



## Joint Policy Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 2006 Held at 10:00 AM in the MetroCenter Auditorium, Oakland

#### Attendance:

##### ABAG Members:

Jane Brunner  
Mark Green  
Scott Haggerty  
Rose Jacobs Gibson  
Steve Rabinowitsh  
Gwen Regalia

##### BAAQMD Members:

Chris Daly  
Mark DeSaulnier  
Jerry Hill  
Michael Shimansky  
Pamela Torliatt  
Gayle Uilkema, V. Ch.

##### MTC Members:

Sue Lempert  
John McLemore  
Jon Rubin, Ch.  
Shelia Young

##### ABAG Staff:

Randy Deshazo  
Paul Fassinger  
Henry Gardner  
Patricia Jones  
Kenneth Kirkey

##### BAAQMD Staff:

Jack Broadbent  
Jean Roggenkamp

##### MTC Staff:

Betty Cecchini  
Steve Heminger  
Kearey Smith  
Therese McMillan

##### Other:

Linda Craig, League of Women Voters  
Jean Finney, Caltrans, District 4  
Tony Fisher, NUMMI  
Steve Lowe, WOCA  
Peter Lydon, SPUR  
Alec McDonald, Bay Area Monitor  
Lisa Peterson, UC Berkeley Planning Studio  
Allison Quaid, Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable  
Communities  
David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF  
Leslie Stewart, Bay Area Monitor  
Beth Thomas, Caltrans, District 4  
Will Travis, BCDC

##### JPC Staff:

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#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order.

#### 2. Approval of Joint Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2006

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Bay Area Regional Position on Planning and CEQA Reform

The letter to Senator Torlakson was approved for the Chair's signature.

4. Focusing Our Vision (FOCUS) progress report

Kearey Smith demonstrated the Geographic Information System (GIS) overlay technology which is being used to help identify Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs). Randy Deshazo spoke to the local general plan layer which has been assembled from a new ABAG database and to an infill potential layer using Professor John Landis' data.

Discussion clarified that the overlay maps can point to potential priority areas; they cannot define the precise boundaries or development characteristics of those areas; only detailed discussions with local government can do that. It was also observed that the maps presented objective data, but that subjective values applied to that data would be required to make policy choices. Further, the maps only presented a regional perspective at a regional level of resolution. Local perspectives also needed to be brought into the priority area decisions.

In its consideration of amendments to the regional smart-growth policy, the Committee asked for additional clarification on the policy dealing with land for future urban development. The Committee also asked for enhanced policies on school capacity and educational quality, sustainability (particularly green building), housing affordability and displacement. The Regional Planning Program Director committed to report back to the Committee's next meeting.

The need for additional and extensive dialogue about FOCUS with elected officials in every county was also emphasized. This time local governments need to have real input.

5. Other Business

In response to a Committee member's question, the JPC's mandate was clarified. The JPC has met its initial obligation to report to the Legislature on opportunities for consolidation of ABAG and MTC functions. However, the JPC has a continuing legislated mandate to review and comment on major regional planning products from all three member agencies. As well, the ABAG-MTC Task Force report which initially created the JPC assigned to this Committee continued implementation and refinement of the regional "vision," and a recent MTC resolution requests the JPC to lead a regional strategy on climate change.

6. Public Comment

All public comment was received relative to specific agenda items and is incorporated in the summary of those items.

7. Adjournment