, Gauthier, Kamei, Lucan, Martinez-Beltran, Miley, Motoyama, Nagales, Rabbitt, Ramos, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Tanner, Washington, Williams, and Zollman

Absent: 6 - Dorsey, Lurie, Mandelman, Moy, Ramachandran, and Scales Preston

2. Public Comment

3. Executive Board Announcements

4. President's Report

4a. [25-0331](#) ABAG President's Report for March 20, 2025

President Ramos gave the report.

5. Executive Director's Report

5a. [25-0332](#) Executive Director's Report for March 20, 2025

Alix Bockelman gave the report.

6. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Eklund and second by Williams, the ABAG Executive Board approved the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Arenas, Campos, Carlson, Corzo, Doan, Duong, Eklund, Fife, Fortunato Bas, Gauthier, Kamei, Lucan, Martinez-Beltran, Miley, Motoyama, Nagales, Rabbitt, Ramos, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Tanner, Washington, Williams, and Zollman

Absent: 6 - Dorsey, Lurie, Mandelman, Moy, Ramachandran, and Scales Preston

6a. [25-0333](#) Approval of ABAG Executive Board Minutes of January 16, 2025

6b. [25-0352](#) Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Corcus Construction for Construction of the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee in the City of Palo Alto in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,764,140.00, Plus a Contingency of \$552,828.00, and Adoption of a Resolution Delegating Authority to Exercise Discretionary Approval of Designs Pursuant to Government Code Section 830.6 for the Project

6c. [25-0354](#) Approval of a Mutually Acceptable Agreement to Transfer a Portion of the County of Sonoma's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) to the City of Santa Rosa

6d. [25-0370](#) Approve Amendment No. 01 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources

6e. [25-0337](#) Senate Bill (SB) 239 (Arreguín): Ralph M. Brown Act Teleconferencing Reform

Co-sponsor SB 239 (Arreguín) to expand remote meeting options for non-decision-making local legislative bodies - including advisory boards - that do not take final action.

6f. [25-0338](#) AB 670 (Quirk-Silva), Regional Housing Needs Allocation Credit for Preservation

Co-sponsor a bill by Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva to allow cities and counties to earn credit toward their Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) targets by preserving "naturally occurring affordable housing" with long-term deed restrictions.

- 6g. [25-0448](#) Ratification of appointments to ABAG Committees and other bodies
- 6h. [25-0335](#) Adoption of ABAG Resolution No. 05-2025: Establishment of the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council

7. ABAG Administrative Committee Report

- 7a. [25-0334](#) Report on ABAG Administrative Committee Meetings of February 14, 2025 and March 14, 2025
- President Ramos gave the report.

8. Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee Report

- 8a. [25-0336](#) Report on Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee Meetings of February 14, 2025 and March 14, 2025
- President Ramos gave the report.

- 8b. [25-0449](#) Cap and Trade Update and Advocacy Principles

Recommended principles to guide ABAG's advocacy on the extension of the Cap and Trade program.

Rebecca Long gave the report.

Upon the motion by Nagales and second by Romero, the ABAG Executive Board approved a support position on the recommended principles to guide ABAG's advocacy on the extension of the Cap and Trade program. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Arenas, Campos, Carlson, Corzo, Doan, Duong, Eklund, Fife, Fortunato Bas, Gauthier, Kamei, Lucan, Martinez-Beltran, Miley, Motoyama, Nagales, Rabbitt, Ramos, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Tanner, Washington, Williams, and Zollman

Absent: 6 - Dorsey, Lurie, Mandelman, Moy, Ramachandran, and Scales Preston

- 8c. [25-0450](#) Assembly Bill 736 (Wicks) and Senate Bill 417 (Cabaldon): Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026

Places a \$10 billion general obligation (GO) bond measure on the June 2026 statewide ballot for a variety of housing production and preservation programs.

Rebecca Long gave the report.

Upon the motion by Motoyama and second by Rabbitt, the ABAG Executive Board approved a support and seek amendment position on Assembly Bill 736 (Wicks) and Senate Bill 417 (Cabaldon): Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Arenas, Campos, Carlson, Corzo, Doan, Duong, Eklund, Fife, Fortunato Bas, Gauthier, Kamei, Lucan, Martinez-Beltran, Miley, Motoyama, Nagales, Rabbitt, Ramos, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Tanner, Washington, Williams, and Zollman

Absent: 6 - Dorsey, Lurie, Mandelman, Moy, Ramachandran, and Scales Preston

9. ABAG Finance Committee Report

9a. [25-0339](#) Report on ABAG Finance Committee Meeting of March 20, 2025

Chair Rabbitt gave the report.

9b. [25-0342](#) Approval of the Report on Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Upon the motion by Zollman and second by Rabbitt, the ABAG Executive Board approved the Report on Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited). The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Arenas, Campos, Carlson, Corzo, Doan, Duong, Eklund, Fife, Fortunato Bas, Gauthier, Kamei, Lucan, Martinez-Beltran, Miley, Motoyama, Nagales, Rabbitt, Ramos, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Tanner, Washington, Williams, and Zollman

Absent: 6 - Dorsey, Lurie, Mandelman, Moy, Ramachandran, and Scales Preston

9c. [25-0343](#) Approval of the Report on ABAG Investments for period ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Upon the motion by Eklund and second by Williams, the ABAG Executive Board approved the Report on ABAG Investments for period ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited). The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Arenas, Campos, Carlson, Corzo, Doan, Duong, Eklund, Fife, Fortunato Bas, Gauthier, Kamei, Lucan, Martinez-Beltran, Miley, Motoyama, Nagales, Rabbitt, Ramos, Ramos, Romero, Silva, Tanner, Washington, Williams, and Zollman

Absent: 6 - Dorsey, Lurie, Mandelman, Moy, Ramachandran, and Scales Preston

10. ABAG Housing Committee Report

10a. [25-0340](#) Report on ABAG Housing Committee Meeting of February 12, 2025 and March 12, 2025

Chair Romero gave the report.

The following gave public comment: Ken Bukowski (unable to connect remotely)

11. ABAG Resilience Technical Assistance

- 11a. [25-0353](#) Report on ABAG Resilience Technical Assistance
Michael Germeraad and Heidi Nutters gave the report.

12. ABAG Financial Outlook

- 12a. [25-0451](#) Report on ABAG Financial Outlook
Derek Hansel gave the report.

The following gave public comment: Ken Bukowski.

13. Adjournment / Next Meeting

President Ramos adjourned the meeting at about 7:09 p.m. The next regular meeting of the ABAG Executive Board is on April 17, 2025.