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## JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2008 Held at 10:00 AM at the MetroCenter Auditorium, Oakland

#### Attendance:

#### ABAG

Jane Brunner  
Mark Green  
Scott Haggerty  
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Chair  
Gwen Regalia

#### BAAQMD

Chris Daly  
John Gioia  
Jerry Hill  
Yoriko Kishimoto  
Mark Ross  
Pamela Torliatt  
Gayle B. Uilkema

#### BCDC\*

Jim Bourgart  
Richard Gordon  
Sean Randolph  
  
\*non-voting

#### MTC

Tom Bates  
Steve Kinsey  
Sue Lempert  
Jon Rubin

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Jacobs Gibson called the meeting to order and welcomed new BCDC representative and San Mateo County Supervisor Richard Gordon.

#### 2. Approval of the Joint Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2008

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### 3. Regional Adoption of Priority Conservation Areas

Ken Kirkey made a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the staff memo.

In discussion, it was clarified:

- That the PCA process is being coordinated with the upcoming bond measure being proposed by the East Bay Regional Park District,
- That a second call for PCA nominations will occur in the Summer of 2009.
- That local governments have been given the opportunity to comment on all nominations within their jurisdictions.

The Committee approved the recommendation in the staff memo:

THAT the JPC support the programmatic addition of Priority Conservation Areas to the FOCUS Program, the Bay Area's Regional Blueprint Plan.

#### 4. Transportation 2035—Project Performance and Tradeoffs

Lisa Klein talked to the staff memo and PowerPoint presentation on project performance assessment, and Doug Kimsey spoke to the staff memo and PowerPoint presentation on Financial Estimates and Project Tradeoff Framework. Both PowerPoint presentations are included in the agenda package.

In discussion, committee members and public commentators made a number of suggestions:

- Alternative project packages should be run through the travel model to assess their collective performance, particularly relative to the climate-change target;
- The plan should include a pricing project which is relevant to the urgency of climate change; HOT lanes will not do enough soon enough;
- Past project commitments should be re-evaluated in light of climate change and the goals upon which the current plan is based; the goals need to be more than nominal;
- Project assessments and tradeoffs need to be done explicitly relative to the goals so that we can clearly tell whether we are effectively addressing the goals or not;
- The RTP needs to encourage new technological solutions;
- The RTP needs to emphasize “accessibility through proximity” in preference to mobility improvements;
- Everyone needs to recognize that the financially constrained element of the plan is limited relative to the vision and will not necessarily catch up to the vision in a single plan iteration, the state and federal governments apply a tough reality test to the financially constrained plan;
- As we grow, expansion of the system will be required for both transit and roads; maintenance and efficiency improvements will be necessary but not be sufficient;
- Performance criteria should not be weighted equally;
- If HOT lanes are to be embraced, those paying for the privilege need to see the money applied to improving their commutes; funding projects in other counties will not sell;

- Committed projects should be assessed against the same performance criteria as new projects so we have a more complete understanding of what we have committed to, even if we choose to keep our commitments;
- VMT reduction and climate protection need to be elevated as criteria; everything should pass through a climate filter; we need to act now, not wait ten years;
- The Port of Oakland needs to be acknowledged as a regional facility;
- We should assess what it would take to make it possible for, say, one third of our households to require only one automobile;
- The plan needs to honestly and strategically address the tremendous changes that will occur and will have to occur over the next twenty-five years, including a radical change in life styles;
- Environmental justice and equity issues will need to be paramount as we address the climate and energy-cost issues facing our society.

5. Projections 2009—Performance Targets

Christy Riviere used a PowerPoint presentation to summarize the staff memo. The Committee received the memo and presentation for information.

6. Progress on Regional Agency Climate Protection Program

The Committee received the staff memo for information.

7. Public Comment

All public comment was made with reference to specific agenda items and is summarized in the discussion of those items.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at Noon.