



JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of March 20, 2009 Held at 10:00 AM at the MetroCenter Auditorium, Oakland

Attendance:

<u>ABAG</u>	<u>BAAQMD</u>	<u>BCDC</u>	<u>MTC</u>
Jane Brunner	Chris Daly	Geoffrey Gibbs	Tom Bates
Mark Green	Yoriko Kishimoto	Richard Gordon	Sue Lempert
Scott Haggerty (Ch.)	Mark Ross	Charles McGlashan	Jim Spering
Rose Jacobs Gibson	Pamela Torliatt	Anne Halstead	Ken Yeager
	Gayle B. Uilkema	Sean Randolph (V.Ch.)	

BTH: Jim Bourgart

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Randolph called the meeting to order. Chair Haggerty presided over the remainder of the meeting.

2. Approval of the Joint Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2009

As the Committee was not completely constituted at its new twenty-member size, approval of the minutes was deferred to the May meeting.

3. Policies for the Bay Area's Implementation of Senate Bill 375

Ted Droettboom, JPC staff, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the rationale for SB 375, the basics of the bill, and the draft policies to guide the Bay Area's implementation as proposed in the staff memo. A copy of the presentation is available on the JPC website (<http://www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc-sb375-implementation.htm>).

In discussion, JPC members and public commentators addressed a number of issues, including:

- The level of the targets to be set by the California Air Resources Board (Should they be clearly achievable or should they be more challenging?);
- The quality of demographic and travel modeling (Is it sufficiently sensitive to land-use changes and other social and economic factors, is it sufficiently detailed or too detailed, is it sufficiently transparent, are its limitations

sufficiently acknowledged, and are our partners sufficiently involved in its development?);

- The need for local governments, congestion management agencies, transit providers, and other stakeholders to be full partners in the development of the sustainable communities strategy and associated planning instruments (with a particular emphasis on the need to involve individual cities);
- The need for substantial incentives and real dollar resources to implement the sustainable communities strategy and make it real at the local level;
- The need for simple concepts and clear, non-jargon language to make the process and products understandable to all who need to be involved;
- The need to respect existing funding priorities versus the need to respond to new imperatives;
- The appropriateness of staff recommending policy to policy-makers and proper separation of policy on process from policy on substance;
- The relative roles of the JPC and its member agencies in the vetting of work products (Who should see what first?);
- The need to consider economic feasibility;
- The need to employ pricing policy in addition to land-use policy in the sustainable communities strategy.

Many public commentators repeated and emphasized points made in their written comments.

In respect to the depth and breadth of the comments, many of which had just been received, and because the JPC was not yet constituted at its new size, the Committee deferred action on the recommendations in the staff memo.

4. Regional Agency Climate Protection Priorities for 2009-10

Bruce Riordan, Climate Consultant, briefly summarized the staff memo. Due to the shortness of available time, there was only a short, albeit generally supportive, discussion. The Committee deferred action.

5. Representative of the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing

The Committee received this item for information.

6. Public Comment

All public comment was made in the context of specific agenda items and is included in the summary of those items.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned shortly after 12 Noon.