



## Joint Policy Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting of June 17, 2005 Held at 10:00 AM in the MetroCenter Auditorium, Oakland

#### Attendance:

##### ABAG Members:

Jane Brunner  
Dave Cortese  
Mark Green  
Scott Haggerty  
Rose Jacobs Gibson

##### BAAQMD Members:

Chris Daly  
Mark DeSaulnier  
Pamela Torliatt  
Gayle Uilkema

##### MTC Members:

Sue Lempert  
John McLemore, Ch.  
Sheila Young

##### ABAG Staff:

Paul Fassinger  
Patricia Jones  
Janet McBride  
Kenneth Moy  
Christy Rivierre

##### BAAQMD Staff:

S. Bourguignon  
Jack Broadbent  
Henry Hilken  
Jean Roggenkamp

##### MTC Staff:

James Corless  
Frank Harris

##### Other:

Ron Bishop, Oakland BPAC/ARCHO  
Jean Finney, Caltrans, District 4  
Dr. Richard Jackson, State Public Health Officer  
Sherman Lewis, Bay Area Alliance, Sierra Club  
Hiroko Kurihara, Rockridge Community Planning  
Council  
Peter Lydon, SPUR  
Linda Murchison, California Air Resources Board  
Bob Planthold, MTC Advisory Council  
Daniele Spirandelli  
Leslie Stewart, Bay Area Monitor  
Lynn Terry, California Air Resources Board  
Art Weber  
Jeff Weir, California Air Resources Board

##### JPC Staff:

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#### 1. Call to Order

As Chair Haggerty was delayed, Mr. McLemore called the meeting to order.

#### 2. Approval of Joint Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2005

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### 3. The Health Effects of Sprawl

Dr. Richard Jackson, State Public Health Officer, described the causes and effects of a number of current epidemics, particularly obesity, with emphasis on the contribution of urban built form. Dr. Jackson's PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the JPC website: [www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc\\_presentations.htm](http://www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc_presentations.htm). The accompanying audio recording of Dr. Jackson's speech is also available through the website, [www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc\\_webcast.htm](http://www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc_webcast.htm), and at MTC's archive of meeting webcasts.

Issues and ideas identified in discussion included:

- The potential for health objectives to conflict, at least nominally, with other public objectives—such as transportation efficiency, facility and infra-structure maintenance, and public liability—requiring hard compromises;
- The increasing difficulty in arriving at simple, healthful solutions because of multiple and indirect jurisdictions (e.g., local jurisdictions have little say over school location and size, which is now largely determined by the State with little regard for the community or health consequences.);
- CEQA's emphasis on other environmental issues and species over human health and the nascent interest in a public health impact statement for development.

### 4. Air Quality and Land Use Handbook

Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board (ARB), summarized ARB's efforts to provide guidance on the co-location of various land uses relative to localized air quality concerns. Ms. Terry's PowerPoint presentation and the audio record of her remarks are also available through the JPC website.

In discussion, the following topics were covered:

- The difficulty of applying the guidelines in developed urban areas, where schools are located near freeways and transit-oriented development must occur around existing BART stations located in the middle of freeways;
- The particularly difficult dilemma for mixed use given the pernicious nature of on-site dry-cleaning operations;

- The special problems for cities containing ports, which have particularly high concentrations of diesel emissions and other pollutants;
- The large contribution of diesel PM to the overall problem and the possibility that much of the need to deal with land-use issues would be obviated if there were better diesel emission standards;
- The possibility that, although the guidelines were intended to be used with other land-use criteria to arrive at acceptable compromises, they may be misinterpreted as absolutes, rather than as relative standards and further frustrate otherwise sensible infill.
- The observation that in spite of the potential for misuse, it would be irresponsible not to make current knowledge about airborne health hazards available to the land-use debate.

5. The JPC in Relation to Pre-existing ABAG, BAAQMD, and MTC Planning Committees

As there was not a quorum at this point in the meeting, this action item was deferred.

6. Legislation Referencing the Joint Policy Committee

As there was not a quorum at this point in the meeting, this action item was deferred.

7. JPC Meeting Frequency

As there was not a quorum at this point in the meeting, this action item was deferred.

8. Other Business

The Regional Planning Program Director reported:

- That MTC had deferred action on the draft Resolution 3434 policy pending a report back from staff on removing the combined housing/jobs requirement from the proposed thresholds and substituting a higher housing minimum.
- That discussions are being held in Sacramento on a new source of funding for regional “blueprint” (vision and vision implementation) planning and on funding for local specific plans

that could contribute to a streamlined CEQA process for housing and mixed-use development. The latter is consistent with the JPC's September 2004 legislative agenda.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment aside from that directed at specific agenda items and incorporated into the summary of those items.