



Revised AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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Voting members must attend the physical meeting to count toward quorum.

DATE: May 10, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

**LOCATION: Monterey Bay Air Resources District , Board Room, 3rd Floor
24580 Silver Cloud Court
Monterey, CA 93940**

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AMBAG Board of Directors meeting online:**

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On September 13, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 (Rubio). The new amendments to the Brown Act go into effect on January 1, 2023. AB 2449 provides alternative teleconference procedures to allow members of the AMBAG Board of Directors to participate remotely under very limited circumstances.

Persons who wish to address the AMBAG Board of Directors on an item to be considered at this meeting are encouraged to submit comments in writing at info@ambag.org by Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 5 PM. The subject line should read "Public Comment for the May 10, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting." The agency clerk will read up to 3 minutes of any public comment submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board at aflores@ambag.org or at 831-883-3750 Ext. 300.

AMBAG Board Member(s) Meeting Remotely:

Manu Koenig:

5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

831-234-3922

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AB 2449 VOTE ON “JUST “ AND “EMERGENCY” CAUSE

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive oral report.

4. ROLL CALL

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
(A maximum of three minutes on any subject not on the agenda)**

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- President Freeman

Receive oral report.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Recommended Action: DIRECT

- Director Brown

The next meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2023. The agenda will be provided at the meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive a report from Maura Twomey, AMBAG Executive Director.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommended Action: APPROVE

Note: Actions listed for each item represents staff recommendation. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, take any action on the items listed in the consent agenda.

A. Draft Minutes of the April 12, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft minutes of the April 12, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 5)

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

- Miranda Taylor, Planner

Accept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 11)

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

- Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 19)

D. Financial Update Report

- Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration

Accept the financial update report which provides an update on AMBAG's current financial position and accompanying financial statements. (Page 21)

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Draft FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling

Approve the draft FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget by adopting Resolution 2023-3. (Page 27)

12. PLANNING

A. Draft Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy Update

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

Receive a presentation from Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager, on the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy. (Page 35)

B. Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program: AMBAG's Draft Guidelines Update
Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

Staff will provide an overview of the REAP 2.0 Public Draft Guidelines for the AMBAG's Regional Competitive and the Local Suballocation Grant Programs. (Page 39)

13. ADJOURNMENT

REFERENCE ITEMS:

- A. 2023 Meeting Schedule (Page 83)
- B. Acronym Guide (Page 85)

NEXT MEETING:

Date: June 14, 2023

Location: MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting: 5:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

April 12, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, John Freeman presiding, convened at 6:02 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AB 2449 VOTE ON 'EMERGENCY' CAUSE

None.

4. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Kristen Brown	County of Monterey	Mary Adams
Carmel	Karen Ferlito	County of Monterey	Glenn Church
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	County of San Benito	Kollin Kosmicki
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig
Greenfield	Robert White		
King City	Carlos Victoria	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Marina	Brian McCarthy	Caltrans, District 5	Scott Eades
Monterey	Alan Haffa	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Salinas	Tony Barrera	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	SBtCOG	Binu Abraham
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome		
Seaside	Alex Miller		
Soledad	Anna Velazquez		
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino		
ABSENT:			
Hollister	Rick Perez	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Pacific Grove	Nick Smith	3CE	Catherine Stedman
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	MPAD	Carl Miller
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	SCCRTC	Guy Preston
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	SC Metro	Michael Tree
County of Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez	TAMC	Todd Muck
County of San Benito	Dom Zanger		

Others Present: Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Paul Hierling, Senior Planner; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Miranda Taylor, Planner; Diane Eidam, Retired Annuitant; Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration; Liz

Hurtado-Espinosa, Principal Accountant; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Will Condon, Associate Planner; Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Director Ferlito requested that a FAQ's on RHNA be provided to the Board.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President Brown reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting 2) list of warrants as of January 31, 2023; and 3) accounts receivable as of January 31, 2023. The Executive/Finance Committee also received a report on the financials from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Director Brown reported that the next meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2023.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director announced that AMBAG released the Regional Early Action Program Guidelines (REAP 2.0) for a 30 day public review ending on May 9, 2023. Comments on the draft guidelines for the Regional Competitive Program and the Local Suballocation Grant Program should be emailed to Heather Adamson, Director of Planning at hadamson@ambag.org. AMBAG will host a virtual workshop on April 27, 2023 at 10 AM to provide an overview of the draft guidelines, answer questions, and receive input. Following the public review period, the grant guidelines will be finalized and the AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to approve the final grant guidelines and direct staff to issue the notice of funding availability in June 2023.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the March 8, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the March 8, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Clearinghouse monthly newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

The Sustainability Program update was accepted.

D. Demographic Forecasting Services: Consultant Agreement

The Board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with Population Reference Bureau for demographic forecasting consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

E. Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Project Database: Consultant Agreement

The Board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with BI Consulting Services, LLC for consultant services for the development of the MTP/SCS Project Database in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

F. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy: Work Program and Schedule

The Board approved the 2050 MTP/SCS strategy work program and schedule.

G. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Motion made by Director Haffa seconded by Director Victoria to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Support Letter for Assembly Bill 953: Voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction and Sustainable Shipping Program

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that the letter will support AB 953 to develop a statewide voluntary vessel speed reduction and sustainable shipping program. Brief discussion followed.

Director McCarthy requested that a sample letter be emailed to the Board.

Motion made by Director Ferlito, seconded by Director Brown to approve the support letter for Assembly Bill 953 which will develop a statewide voluntary vessel speed reduction and sustainable shipping program. Motion passed unanimously.

11. PLANNING

A. 2023 Public Participation Plan Development

Miranda Taylor, Planner gave an overview of the 2023 Public Participation Plan and survey. The draft 2023 Public Participation Plan is scheduled to be released for public review period is August 23, 2023. Public comment period ends August/September 2023. The AMBAG Board of Directors is scheduled

to approve the final 2023 Public Participation Plan at their October 11, 2023 meeting. Brief discussion followed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

John Freeman, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD**BOARD MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023**

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)				
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item # 9	Item # 11
Capitola	Kristen Brown	X	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	X	Y	Y
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	X	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y	Y
Greenfield	Robert White	X	Y	Y
Hollister	Rick Perez	AB	n/a	n/a
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y
Marina	Brian McCarthy	X	Y	Y
Monterey	Alan Haffa	X	Y	Y
Pacific Grove	Nick Smith	AB	n/a	n/a
Salinas	Tony Barrera	X	Y	Y
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	AB	n/a	n/a
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	X	Y	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	AB	n/a	n/a
Seaside	Alex Miller	X	Y	Y
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	AB	n/a	n/a
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	AB	n/a	n/a
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	Y
County-Monterey	Glenn Church	X	Y	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	X	Y	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez	AB	n/a	n/a
County-San Benito	Kollin Kosmicki	X	Y	Y
County-San Benito	Dom Zanger	AB	n/a	n/a

(* = Board Member(s) arrived late or left early, therefore, did not vote on the item. Please refer the minutes)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Miranda Taylor, Planner

SUBJECT: AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the April 2023 Clearinghouse monthly newsletter.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Since March 12, 1984, under adopted State Clearinghouse Procedures, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) was designated the regional agency responsible for clearinghouse operations in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. These procedures implement Presidential Executive Order 12372 as interpreted by the "State of California Procedures for Intergovernmental Review of Federal Financial Assistance and Direct Development Activities." They also implement the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 as interpreted by CEQA Guidelines.

The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to provide all interested parties within the Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz notification of projects for federal financial assistance, direct federal development activities, local plans and development projects and state plans that are proposed within the region. These areawide procedures are intended to be coordinated with procedures adopted by the State of California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

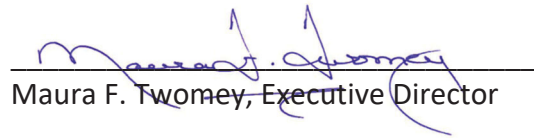
There is no direct financial impact. Staff time for monitoring clearinghouse activities is incorporated into the current AMBAG Overall Work Program and budget.

COORDINATION:

Notices for the Clearinghouse are sent by lead agencies to AMBAG. Interested parties are sent email notifications twice a month with the newsletter attached.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Monthly Newsletter - Clearinghouse items April 1 – April 30, 2023

APPROVED BY:

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 5/10/2023

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

20230402

MORGENRATH MARTHA J TR ET AL

County of Monterey

Fionna Jensen

(831) 796-6407

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Notice of Availability

Amendment to a previously approved Combined Development Permit (PLN 160851; Board Resolution 19-285) consisting of: 1) Coastal Development Permit and General Development Plan to allow the establishment of a commercial business operation, 2) Coastal Administrative Permit to convert a test well into a permanent well, 3) Coastal Administrative Permit and Design Approval to allow construction of a 760 square foot office with a two (2) bedroom second story employee housing unit, a 600 square foot workshop and 300 square foot canopy, 800 square foot storage building and associated site improvements including formalizing six public parking spots and installing two electrical vehicle charging stations; and 4) Coastal Development Permits to allow development on slopes in excess of 30%, within 100 feet of ESRA and removal of 11 native trees.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Parcel: 419201007000

Public hearing information:

TBD

Public review period ends **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

City of Del Rey Oaks
John Guertin
(831) 394-8511

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The project under consideration is the Pavement Recycling Facility Project proposed by Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE). MPE is seeking to relocate their existing City of Marina-based concrete and base rock recycling facility to a parcel on the former Fort Ord in the City of Del Rey Oaks for a period of five (5) years. The site would be cleared of vegetation (primarily maritime chaparral with scattered coast live oak trees) and graded to accommodate a pavement crusher unit. The existing dirt access road into the site would be improved with 12 inches of base rock to support truck traffic. During operation, the crusher unit and its conveyer belts would be erected between two stockpiles of raw and finished concrete. The project site would be powered by an on-site power supply and would not require water or electricity connections. Water for dust control would be managed through portable water trucks. The facility would operate approximately five (5) days per week, weekdays from 7 am to 5 pm. Access to the site would be provided via South Boundary Road. The proposed project would result in the removal of seven (7) trees. The proposed project site is located in the City's C-I-V=Neighborhood Commercial with Visitor Overlay zone and would require a text amendment to the City's Municipal Code to allow the proposed project as a conditional use. The project site is within a parcel designated as GC(C-1-V) General Commercial-Visitor (Neighborhood Commercial-Visitor) in the City of Del Rey Oaks General Plan and zoned as C-I-V=Neighborhood Commercial with Visitor Overlay in the City's Municipal Code.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Parcel: 031191026000

Public hearing information:

TBD

Public review period ends **Thursday, May 25, 2023**

20230406

Coastal Investment Enterprises LLC (Vierra Canyon Self Storage)

County of Monterey
Phil Angelo
(831) 784-5731

Notice of Availability

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Combined Development Permit would consist of: 1) Use Permit and Design Approval to allow construction of a 57,560 square foot mini storage facility; 2) Use Permit to allow removal of five (5) protected oak trees, one of which is a landmark tree; 3) Use Permit to allow development on slopes in excess of 25 percent, consisting of regrading 4,965 square feet of manmade slopes; and 4) Use permit to allow two on-site advertising signs totaling 35 square feet in aggregate

Project Location:

Monterey County

Parcel: 125171025000

Public hearing information:

TBD

Public review period ends **Monday, May 22, 2023**

20230407

Bixby Rock LLC

County of Monterey
Fionna Jensen (831)
796-6407

Notice of Availability

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Combined Development Permit would consist of the following entitlements: 1) Coastal Administrative Permit and Design Approval to allow demolition of a 4,952 square foot single family dwelling and construction of a 6,092 square foot single family dwelling and associated site improvements; 2) Coastal Development Permit to allow development within the Critical Viewshed; 3) Coastal Development Permit to allow development within 100 feet of Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA); and 4) Coastal Development Permit to allow development within 50 feet of a coastal bluff.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Parcel: 418121051000

Public hearing information:

TBD

Public review period ends **Monday, May 22, 2023**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20230404

City of Del Rey Oaks Housing Element Update

City of Del Rey Oaks
Karen Minami
(831) 394-8511

Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Draft Environmental Impact Report* (DEIR)

The project under consideration is the City of Del Rey Oaks 2023 Draft Housing Element Update, including implementation of the Housing Element which would amend the General Plan and rezone certain properties to provide adequate sites to address regional housing needs (RHNA). This 2023 Update revises specific policies and programs in the 2019 document related to general plan amendment and rezoning for specified areas of the City. Thus, the project evaluated in this EIR includes the adoption of the 2023 Housing Element Update, as well as the general plan amendment and rezoning proposed for implementation through programs of the Housing Element. The EIR will also consider the 5th Cycle and 6th Cycle RHNA impacts under cumulative.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

650 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940

5/9/2023 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Friday, May 26, 2023**

San Benito County Resource Ma
Michael Kelly
(831) 902-2287

Notice of Public Hearing

On September 13, 2022, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2022-103, which “initiate[d] a General Plan amendment process to eliminate from or modify the New Community Study Areas, including but not limited to emphasis on eliminating residential development, other than as permitted for agricultural parcels under current AP — Agricultural Productive and AR Agricultural Rangeland zoned densities in the Bolsa New Community Study Area, in the 2035 San Benito County General Plan.”

The County General Plan Land Use Element currently intends that NCSAs “accommodate future growth in new, balanced communities that provide urban infrastructure and services, employment generating land uses, and institutional facilities (e.g., schools, libraries, community centers, fire stations).” The Land Use Element further explains: “Since infill development alone is not likely to be able to accommodate projected future population growth, New Communities may be necessary as well as desirable to accommodate the anticipated population growth in San Benito County.” The NCSAs were established as part of the comprehensive General Plan Update adopted by the County in 2015.

The Land Use Element identifies four NCSAs as shown in the enclosed map: Bolsa (west of State Route 25 from northwest of Hollister to the Santa Clara County line), Fairview (east of Fairview Road north of Hollister), Union (straddling Union Road in the hills southwest of Hollister), and San Juan (between San Juan Bautista and the Monterey County line south of State Route 156 and US 101). In the view of the policy text, these areas have been “identified as potentially appropriate for more intense development for . . . proximity to existing job centers, good access to existing transportation corridors, opportunities to provide public transit, opportunities for reducing vehicle miles traveled and traffic congestion, fewer impacts to high value agricultural land, opportunities for permanent preservation of open space, and fewer impacts to environmental resources.”

The NCSA policy has not planned actual development in itself, however, but instead sets expectations for future new-community proposals. The General Plan also has not limited new communities to NCSAs but simply finds NCSAs have characteristics suitable for this purpose, while similar proposals outside NCSA boundaries may be proposed following the same expectations as in the NCSAs.

Project Location:

San Benito County

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

Board of Supervisors Chamber

4/19/2023 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **NA**

California Department of Transp
Lara Bertaina
(805) 559-0792

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Impact Report* (DEIR)

Caltrans, in cooperation with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and the County of Santa Cruz, propose to widen State Route 1 to include auxiliary lanes, accommodate bus-on-shoulder operations between the Freedom Boulevard and State Park Drive interchanges, and construct Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 in the community of Aptos, Santa Cruz County.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

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5/2/2023 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Friday, June 2, 2023**

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More detailed information on these projects is available by calling the contact person for each project or through AMBAG at (831) 883-3750. Comments will be considered by the AMBAG Board of Directors in its review. All comments will be forwarded to the applicants for response and inclusion in the project application. If substantial coordination or conflict issues arise, the Clearinghouse can arrange meetings between concerned agencies and applicants.



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

SUBJECT: AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Directors accept this report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

AMBAG Sustainability Program Elements

Energy Efficiency Program Development

AMBAG is a founding member of the Rural and Hard to Reach (RHTR) working group, which was created in 2015 to promote the deployment of energy efficiency resources to California's rural communities. In the past two years AMBAG staff has been working with RHTR partners to create a Regional Energy Network (REN). RENs are entities which submit business plans to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to obtain ratepayer funds and implement energy efficiency programs.

In June 2021, RHTR partners executed a memorandum of understanding for the development of the RuralREN. RHTR partners submitted a motion for the creation of the RuralREN as well as the RuralREN 2023-2031 strategic business plan to the CPUC in March 2022. In June 2022, Commissioner Shiroma issued a ruling on the schedule and scope of the proceeding which determined that the RuralREN motion should be considered on the same timeline as the 2024-2031 business plans from existing energy efficiency portfolio administrators. In the past month, AMBAG staff continued to work with the RHTR partners to draft a memorandum of understanding for implementing the RuralREN, should it be approved. A proposed decision on the RuralREN business plan is now anticipated by the end of May and a final decision by late summer 2023. If approved, programs would launch on January 1, 2024.

Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study

On December 6, 2021, the California Department of Conservation awarded AMBAG a \$250,000 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) program planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study.

The Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study project seeks to create an inventory of natural and working lands carbon stock in the AMBAG region and forecast its evolution based on different climate change and land use scenarios, as well as the implementation of different adaptation and mitigation strategies. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to consider the health of natural and working lands as a part of long-range planning as well as provide an opportunity for cities and counties to further integrate natural and working land GHG mitigation strategies as part of their climate action planning process.

In the past month AMBAG staff worked with Ascent Environmental Inc. to create a draft carbon stock inventory for the natural and working lands of the Monterey Bay region and to host a stakeholder working meeting to receive feedback on the draft.

ALTERNATIVES:

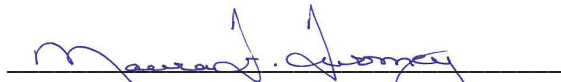
There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget is fully funded under a SALC planning grant, and SB1 Planning Funds. All funding is programmed in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with the RHTR partners, local jurisdictions, and local community stakeholders.

APPROVED BY:
Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Financial Update Report

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors accept the Financial Update Report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through February 28, 2023, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Balance Sheet for February 28, 2023, reflects a cash balance of \$4,445,814.98. The accounts receivable balance is \$670,740.01, while the current liabilities balance is \$1,015,621.48. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2023, reflects a positive Net Position in the amount of \$240,956.38. This is due to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of revenue over expense of \$247,824.57. Changes in Net Position are to be expected throughout the fiscal year (FY), particularly at the beginning due to collection of member dues which are received in July and the timing of various year-end adjustments required after our financial audit.

The following table highlights key Budget to Actual financial data:

Budget to Actual Financial Highlights
For Period July 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023

Expenditures	Budget Through February 2023	Actual Through February 2023	Difference
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,112,763.00	\$ 1,637,573.24	\$ 475,189.76
Professional Services	\$ 10,072,972.00	\$ 1,471,206.73	\$ 8,601,765.27
Lease/Rentals	\$ 54,333.00	\$ 53,241.24	\$ 1,091.76
Communications	\$ 18,533.00	\$ 16,735.20	\$ 1,797.80
Supplies	\$ 88,933.00	\$ 31,189.27	\$ 57,743.73
Printing	\$ 6,467.00	\$ 835.81	\$ 5,631.19
Travel	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 15,983.38	\$ 29,816.62
Other Charges	\$ 249,534.00	\$ 259,689.63	\$ (10,155.63)
Total	\$ 12,649,336.00	\$ 3,486,454.50	\$ 9,162,880.50
Revenue			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 12,723,214.00	\$ 3,734,279.07	\$ 8,988,934.93
Note: AMBAG is projecting a surplus, therefore budgeted revenues do not equal expenses.			

Revenues/Expenses (Budget to Actual Comparison):

The budget reflects a linear programming of funds while actual work is contingent on various factors. Therefore, during the fiscal year there will be fluctuations from budget-to-actual.

Professional Services are under budget primarily due to the timing of work on projects performed by contractors. Projects early in their implementation are Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool, Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study, California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study, and Complete Streets. This work is not performed in a linear fashion while the budget reflects linear programming. In addition, the Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program (REAP) provides \$7,931,311 in funding of which a large portion will pass through to partner agencies. This program is approximately 50% completed. The current budget includes a proportionate share of \$10,133,742 in funding for the REAP 2.0 program. It is in its early stages.

Since AMBAG funding is primarily on a reimbursement basis, any deviation in expenditure also results in a corresponding deviation in revenue. Budget-to-actual revenue and expenditures are monitored regularly to analyze fiscal operations and propose amendments to the budget if needed.

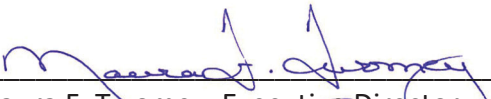
COORDINATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2023
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
3. Cash Activity for March 2023

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

AMBAG
Balance Sheet - Attachment 1
As of February 28, 2023

	<u>February 28, 2023</u>		<u>February 28, 2023</u>
Assets		Liabilities & Net Position	
Current Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and Cash Equivalents		Current Liabilities	
Mechanics Bank - Special Reserve	353,047.74	Accounts Payable	855,309.72
Mechanics Bank - Checking	517,402.17	Employee Benefits	160,311.76
Mechanics Bank - REAP Checking	3,571,136.20	Mechanics Bank - Line of Credit	0.00
Petty Cash	500.00	Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,015,621.48</u>
LAIF Account	3,728.87		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>4,445,814.98</u>		
Accounts Receivable		Long-Term Liability	
Accounts Receivable	670,740.01	Deferred Inflows - Actuarial	258,986.95
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>670,740.01</u>	Net Pension Liability (GASB 68)	1,888,153.69
		OPEB Liability	14,778.64
Other Current Assets		Deferred Revenue	2,774,695.75
Due from PRWFPA/RAPS	428.55	Total Long-Term Liability	<u>4,936,615.03</u>
Prepaid Items	14,108.44		
Total Other Current Asset:	<u>14,536.99</u>	Total Liability	<u>5,952,236.51</u>
Total Current Asset:	<u>5,131,091.98</u>		
Long-Term Assets			
Net OPEB Asset	96,473.00		
FY 2002-2003 Housing Mandate Receivable	82,186.00		
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(16,437.20)		
Deferred Outflows - Actuarial	533,833.49		
Deferred Outflows - PERS Contribution	272,963.59		
Total Long-Term Assets	<u>969,018.88</u>		
Capital Assets		Net Position	
Capital Assets	319,089.93	Beginning Net Position	(6,868.19)
Accumulated Depreciation	(226,007.90)	Net Income/(Loss)	247,824.57
Total Capital Assets	<u>93,082.03</u>	Total Ending Net Position	<u>240,956.38</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>6,193,192.89</u></u>	Total Liabilities & Net Position	<u><u>6,193,192.89</u></u>

AMBAG
Profit & Loss - Attachment 2
July - February 2023

	July - February 2023	July - February 2023
Income		
AMBAG Revenue		175,280.20
Cash Contributions		102,534.57
Grant Revenue		3,291,890.64
Non-Federal Local Match		164,573.66
Total Income		3,734,279.07
Expense		
Salaries		1,024,046.17
Fringe Benefits		613,527.07
Professional Services		1,471,206.73
Lease/Rentals		53,241.24
Communications		16,735.20
Supplies		31,189.27
Printing		835.81
Travel		15,983.38
Other Charges:		
BOD Allowances	4,650.00	
Workshops/Training	5,496.93	
GIS Licensing/CCJDC Support	8,343.98	
REAP Travel/Classes/Events	2,619.02	
SB1/MTIP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expenses	8,670.21	
Recruiting	266.14	
Model Expenses	1,950.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	19,061.62	
Depreciation Expense	23,251.05	
Maintenance/Utilities	512.72	
Insurance	20,283.52	
Interest/Fees/Tax Expense	10.78	
Total Other Charges		95,115.97
Non-Federal Local Match		164,573.66
Total Expense		3,486,454.50
Net Income/(Loss)		247,824.57

AMBAG
Cash Activity - Attachment 3
For March 2023

Monthly Cash Activity	July-22	August-22	September-22	October-22	November-22	December-22	January-23	February-23	March-23	April-23	May-23	June-23	TOTAL
1. CASH ON HAND													
[Beginning of month]	2,409,296.43	2,471,572.68	4,954,575.33	4,841,074.29	5,055,002.19	4,319,314.89	4,028,724.33	4,225,576.43	4,445,814.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2. CASH RECEIPTS													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	172,481.12	93,435.89	948.55	21,026.16	31,089.64	8,481.99	14,099.57	19,151.96	1,904.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	362,618.94
(b) Grant Revenue	164,090.73	77,495.95	154,469.54	423,066.03	32,538.52	0.00	452,832.58	453,867.00	238,053.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,996,413.82
(c) REAP Advance Payme	0.00	3,155,353.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,006,687.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,162,040.12
(d) Borrowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	336,571.85	3,326,284.84	155,418.09	444,092.19	63,628.16	8,481.99	466,932.15	473,018.96	1,246,644.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,521,072.88
AVAILABLE	2,745,868.28	5,797,857.52	5,109,993.42	5,285,166.48	5,118,630.35	4,327,796.88	4,495,656.48	4,698,595.39	5,692,459.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5. CASH PAID OUT													
(a) Payroll & Related	231,207.37	198,041.52	200,424.36	199,843.11	202,393.08	185,139.54	227,518.45	216,839.01	217,316.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,878,722.83
(b) Professional Service	14,916.25	611,368.93	55,011.42	9,911.66	576,238.13	95,992.33	26,246.77	19,498.50	696,719.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,105,903.51
(c) Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(d) Lease/Rental:	11,936.00	7,242.09	6,318.67	6,558.39	7,085.45	6,382.00	6,558.39	6,558.39	7,130.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,769.45
(e) Communications	159.80	2,672.13	1,299.15	1,147.65	1,713.00	4,058.44	2,799.67	2,136.99	1,565.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,552.41
(f) Supplies	776.02	5,262.54	1,051.37	7,113.42	1,081.00	1,753.37	931.39	1,008.41	20,377.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,355.03
(g) Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.26	618.61	161.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	835.81
(h) Travel	0.00	927.43	1,247.99	3,174.46	3,365.61	4,837.52	1,079.02	2,344.89	3,108.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,085.83
(i) Other Charge:	15,300.16	17,767.55	3,566.17	2,415.60	7,439.19	854.09	4,327.75	4,232.28	3,933.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	59,836.72
(j) Loan Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	274,295.60	843,282.19	268,919.13	230,164.29	799,315.46	299,072.55	270,080.05	252,780.41	950,151.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,188,061.59
7. CASH POSITION	2,471,572.68	4,954,575.33	4,841,074.29	5,055,002.19	4,319,314.89	4,028,724.33	4,225,576.43	4,445,814.98	4,742,307.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Bhupendra Patel, Ph.D., Director of Modeling

SUBJECT: Draft FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Approve the Draft FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region OWP and Budget by adopting Resolution 2023-3 (Attachment 1) and authorize staff to submit the Draft FY 2023-24 OWP to Caltrans and federal agencies for their approval;
- 2) Certify AMBAG's adherence to the metropolitan transportation planning process within the region and authorize Executive Director to sign the certification (Attachment 2); and;
- 3) Authorize AMBAG staff to execute OWP Agreements to release funds for metropolitan transportation planning use.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), calls for the development of the Overall Work Program (OWP) by the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), as the federally designated MPO for the tri-county (Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties) Monterey Bay Region, annually develops and maintains the OWP and Budget. Generally, the Overall Work Program (OWP) and the AMBAG Budget are linked documents.

The Draft FY 2023-24 OWP is developed in consultation and coordination with the region's Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA), transit operators, Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Draft FY 2023-24 OWP includes transportation and air quality related planning activities proposed for the Monterey Bay Region for the state fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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At the March 8, 2023 meeting, staff presented the Draft FY 2023-24 OWP and Budget for AMBAG Board review and comments. Following the meeting, staff provided the same draft document to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA for their review and comments. AMBAG staff incorporated the comments received from the state and federal agencies in this final Draft FY 2023-24 OWP, as appropriate. The Draft FY 2023-24 OWP and Budget document is separately enclosed with the agenda packet and available to view or download from the AMBAG website at <https://ambag.org>.

Upon Board approval, the FY 2023-24 OWP will be forwarded to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA for their final approval on or before June 30, 2023.

Draft FY 2023-24 AMBAG Budget

Generally, the OWP and the AMBAG Budget are linked documents. The AMBAG Draft FY 2023-24 Budget mirrors the activities and funding programmed in the Draft FY 2023-24 OWP. Staff provided a detailed presentation on the Draft FY 2023-24 AMBAG Budget at the March 8, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. The FY 2023-24 AMBAG draft Budget is balanced as required by the AMBAG bylaws.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The staff time to carryout draft OWP and Budget activities is funded through FHWA PL, FTA 5303 and other State and local funds as programmed in the approved FY 2023-24 OWP.

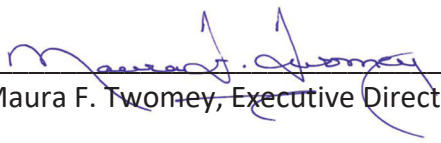
COORDINATION:

Preparation of the Draft FY 2023-24 OWP has been coordinated with Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG), Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD), Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2023-3 approving the Draft FY 2023-24 OWP and Budget
2. Certificate of AMBAG's adherence to the metropolitan transportation planning process within the region
3. Draft FY 2023-24 OWP and Budget (separately enclosed).

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT
THE AMBAG FY 2023-2024 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments has been designated by the Governor of the State of California as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay area; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) calls for the development of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), or Overall, Work Program (OWP) and Budget under direction of the MPO in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly-owned transit; and

WHEREAS, in the Monterey Bay Region, the Comprehensive, Cooperative and Continuous transportation planning process also includes the regional transportation planning agencies, transit operators, Caltrans, the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations; and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan planning regulations under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) require the MPO and Caltrans to annually certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with the following applicable laws and regulations:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and subpart C of 23 CFR part 450;
- 2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d–1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- 4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-94) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- 6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- 8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

- 9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- 10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments is an eligible recipient of Federal, State, and local funding; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts for grants awarded for Federal, State, and local funding; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) wishes to delegate authorization to execute any agreements and any amendments thereto to the AMBAG Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG's 2023-2024 fiscal year Overall Work Program and Budget describes the work and tasks to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program and Budget provide for the funds necessary for AMBAG to accomplish its stated work and tasks in FY 2023-2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments:

1. Does hereby adopt the AMBAG FY 2023-2024 Overall Work Program and Budget including the list of AMBAG approved positions and salary ranges; and
2. Authorizes AMBAG staff to execute Overall Work Program Agreements to release federal and state transportation planning funds for Overall Work Program use; and
3. Certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with applicable laws and regulations; and
4. Authorizes the AMBAG Executive Director or her designee to enter into contracts for grants awarded for Federal, State, and local funding, and
5. Authorizes the Executive Director or her designee to take further actions as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution, such as executing amendments and certification for funding applications.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2023.

John Freeman, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

FY 2023/2024 FHWA and FTA Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification

In accordance with 23 CFR part 450, the California Department of Transportation and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monterey Bay urbanized area(s), hereby certify that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and subpart C of 23 CFR part 450;
- 2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
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MPO Authorizing Signature

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

SUBJECT: Draft Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy Update

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation from Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager, on the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

Project Description

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), and San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) received a Caltrans sustainable transportation planning grant in Fiscal Year 2020-21 to develop a Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Strategy. The goal of the strategy is to identify electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure needs for interregional travel in the Central Coast Counties (Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura). This effort seeks to identify charging infrastructure sitting and technology needs to accommodate future travel demand specifically for interregional motorists. A key emphasis is on addressing the region's electromobility needs for accommodating intercity travel within the less developed unincorporated areas of the Central Coast and underserved populations such as disadvantaged communities and residents of multi-family dwelling units.

Current Progress

On April 13, 2023, the public draft for the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy was released and is currently available for public review. A public workshop was held on April 20th to receive community input on the draft strategy.

The executive summary of the draft Central Coast ZEV Strategy is included as an attachment to this staff report. The strategy includes chapters detailing the existing infrastructure conditions, a summary of community engagement activities, projected future infrastructure needs, a gap analysis, an infrastructure siting analysis, both infrastructure and non-infrastructure recommendations, and a summary of funding sources available to implement the Central Coast ZEV Strategy recommendations. The report also contains detailed appendices, with more technical information on existing conditions, community engagement, the siting analysis, and funding sources.

Once the Central Coast ZEV Strategy is finalized, all Central Coast agencies will be better positioned to apply and/or compete for state and federal funding for electric vehicle infrastructure implementation. This includes the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant program administered at the federal level through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Although there are other local/regional/state funding sources for electric charging infrastructure, the IIJA funding is the most significant and therefore attractive to the Central Coast ZEV Strategy participating agencies.

Next Steps

The draft Central Coast ZEV Strategy is accessible on the project website, <http://www.centralcoastzevstrategy.com/>, and will be available for public review until June 9th. Members of the public can also provide input by using the social pinpoint web tool which allows users to make geolocated comments and recommendation using an online mapping tool: <https://dks.mysocialpinpoint.com/central-coast-zev-strategy-plan#/>. SBCAG and SLOCOG will be making presentations to their respective board of directors in May and June. After June 9th, the consultant will incorporate all feedback and public comments received, and as the lead agency, the SBCAG board will approve the final Central Coast ZEV Strategy, in July.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

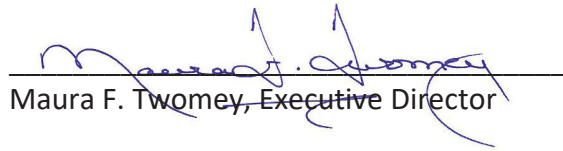
COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with SBCAG, SLOCOG, local transportation partners, jurisdictions, and local community stakeholders.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy Executive Summary
(separately enclosed)

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program:
AMBAG's Draft Guidelines Update

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will provide an overview of the REAP 2.0 Public Draft Guidelines for the AMBAG's Regional Competitive and the Local Suballocation Grant Programs.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) builds on the success of 2019's REAP program but expands the focus by integrating housing and VMT reduction goals, and allowing for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments that support future housing development. REAP 2.0 is explicitly intended to meet multiple objectives – infill development, housing for all incomes, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction, and affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) in ways that lead to transformative outcomes and accelerate the implementation of regional and local plans to achieve these goals.

The REAP 2.0 Program provides funds to regional governments to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th Cycle of the housing element, including regional housing need allocations. In addition, REAP 2.0 is specifically designed to provide Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and other Eligible Entities with tools and resources to help implement and advance plans, primarily including Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) as part of Regional Transportation Plans to pursue greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through land use and transportation changes. The primary REAP 2.0 objectives are:

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- Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled

The REAP 2.0 Program is funded with \$600 million from the State General Fund. AMBAG's share of this funding is \$10,133,742.41. The REAP 2.0 Program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (Department), in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

In early August 2022, HCD awarded AMBAG a small portion of REAP 2.0 funding to deploy an outreach and engagement strategy and to develop a program to disperse the balance of REAP 2.0 funds to cities, counties, and other eligible agencies throughout the region to promote the core program objectives of REAP 2.0.

Throughout 2022, AMBAG conducted extensive outreach to a broad array of stakeholders to gather input, identify programs and partners which assisted in the development of the Proposed REAP 2.0 program framework. AMBAG developed a REAP 2.0 program framework, suballocation programs and draft criteria which were guided by the State's final program guidelines, HCD input and a stakeholder engagement process. AMBAG submitted the full REAP 2.0 application to the State in December 2022. The State is expected to finish reviewing AMBAG's full REAP 2.0 application in Spring.

In November 2022, the AMBAG Board of Directors approved the REAP 2.0 program framework consisting of three (3) core components:

- Regional Competitive Grant Program (60% - \$6,000,000)
 - Developed and administered by AMBAG. This program will suballocate the majority of AMBAG's REAP 2.0 funds to eligible local agencies, granting awards to applicants that best achieve all REAP 2.0 goals and objectives. Applicant awards must support all REAP 2.0 objectives.
- Local Suballocation Grant Program (25% - \$2,625,000)
 - Developed and administered by AMBAG. The Local Suballocation Grant Program sets aside funding based on 6th Cycle RHNA allocation share for each jurisdiction with eligible projects which meet all REAP 2.0 goals and objectives. The goal of this suballocation program is to provide all cities and counties with an opportunity to propose REAP 2.0 eligible projects while allowing for both implementation and planning uses.

- AMBAG SCS Implementation, Technical Assistance, REAP 2.0 Program Development and Administration (15% - \$1,508,742)
 - Regional planning activities that support infill development and implement the SCS such as pricing studies, transit-oriented development, and Opportunity Area planning and implementation
 - Technical assistance
 - Development of the REAP 2.0 Program, including outreach activities
 - REAP 2.0 administration

REAP 2.0 Grant Programs Draft Guidelines

In February 2023, AMBAG staff prepared draft guidelines for AMBAG's two grant programs designed to suballocate the majority of REAP 2.0 funds to cities, counties, and other eligible agencies throughout the region: The Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grants. The draft guidelines were presented for discussion to the Planning Directors Forum and the AMBAG Board of Directors. Staff incorporated input received from the Planning Directors, the Board, as well as comments from HCD and the other state partners, into the public draft guidelines. The public draft guidelines were released on April 10, 2023 for a 30-day public review period. Comments on the *Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs* were due to AMBAG by May 9, 2023. A public workshop on the public draft guidelines was also held via Zoom on April 27, 2023. The public draft guidelines for the *Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs* are included in Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the public draft grant guidelines and summarize comments received during the public comment period. AMBAG will finalize the grant guidelines based on input received and Board direction. The AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to approve the grant guidelines and direct staff to issue the Notice of Funding Availability at its June 14, 2023 meeting.

Timeline

- Winter 2022/Spring 2023 – HCD and state partners review AMBAG's final full REAP 2.0 application
- Spring/early Summer 2023 – Develop AMBAG's Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs including criteria, guidelines, application, forms, etc.
- Summer/early Fall 2023 – Applications due for AMBAG's Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs
- Late 2023/early 2024 – AMBAG awards Regional Competitive Grant Programs and enters into funding agreements with grant applicants

- June 30, 2024 – Deadline for REAP 2.0 recipient to encumber funds
- June 30, 2026 – Deadline for REAP 2.0 funds to be expended

Next Steps

AMBAG will finalize the grant guidelines and Notice of Funding Availability for the REAP 2.0 grant programs.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A. This is an information item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

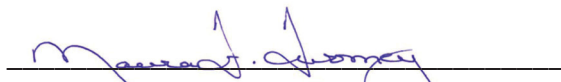
REAP 2.0 Program funds are programmed in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

REAP 2.0 Program activities will be coordinated with the AMBAG Executive Steering Committee, Planning Directors Forum and the RTPAs Technical Advisory Committees which includes the local jurisdictions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Public Draft Guidelines for the Regional Competitive Program (Page 43)
2. Public Guidelines for the Local Suballocation Grant Program (Page 63)

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Attachment 1
Regional Early Action Planning 2021 (REAP 2.0):
Regional Competitive Grant Program Draft Guidelines

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Section 1 - Overview

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's (AMBAG) Regional Early Action Planning 2021 (REAP 2.0) Program guidelines have been developed with input from regional jurisdictional stakeholders to align with AMBAG's adopted REAP 2.0 Program Framework and the state final REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines. The AMBAG REAP 2.0 Competitive Grant Program (RCGP) Guidelines ("Guidelines") implement the REAP 2.0 Regional Competitive funding program in the AMBAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework. The state REAP 2.0 grant supports accelerating housing production, reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT), and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). The AMBAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework, infill definition, and suballocation methodology are under review by the state partners. Therefore, these REAP 2.0 RCGP guidelines remain subject to change depending on state input. These guidelines are consistent with, and when necessary, defer to, the state REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines for establishing terms, conditions, forms, procedures, and other mechanisms necessary to effectuate the program. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released REAP 2.0 final program guidelines on July 26, 2022. The AMBAG REAP 2.0 program application is based on inclusive and broad engagement. These guidelines and program will be adjusted as necessary to comply with the state program.

In the REAP 2.0 Guidelines, the state reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to suspend, amend, or modify the provisions of the REAP 2.0 Guidelines at any time, including, without limitation, the amount of funds available hereunder. If such an action occurs, the Department will notify all interested parties. As such, AMBAG reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend or amend the provisions of the REAP 2.0 RCGP guidelines in collaboration with the State, including but not limited to, grant award amounts.

Background

REAP 2.0 (REAP 2021) was established through AB 140 (July 2021) as part of the mid-year budget revise for the State's FY 21-22 budget for transformative and innovative projects that implement a region's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and help achieve the objectives of more housing and transportation options that reduce reliance on cars. REAP 2.0 builds on actions completed through the 2019 REAP grant program but expands the focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and by allowing for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments supporting housing development.

REAP 2.0 builds off the work achieved through REAP 1.0. In 2020, AMBAG set aside approximately \$8 million of REAP 1.0 funding for a grant program to fund subregional planning activities that accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance implementing a jurisdiction's 6th Cycle RHNA, including developing 6th Cycle Housing Elements. Funding was non-competitively awarded based on each jurisdiction's population size category with a minimum allocation of \$65,000. REAP 1.0 was developed to augment resources available through locally received SB 2 and Local Early Action Program (LEAP) grants and to foster subregional collaboration to take advantage of

economies of scale in meeting housing goals.

The REAP 2.0 Program is funded with \$600 million from the State General Fund. AMBAG's share of this funding is \$10,133,742.41. The REAP 2.0 Program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (Department), in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

In November 2022, the AMBAG Board of Directors adopted the REAP 2.0 Grant Program Framework, which outlines the core objectives, guiding principles, programmatic areas, major milestones, and schedule for allocating funds available to AMBAG through the state REAP 2.0 grant program. The REAP 2.0 Program Framework includes three core components:

- Regional Competitive Grant Program (60% - \$6,000,000)
 - Developed and administered by AMBAG. Applicant awards must support all REAP 2.0 objectives. This program will suballocate the majority of AMBAG's REAP 2.0 funds to a competitive program, granting awards to applicants that best achieve all REAP 2.0 goals, objectives and scoring criteria.
- Local Suballocation Grant Program (25% - \$2,625,000)
 - The Local Suballocation Grant Program sets aside \$125,000 per jurisdiction with eligible projects which meet all REAP 2.0 goals and objectives. The goal of this suballocation program is to provide all cities and counties with an opportunity to propose a REAP 2.0 eligible projects while allowing for both implementation and planning uses. All projects or programs must achieve all REAP 2.0 goals, objectives and pass thresholding criteria.
- AMBAG SCS Implementation, Technical Assistance, REAP 2.0 Program Development, Outreach, and Administration (15% - \$1,508,742)
 - Regional planning activities that support infill development and implement the SCS such as pricing studies, transit-oriented development and Opportunity Area planning and implementation
 - Technical assistance

The REAP 2.0 Program provides funds to regional governments to achieve the three core REAP 2.0 objectives listed below. This includes accelerating housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th Cycle of the housing element, including regional housing need allocations. REAP 2.0 is specifically designed to provide Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and other Eligible Entities with tools and resources to help implement and advance plans, primarily including Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) as part of Regional Transportation Plans to pursue greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through land use and transportation changes.

REAP 2.0 Program Objectives

Based on input from regional jurisdictions and stakeholders the REAP 2.0 RCGP has been developed within the AMBAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework. REAP 2.0 RCGP supports implementation of the region's housing element work plans as a means of investing in actions identified at the local level that support housing production throughout the region and achieve the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives. Both AMBAG's Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs must meet the REAP 2.0 objectives which are:

- Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
 - Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability and AFFH through various planning programs, services, or capital expenditures in a way that reduces VMT and greenhouse gas emissions, and goes beyond existing commitments.
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)
 - Combats discrimination, overcome patterns of segregation, and foster equitable and inclusive communities
 - Includes meaningful actions to address disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replace segregated living patterns with balanced living patterns, and transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity; target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities.
 - Enhances mobility or place-based strategies benefitting housing that meets AFFH goals, or protects existing residents from displacement, or preserves housing choices and affordability in areas of lower- or moderate-opportunity and concentrated poverty.
 - Does the project support regional and local efforts to work toward ensuring all people have full and equal access to opportunities enabling them to lead healthy lives?
- Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
 - Support new infill housing development and shift travel away from driving by implementing or supporting pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and other alternative transportation programs
 - Realizes multimodal communities through programs, plans, and implementation actions
 - Shifts travel behavior by reducing driving through programs, ordinances, funds, and other mechanisms
 - Increases transit ridership through funding, implementation actions, and planning

*The REAP 2.0 Infill definition pursuant to State guidelines provides that:

“Infill”, for the purposes of the REAP 2.0 Program, means areas where all the following apply: (1) the area consists of unused or underutilized lands (2) within existing development patterns (3) that is or will be accessible to destinations and daily services by transit, walking, or bicycling and located in either:

- a. An urban center, urban corridor, or area with transit-supportive densities, or*
- b. An established community that meets all the following criteria:*
 - i. The area consists or previously consisted of qualified urban uses*
 - ii. The area is predominantly surrounded (approximately 75 percent of the perimeter) by parcels that are developed or previously developed with qualified urban uses. In counting this, perimeters bordering navigable bodies of water and improved parks shall not be included, and*
 - iii. No parcel within or adjoining the area is classified as agricultural or natural and working lands.*
- c. Under unique circumstances, applicants may propose an alternative definition of “Infill” subject to approval by the Department and State Collaborative Partners.*

AMBAG staff is engaging the state partners on the infill definition which is expanded to allow for projects and programs within Existing and Planned Opportunity Areas per the 2045 MTP/SCS to more clearly inform geographic and program eligibility in the AMBAG region. A final infill definition for the AMBAG region will be included upon State approval.

Section 2 - Eligibility

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Government’s REAP 2.0 RCGP is the competitive component of the suballocation funds. Regional jurisdictions proposing projects which meet the core REAP 2.0 goals and objectives such as improving housing affordability, increasing housing production, establishing housing closer to jobs, reducing VMT, addressing housing and infrastructure needs in all communities, advancing AFFH and promoting multimodal communities with the best and highest use of grant funds will receive funding.

The REAP 2.0 RCGP program will have grading criteria which mirror REAP 2.0 goals and stakeholder input in order to assure only the most qualified, high-impact, transformational projects will be funded. Project scoring metrics will assist in the project selection process including screening or thresholding criteria to focus funding in existing urban areas, evaluation criteria for infill and measuring how projects reduce VMT, whether projects implement the SCS, and criteria to evaluate whether projects are meeting AFFH goals. All project evaluation criteria will be grounded in the REAP 2.0 guidance on program goals and objectives. Once the suballocation program design is finalized, AMBAG will conduct a regional call for projects for all eligible applicants.

Activities in this phase will include preparing guidance for our subgrant, holding application training workshops, collecting applications, scoring, disbursing grants and performance monitoring.

AMBAG coordinated with our REAP 2.0 State Coordinating Group on reviewing and tentatively approving a definition of infill that largely adheres to the REAP 2.0 definition but adds some additional flexibility by using AMBAG's Existing/Planned Opportunity Areas and Potential Opportunity Areas as qualifying areas, as defined in AMBAG's 2045 Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The definition is as follows:

Projects within Cities:

Projects comply with REAP 2.0 Program goals and objectives and are in areas within an Existing/Planned Opportunity Area or Potential Opportunity Area as defined by the AMBAG 2045 MTP/SCS (Moving Forward Monterey Bay 2045) OR the State infill definition in the REAP 2.0 Guidelines.

Projects within Counties:

Projects comply with REAP 2.0 Program goals and objectives and are within an Existing/Planned Opportunity Area or Potential Opportunity Area as defined by the AMBAG 2045 MTP/SCS (Moving Forward Monterey Bay 2045) OR the State infill definition in the REAP 2.0 Guidelines. For more about these areas, see: AMBAG's [2045 MTP/SCS](#).

As referred to in these guidelines "projects" are defined as those projects included in a jurisdiction's housing element for compliance with HCD requirements. HCD requires each jurisdiction to identify specific programs in its housing element that will allow it to implement the stated policies and achieve the stated goals and objectives. Programs include specific action steps the locality will take to implement its policies and achieve its goals and objectives. Housing element programs include a specific timeframe for implementation, identify the agencies or officials responsible for implementation, describe the jurisdiction's specific role, and (whenever possible) identify specific measurable outcomes.

2a. Allocation Methodology and Eligible Applicants

Contingent on approval from the state and subject to change, up to \$6 million of AMBAG's REAP 2.0 funding allocation, totaling \$10,133,742.41, shall be available for RCGP. Funding shall be disbursed on a competitive basis based on how well applicants achieve core REAP 2.0 objectives and scoring criteria.

Eligible applicants are cities, counties, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), transit agencies, and public universities within the AMBAG region. Eligible Cities and County applicants are:

County of Santa Cruz	City of Gonzales
City of Santa Cruz	County of San Benito
City of Capitola	City of Monterey
City of Watsonville	City of Marina
City of Scotts Valley	City of Seaside
County of Monterey	City of Del Rey Oaks
City of Hollister	City of Pacific Grove
City of King	City of Soledad
City of Greenfield	City of Carmel by the Sea
City of San Juan Bautista	City of Salinas
City of Sand City	

2b. Eligible Partnerships

Eligible partners include, but are not limited to, other local governments, regional governments, housing authorities, school districts, special districts, regional transportation planning agencies, universities, transit agencies, community-based organizations, or any duly constituted governing body of an Indian Reservation or Rancheria. An eligible applicant may partner with other eligible entities to fulfill one or more projects included in the application. One or more eligible applicants may form a partnership to expend part, or all, of a recipient's RCGP funding. Partnerships are encouraged when aggregating funds creates an opportunity for leveraging additional outside funding, and for cost-efficiency addressing common needs and actions.

Applicants forming partnerships must provide a legally binding agreement between all partners. Applicants that are considering this are encouraged to discuss their proposals with AMBAG staff prior to applying to ensure projects are eligible and the work can be completed prior to the end of the expenditure period.

2c. Eligible Uses and Activities

REAP 2.0 funds are focused on implementation of policies, programs and projects, rather than only the planning processes that were the focus of REAP 1.0. The partnership approach supports housing element implementation and creates expanded opportunities for local efforts to align with AMBAG's regional plans, implement the infill and VMT reduction goals of the AMBAG 2045 MTP/SCS, and support state planning goals.

To receive funding, applicants must:

1. Submit a qualifying application that is approved by the AMBAG review committee. Applicants are not required to directly implement projects and may contract for services following state requirements, and when applicable federal requirements. Applicants are not required to apply for all funds available.
2. Demonstrate a nexus to all three REAP 2.0 Program Objectives for each project proposed:

- Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
 - Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability and AFFH through various planning programs, services, or capital expenditures in a way that reduces VMT and greenhouse gas emissions, and goes beyond existing commitments.
 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)
 - Combats discrimination, overcome patterns of segregation, and foster equitable and inclusive communities
 - Includes meaningful actions to address disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replace segregated living patterns with balanced living patterns, and transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity; target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities.
 - Enhances mobility or place-based strategies benefitting housing that meets AFFH goals, or protects existing residents from displacement, or preserves housing choices and affordability in areas of lower- or moderate-opportunity and concentrated poverty.
 - Does the project support regional and local efforts to work toward ensuring all people have full and equal access to opportunities enabling them to lead healthy lives?
 - Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
 - Support new infill housing development and shift travel away from driving by implementing or supporting pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and other alternative transportation programs
 - Realizes multimodal communities through programs, plans, and implementation actions
 - Shifts travel behavior by reducing driving through programs, ordinances, funds, and other mechanisms
 - Increases transit ridership through funding, implementation actions, and planning
3. Demonstrate project is eligible for funding and describe how project meets objectives in Section 1, REAP 2.0 Program Objectives. Based on the final REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines (dated July 26, 2022) example activities include but are not limited to the following:
- Affordable Housing development programs;
 - Planning activities that lead to increased residential and/or mixed-use zoned capacity in areas identified as infill, or land use planning, related studies and/or programs that result in implementable/adoptable programs and policies (meaning subject to adoption or approval of the legislative body) required to meet the programs, projects, and commitments in draft, adopted and/or compliant 6th Cycle Housing Elements;

- Program-level environmental clearance for infill projects with AFFH components;
 - Upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, and dry utility systems that may serve affordable infill housing;
 - Housing mobility strategies that serve affordable housing;
 - Affordable Housing unit production;
 - Reductions to barriers to higher density Housing, buildings with four or more units, and accessibility;
 - Outreach strategies to address local opposition to Proposed Use;
 - Affordable Housing unit production or preservation;
 - Anti-displacement protections;
 - Expanded Housing options;
 - Housing-supportive infrastructure;
 - Activities that develop, support, or implement land use planning, policies, or investment strategies that result in substantial changes to travel behavior from increasing population and employment densities, land use mix, street network connectivity, linkages and pathways with active transportation infrastructure, accessibility between destinations, and/or contiguousness of land uses and transportation networks; Activities, subject to applicable program funding requirements, that would develop, support, or implement transportation planning, policies, and investment strategies that support Infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability such as n. Increasing transit services and access;
 - Building at walkable community scales;
 - Enhancing pedestrian and bicycling safety measures;
 - Protecting pedestrian and bicycling amenities;
 - Multimodal infrastructure connections with multimodal-mobility transportation systems.
4. Submit a complete application along with all required supporting documents within the application period. See Section 3 for information on applying for funding.

Consultants or other external resources may be used for work on eligible activities but are not required. Applicants will indicate in their funding application whether they intend to use existing staff, temporary staff, consultants, or other resources for each activity.

2d. Ineligible Activities

- Activities where clear nexuses to all Program Objectives listed in Section 1 are not demonstrated.

- Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes.
- Administrative costs of persons employed by the grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed Activity or Activities.

AMBAG will not accept applications for, nor reimburse for, ineligible activities or projects. Expenditure reimbursement requires prior authorization in writing from AMBAG for the eligible projects and activities. AMBAG may be subject to repayment of REAP 2.0 funds to HCD if it is found in breach of its agreement with HCD, which can occur if REAP 2.0 funds are used for ineligible activities. If AMBAG is required to repay funds to HCD, AMBAG will require reimbursement from the RCGP recipient.

Section 3 – Application Process

Funding will be made available for projects and activities after AMBAG receives approval and funding for its full REAP application from HCD, which is anticipated to occur in early 2023. All activities proposed must meet the requirements established in these guidelines and the state's REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines.

3a. Applying for Funding

Process and Timing: To apply for project funding, eligible applicants must submit a REAP 2.0 RCGP Application (Attachment 3). A jurisdiction or eligible applicant may submit multiple applications through the final due date for eligible projects and activities until it has reached its funding maximum. The minimum grant award for RCGP projects is \$500,000.

The application period will be opened after concurrence has been secured from the state on the items noted above and will close on midnight on MONTH DAY, 2023.

Application Submittal and Review: The application must include information on proposed projects and activities, key tasks and deliverables, estimated costs, and identification of the implementing agency for each project and activity, among other requirements provided in the application template.

Prior to submitting the application to AMBAG, the applicant must receive approval to apply for funding from the applicant's decision-making body or authorized signatory and agree to the reporting requirements. To the extent feasible, if the application proposes partnerships or further suballocation to jurisdictions, approval or authorization from the related decision-making bodies is encouraged. Applications will be reviewed by AMBAG staff on an ongoing basis and will be assessed for eligibility, nexus to the REAP 2.0 program objectives, and alignment with the RCGP and the State REAP 2.0 Guidelines.

Once applications are reviewed, AMBAG will provide an award letter to the subregional partner indicating whether the submitted projects are approved for funding, or a letter indicating how the application needs to be revised to be accepted. Projects that do not meet the funding criteria cannot be funded through REAP 2.0 RCGP. A jurisdiction or eligible applicant may revise its application or project scope to meet the funding criteria and resubmit the application up until the final due date.

Applications for ineligible activities or projects that do not meet the funding criteria in Section 1 will not be accepted. Applicants may resubmit revised projects that address the reasons the original submittal was rejected.

Applications will be accepted until the final date to apply, which is by midnight on MONTH DAY, 2023.

Given the schedule requirements of the REAP 2.0 Guidelines to award suballocations, conditional award letters shall be distributed within 60 days of a complete application received from an applicant for a suballocation (not inclusive of encumbrance or an executed Standard Agreement).

3b. Unallocated Funds

Remaining funds that are remaining unencumbered after the application deadline will be available for projects in the AMBAG Region through March 1, 2024 or at AMBAG's discretion.

By June 30, 2024 all REAP 2.0 funds must be fully encumbered.

3c. Funding Criteria

Funding applications are required to meet all three REAP 2.0 Project Objectives (Section 1 of the Guidelines) and shall be evaluated for funding based on the following criteria:

- Are the projects proposed are eligible uses and activities (Section 2c.)?
- Is a clear statement included demonstrating a nexus between each proposed project (or activity) and all three of the following state program objectives:
 - Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability; and
 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing; and
 - Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Does the project support compliance with a jurisdiction's housing element?
- Does the project provide transformative planning and/or implementation activities?
- Does the project target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities?
- Does the project lead to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors?

- Does the project support California Planning Priorities? This may include promotion of infill development, supporting environmental.
- Is a project scope of work and budget provided that demonstrates an understanding of the work and financial considerations required to deliver the project?
- Has the applicant thoroughly considered risks associated with delivering the project consistent with the scope of work and budget?
- Has the applicant demonstrated realistic means for mitigating risk associated with delivering the project?

Section 4 – Contract Administration

4a. Implementing Agencies

Jurisdictions or eligible applicants are required to serve as the implementing agency of the projects and activities applied for. Implementing agencies must be entities eligible to enter into intergovernmental agreements and must demonstrate capacity to implement government grant administration tasks in a timely manner, including applications, contract execution and monitoring, funds management and transfer, and accounting and reporting, including any competitive sub-contracting if applicable. The implementing agency cannot have any unresolved audit findings from prior government contracts and cannot be party to pending land use, housing, or environmental litigation which could impact the proposed activities.

The implementing agency will be responsible for developing the scope of work for the project or activity and leading the procurement process for obtaining consultants and/or resources. The implementing agency must also manage and administer the project, which includes tasks such as monitoring activity progress, reviewing tasks and deliverables, and reviewing and processing invoices.

4b. Administrative Fee

None of a jurisdiction's or eligible applicant's allocation may be charged as administrative activities by the jurisdiction or eligible applicants. Tasks such as reviewing and processing project invoices, processing contract amendments, and preparing reports and metrics of project progress and completion are considered administrative activities. Activities such as developing scopes of work and requests for proposals (RFP), reviewing tasks and deliverables, and outreach with jurisdictions related to the project are considered programmatic and can be charged as a program activity.

4c. Expenditure Period

Per the requirements of AB 140 all funds distributed under REAP must be obligated by June 30, 2024 and expended by June 30, 2026. To meet this deadline and receive reimbursement in alignment with REAP 2.0 guidelines, AMBAG will require all funds to be obligated by March 1, 2024,

unless otherwise directed by AMBAG. All invoices associated with RCGP submitted to AMBAG no later than March 31, 2026. Invoices received by AMBAG after this date cannot be guaranteed for reimbursement.

4d. Reimbursement

All projects must submit invoices to AMBAG quarterly and a status report quarterly to receive reimbursement. Invoices must follow the requirements set forth in the Subregional Partnership contract and AMBAG's regular invoicing procedures and must comply with applicable state and/or federal requirements. Expenditure reimbursement requires prior authorization of the eligible projects and activities, and AMBAG may be subject to repayment of REAP funds to HCD if it is found in breach of its agreement with HCD, which can occur if REAP funds are used for ineligible activities. If AMBAG must repay REAP 2.0 funds to the state, AMBAG will require reimbursement from the eligible applicant or jurisdiction.

AMBAG will provide reimbursement only for costs as specified in the signed agreement(s) with the Jurisdictions or eligible applicants or designee. Costs incurred prior to the date of the grant agreement for the RCGP will not be reimbursed.

4e. Reporting Requirements

Consistent with AMBAG's Overall Work Program reporting procedures, each jurisdictional partner will be required to provide a quarterly progress report and quarterly invoices to track and measure activity progress. Project progress will be measured according to the tasks, deliverables, costs, and timeline outlined in the jurisdiction's MOU and agreement.

Technical Assistance

AMBAG staff will provide technical assistance to eligible applicants starting in early 2023 through June 2026. Technical assistance will be available to help subregional partners prioritize activities and complete the application and contracting process. After the start of subregional partnership projects AMBAG staff will be available for guidance with invoicing and reporting.

Timeline

Below is a tentative schedule and is subject to change in the Final Guidelines.

- April 2023: Released draft RCGP Guidelines for public review
- June 2023: AMBAG adopts final RCGP Program guidelines.
- August 2023: Final application and list of prioritized projects from eligible applicants due to AMBAG (*unless due date is extended*).
- September 2023: Grant applications are reviewed and evaluated
- October/November: AMBAG approves applications and awards REAP 2.0
- December 2023 – February 2024: Execute grant agreements with REAP 2.0 awardees

- March 1, 2024: Deadline to encumber REAP 2.0 funds
- March 31, 2026: All REAP projects and activities must be completed; final activity reports due to AMBAG; final project invoices due to AMBAG.

REGIONAL COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM - SCORING CRITERIA & METHODOLOGY

Introduction:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) REAP 2.0 Program framework is divided into three (3) categories:

1. Regional Competitive Grant Program (RCGP)
2. Local Suballocation Grant Program (LSGP)
3. Regional SCS Implementation, Technical Assistance, Program Development, Outreach and Administration

This is the scoring methodology and instructions for AMBAG's REAP 2.0 Regional Competitive Grant Program.

AMBAG is tasked with assessing REAP 2.0 applications received from eligible jurisdictions against a variety of criteria. To accomplish this task key AMBAG staff members will review and score applications as part of a Review Committee. The Review Committee will average the scores assigned by each review committee member to advance projects to the next step.

AMBAG will submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and its State Collaborative Partners for the 2021 REAP 2.0 Grant Program. Projects recommended for funding in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties must satisfy REAP 2.0 goals and objectives, including geographic equity and a blend of planning vs. implementation projects. The Review Committee will review the project scores and make recommendations to the AMBAG Board of Directors regarding geographic equity and the blend of project types. The AMBAG Board of Directors will review the work of the Review Committee, and ultimately approve projects.

Projects submitted for funding will be scored in three areas: REAP 2.0 Objectives, Primary Factors, and Secondary Factors each described below.

REAP 2.0 Objectives

The REAP 2.0 program has three major objectives that each project must satisfy. The scoring of applications will determine the degree to which each respective project satisfies each objective. The objectives include the following and questions that should be considered when scoring applications are provided.

Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability

1. Does the project accelerate infill development near jobs and other key destinations to support housing choice and affordability that effectively reduces VMT and greenhouse gas emissions?

2. Is the project at an infill site and does it have affordability components that serve low- and moderate-income households?
3. Is the project for affordable housing development programs – which may involve predevelopment costs (studies, land acquisition, entitlements, etc.), that accelerate the supply of long-term affordable housing for lower and moderate-income households?
4. Does the project go beyond existing commitments?

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

1. Does the project combat discrimination, overcome patterns of segregation, and foster equitable and inclusive communities?
2. Does the project include meaningful actions to address disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replace segregated living patterns with balanced living patterns, and transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity?
3. Does the project support regional and local efforts to work toward ensuring all people have full and equal access to opportunities enabling them to lead healthy lives?
4. Does the project:
 - a. Enhance housing mobility strategies that remove barriers to housing, housing-supportive infrastructure, increased transportation options, and affordability in areas of high opportunity and outside areas of concentrated poverty; or
 - b. Improve place-based strategies to encourage community revitalization; or
 - c. Protect existing residents from displacement and preserve housing choices and affordability in areas of lower- or moderate-opportunity and concentrated poverty?
5. Is the project materially inconsistent with AFFH?
6. Geographic equity – will be addressed post initial scoring.
7. Does the project target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities?
8. Unique equity priorities – weighting of scores addresses unique equity priorities.

Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

1. Does the applicant explain how the proposed use promotes development and aligns housing production in infill locations consistent with the state's

climate targets and goals discussed in the California Climate Change Scoping Plan?

2. Is the project consistent with the region's sustainable communities strategy (SCS) through:
 - a. Land use planning, polities, and investment strategies by infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability and is serviced by existing and planned expansions of a multimodal transportation system; or
 - b. Transportation planning, policies, and investment strategies by increasing travel options to homes, jobs, services, and other key destinations that provide, support, or enhance multimodal communities and reduce the number or length of vehicle trips?
3. Does the project support new housing development and shift travel away from driving by implementing or supporting pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and other alternative transportation programs?

Primary Factors:

The primary factors represent factors from the REAP 2.0 guidelines. In addition to providing a primary factor score, the application narratives associated with the primary factors will inform scoring for the REAP 2.0 objectives portion of the scoring matrix. Each primary factor is described below.

Housing Element Compliance

Does the project support compliance with a jurisdiction's housing element?

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities

Does the project provide for housing, planning, or infrastructure investments supporting infill housing, and other actions that enable meeting housing goals that also result in per capita vehicle miles traveled reductions, including accelerating infill development, supporting residents through realizing multimodal communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership?

Public Outreach

1. Did the proposed project arise from or go through a public process to solicit community input?
2. If this is a planning project, does the scope of work include a public process?

Benefit to Disadvantaged Populations

Does the project target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved

communities?

Significant Beneficial Impacts

1. Does the project lead to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors, demonstrated by:
 - a. A rate of change compared to the baseline; or
 - b. The magnitude of impact relative to variables or targets; or
 - c. The proportion of need achieved; or
 - d. The impact relative to past trends, policies, and practices?
 - e. A significant regionwide benefit which is not small in scope. Project contributes to spreading REAP 2.0 projects throughout the region to ensure a regionwide benefit.

California Planning Priorities

1. Does the project support promotion of infill development and equity by rehabilitating, maintain, and improving existing infrastructure that supports infill development and appropriate reuse and redevelopment of previously developed, underutilized land that is presently served by transit, streets, water, sewer, and other essential services, particularly in underserved areas, and to preserve cultural and historic resources?
2. Does the project support protection of environmental and agricultural resources by protecting, preserving, and enhancing the state's most valuable natural resources, including working landscapes such as farm, range, and forest lands, natural lands such as wetlands, watersheds, wildlife habitats, and other wildlands, recreation lands such as parks, trails, greenbelts, and other open space, and landscapes with locally unique features and areas identified by the state as deserving special protection?
3. Does the project encourage efficient development patterns by ensuring that any infrastructure associated with development, other than infill development, supporting new development that does all of the following:
 - a. Uses land efficiently; and
 - b. Is built adjacent to existing developed areas to the extent consistent with #2, above; and
 - c. Is project located in an area appropriately planned for growth; and
 - d. Is served by adequate transportation and other essential utilities and services; and
 - e. Does the project minimize ongoing costs to taxpayers?

Secondary Factors:

A variety of secondary factors can be considered in the scoring process. These are not tied directly to the REAP 2.0 program but demonstrate the thoroughness of the application and the effectiveness of the project.

Project Scope of Work and Budget

Is a project scope of work and budget provided that demonstrates an understanding of the work and financial considerations required to deliver the project?

Project Risk Assessment

1. Has the applicant thoroughly considered risks associated with delivering the project consistent with the scope of work and budget?
2. Has the applicant demonstrated realistic means for mitigating risk associated with delivering the project?

Risks alone should not result in a deficiency, but should be considered if they are unmitigated, not fully understood, or unmanageable.

Local Support: Inclusion in Plan and Letters of Support

Projects proposing to construct something typically are drawn from adopted plans. As planning projects are also an eligible use of REAP 2.0 funds, planning projects cannot be held to the same scrutiny. If a project proposing to construct something does not indicate inclusion in an adopted plan, this should be considered in the risk assessment and public outreach sections of the scoring matrix.

Letters of support are not an application requirement. They can influence scores to the extent that they add value to any other response.

Scoring:

Scores for each project will be assigned on a 1 to 100 basis. Scores from each committee member will be averaged and converted to project rankings.

- **81-100:** Exceptional evidence of meeting or exceeding requirements
- **61-80:** Strong evidence of meeting requirements
- **41-60:** Suitable evidence of meeting requirements
- **21-40:** Limited evidence of meeting requirements
- **1-20:** Weak evidence of meeting requirements

Weighting

The scoring values for each factor were informed by public input received during

the outreach process. Though this approach, public input will affect project selection.

Scoring Factor	Weight (%)	Max. Score
REAP 2.0 Objectives		
1. Accelerating Infill Development		25
2. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing		25
3. Reducing VMT		25
Subtotal		75
Primary Factors		
1. Housing Element Compliance		3
2. Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities		3
3. Public Outreach		3
4. Benefit to Disadvantage Populations		3
5. Significant Beneficial Impacts		3
6. California Planning Priorities		3
Subtotal		18
Secondary Factors		
1. Scope of Work and Budget		4
2. Project Risk Assessment		3
Subtotal		7
Total		100

Subsequent Steps:

The project selection process will involve three steps. This document focuses primarily on the first step.

1. The scoring committee assigns scores to each application. The scores for each project are averaged.
2. The Review Committee will work to ensure geographic equity and the split between planning and capital projects is incorporated into the projects recommended for funding. The Review Committee will make a formal recommendation to the AMBAG Board of Directors.
3. The AMBAG Board of Directors will consider the work of the Review Committee and approve the projects selected for inclusion in the full application.



Attachment 2
Regional Early Action Planning 2021 (REAP 2.0):
Local Suballocation Grant Program Draft Guidelines

Adopted: Month day, year

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Section 1 - Overview

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's (AMBAG) Regional Early Action Planning 2021 (REAP 2.0) Program guidelines have been developed with input from regional jurisdictional stakeholders to align with AMBAG's adopted REAP 2.0 Program Framework and the state final REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines. The AMBAG REAP 2.0 Local Suballocation Grant Program (LSGP) Guidelines ("Guidelines") implement the REAP 2.0 *Suballocation* funding programs in the AMBAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework. The state REAP 2.0 grant supports accelerating housing production, reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT), and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). *The AMBAG REAP 2.0 program draft framework, infill definition, and suballocation methodology are under review by the state partners. Therefore, these REAP 2.0 LSGP guidelines remain subject to change depending on state input.* These guidelines are consistent with, and when necessary, defer to, the state REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines for establishing terms, conditions, forms, procedures, and other mechanisms necessary to effectuate the program. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released REAP 2.0 final program guidelines on July 26, 2022. The AMBAG REAP 2.0 program application is based on inclusive and broad engagement. These guidelines and program will be adjusted as necessary to comply with the state program.

In the REAP 2.0 Guidelines, the state reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to suspend, amend, or modify the provisions of the REAP 2.0 Guidelines at any time, including, without limitation, the amount of funds available hereunder. If such an action occurs, the Department will notify all interested parties. As such, AMBAG reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend or amend the provisions of the REAP 2.0 LSGP guidelines in collaboration with the State, including but not limited to, grant award amounts.

Background

REAP 2.0 (REAP 2021) was established through AB 140 (July 2021) as part of the mid-year budget revise for the State's FY 21-22 budget for transformative and innovative projects that implement a region's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and help achieve the objectives of more housing and transportation options that reduce reliance on cars. REAP 2.0 builds on actions completed through the 2019 REAP grant program but expands the focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and by allowing for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments supporting housing development.

REAP 2.0 builds off the work achieved through REAP 1.0. In 2020, AMBAG set aside approximately \$8 million of REAP 1.0 funding for a grant program to fund subregional planning activities that accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance implementing a jurisdiction's 6th Cycle RHNA, including developing 6th Cycle Housing Elements. Funding was non-competitively awarded based on each jurisdiction's population size category with a minimum allocation of \$65,000. REAP 1 was developed to augment resources available through locally received SB 2 and LEAP grants and to foster subregional collaboration to take advantage of economies of scale in meeting housing goals.

The REAP 2.0 Program is funded with \$600 million from the State General Fund. AMBAG's share of



this funding is \$10,133,742.41. The REAP 2.0 Program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (Department), in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

In November 2022, the AMBAG Board of Directors adopted the REAP 2.0 Grant Program Framework, which outlines the core objectives, guiding principles, programmatic areas, major milestones, and schedule for allocating funds available to AMBAG through the state REAP 2.0 grant program. The REAP 2.0 Program Framework includes three core components:

- **Competitive Grant Program (60% - \$6,000,000)**
 - Developed and administered by AMBAG. Applicant awards must support all REAP 2.0 objectives. This program will suballocate the majority of AMBAG's REAP 2.0 funds to a competitive program, granting awards to applicants that best achieve all REAP 2.0 goals, objectives and scoring criteria.
- **Local Suballocation Grant Program (25% - \$2,625,000)**
 - The Local Suballocation Grant Program sets aside \$2,625,000 for jurisdictions throughout the region for eligible projects which meet all REAP 2.0 goals and objectives. The goal of this suballocation program is to provide all cities and counties with an opportunity to propose a REAP 2.0 eligible projects while allowing for both implementation and planning uses. All projects or programs must achieve all REAP 2.0 goals, objectives and pass thresholding criteria.
- **AMBAG SCS Implementation, Technical Assistance, REAP 2.0 Program Development and Administration (15% - \$1,508,742)**
 - Regional planning activities that support infill development and implement the SCS such as pricing studies, transit-oriented development and Opportunity Area planning and implementation
 - Technical assistance

The REAP 2.0 Program provides funds to regional governments to achieve the three core REAP 2.0 objectives listed below. This includes accelerating housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th Cycle of the housing element, including regional housing need allocations. REAP 2.0 is specifically designed to provide Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and other Eligible Entities with tools and resources to help implement and advance plans, primarily including Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) as part of Regional Transportation Plans to pursue greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through land use and transportation changes.

REAP 2.0 Program Objectives

Based on feedback from regional jurisdictions and stakeholders the REAP 2.0 LSGP has been developed within the AMBAG REAP 2.0 Draft Program Framework. REAP 2.0 LSGP supports



implementation of the region's housing element work plans as a means of investing in actions identified at the local level that support housing production throughout the region and achieve the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives. Both AMBAG's Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs must meet the REAP 2.0 objectives which are:

1. Accelerating Infill* Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
 - Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability and AFFH through various planning programs, services, or capital expenditures in a way that reduces VMT and greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)
 - Combats discrimination, overcome patterns of segregation, and foster equitable and inclusive communities
 - Includes meaningful actions to address disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replace segregated living patterns with balanced living patterns, and transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity; Target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities.
 - Enhances mobility or place-based strategies benefitting housing that meets AFFH goals, or protects existing residents from displacement, or preserves housing choices and affordability in areas of lower- or moderate-opportunity and concentrated poverty.
 - Does the project support regional and local efforts to work toward ensuring all people have full and equal access to opportunities enabling them to lead healthy lives?
3. Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
 - Support new infill housing development and shift travel away from driving by implementing or supporting pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and other alternative transportation programs
 - Realizes multimodal communities through programs, plans, and implementation actions
 - Shifts travel behavior by reducing driving through programs, ordinances, funds, and other mechanisms
 - Increases transit ridership through funding, implementation actions, and planning

*The REAP 2.0 Infill definition pursuant to State guidelines provides that:

"Infill", for the purposes of the REAP 2.0 Program, means areas where all the following apply: (1) the area consists of unused or underutilized lands (2) within existing development patterns (3) that is or will be accessible to destinations and daily services by transit, walking, or bicycling and located in either:

- a. *An urban center, urban corridor, or area with transit-supportive densities, or*
- b. *An established community that meets all the following criteria:*
 - i. *The area consists or previously consisted of qualified urban uses*
 - ii. *The area is predominantly surrounded (approximately 75 percent of the perimeter) by parcels that are developed or previously developed with qualified urban uses. In counting this, perimeters bordering navigable bodies of water and improved parks shall not be included, and*
 - iii. *No parcel within or adjoining the area is classified as agricultural or natural and working lands.*
- c. *Under unique circumstances, applicants may propose an alternative definition of “Infill” subject to approval by the Department and State Collaborative Partners.*

AMBAG staff is engaging the state partners on the infill definition which is expanded to allow for projects and programs within Existing and Planned Opportunity Areas per AMBAG’s 2045 MTP/SCS to more clearly inform geographic and program eligibility in the AMBAG region. A final infill definition for the AMBAG region will be included upon State approval.

Section 2 - Eligibility

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Government’s REAP 2.0 LSGP is the non-competitive component of the suballocation funds. Regional jurisdictions proposing projects which meet the core REAP 2.0 goals and objectives such as improving housing affordability, increasing housing production, establishing housing closer to jobs, reducing VMT, addressing housing and infrastructure needs in all communities, advancing AFFH and promoting multimodal communities with the best and highest use of grant funds will receive funding.

The REAP 2.0 LSGP program will have thresholding criteria which mirror REAP 2.0 goals and stakeholder input in order to assure funded projects meet all REAP 2.0 goals, objectives, and scoring criteria. Project metrics will assist in the project selection process including screening or thresholding criteria to focus funding in existing urban areas, criteria for infill and measuring how projects reduce VMT, whether projects implement the SCS, and criteria to evaluate whether projects are meeting AFFH goals. All project screening and thresholding criteria will be grounded in the REAP 2.0 guidance on program goals and objectives. Once the suballocation program design is finalized, AMBAG will conduct a regional call for projects for all eligible applicants.

Screening or thresholding criteria will be included in the suballocation program evaluation to assure eligible projects are in areas that satisfy an applicable definition of infill development. All suballocation project applications must also include a project location which will assist AMBAG in determining if the location is in an eligible infill area.

AMBAG coordinated with our REAP 2.0 State Coordinating Group on reviewing and tentatively approving a definition of infill that largely adheres to the REAP 2.0 definition but adds some



additional flexibility by using AMBAG’s Existing/Planned Opportunity Areas and Potential Opportunity Areas as qualifying areas, as defined in AMBAG’s 2045 Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The definition is as follows:

Projects within Cities:

Projects comply with REAP 2.0 Program goals and objectives and are in areas within an Existing/Planned Opportunity Area or Potential Opportunity Area as defined by the AMBAG 2045 MTP/SCS (Moving Forward Monterey Bay 2045) OR the State infill definition in the REAP 2.0 Guidelines.

Projects within Counties:

Projects comply with REAP 2.0 Program goals and objectives and are within an Existing/Planned Opportunity Area or Potential Opportunity Area as defined by the AMBAG 2045 MTP/SCS (Moving Forward Monterey Bay 2045) OR the State infill definition in the REAP 2.0 Guidelines. For more about these areas, see: [AMBAG 2045 MTP/SCS](#).

As referred to in these guidelines “projects” are defined as those projects included in a jurisdiction’s housing element for compliance with HCD requirements. HCD requires each jurisdiction to identify specific programs in its housing element that will allow it to implement the stated policies and achieve the stated goals and objectives. Programs include specific action steps the locality will take to implement its policies and achieve its goals and objectives. Housing element programs include a specific timeframe for implementation, identify the agencies or officials responsible for implementation, describe the jurisdiction’s specific role, and (whenever possible) identify specific measurable outcomes.

2a. Allocation Methodology and Eligible Applicants

Contingent on approval from the state and subject to change, up to \$2,625,000 million of AMBAG’s REAP 2.0 funding allocation, totaling \$10,133,742.41, shall be available for the LSGP. Each city and county in the AMBAG region is eligible for funding if an eligible project can be proposed. Funding shall be disbursed on a non-competitive basis based on whether applicants achieve core REAP 2.0 objectives and pass thresholding criteria.

Eligible cities and counties within the AMBAG region and the amount they may apply for are shown in the following table:

Local Suballocation Grant Program Allocation Table

Jurisdiction	6th Cycle RHNA Allocation	% Share of RHNA	Allocation: Adjusted LSGP Allocation
Capitola	1,336	3%	\$130,000
Carmel	349	1%	\$85,000
Del Rey Oaks	184	0%	\$85,000
Gonzales	1,266	3%	\$130,000
Greenfield	730	2%	\$85,000
Hollister	4,163	11%	\$180,000
King City	702	2%	\$85,000
Marina	685	2%	\$85,000
Monterey	3,654	10%	\$180,000
Monterey County	3,326	9%	\$180,000
Pacific Grove	1,125	3%	\$130,000
Salinas	6,674	17%	\$180,000
San Benito County	754	2%	\$85,000
San Juan Bautista	88	0%	\$85,000
Sand City	260	1%	\$85,000
Santa Cruz	3,736	10%	\$180,000
Santa Cruz County	4,634	12%	\$180,000
Scotts Valley	1,220	3%	\$125,000
Seaside	616	2%	\$85,000
Soledad	724	2%	\$85,000
Watsonville	2,053	5%	\$180,000
Total	38,279		\$2,625,000

2b. Eligible Partnerships

Eligible partners include, but are not limited to, other local governments, regional governments, housing authorities, school districts, special districts, regional transportation planning agencies, universities, transit agencies, community-based organizations, or any duly constituted governing body of an Indian Reservation or Rancheria. An eligible applicant may partner with other eligible entities to fulfill one or more projects included in the application. One or more eligible applicants may form a partnership to expend part, or all, of a recipient's LSGP funding. Partnerships are encouraged when aggregating funds creates an opportunity for leveraging additional outside funding, and for cost-efficiency addressing common needs and actions.

Applicants forming partnerships must provide a legally binding agreement between all partners. Applicants that are considering this are encouraged to discuss their proposals with AMBAG staff



prior to applying to ensure projects are eligible and the work can be completed prior to the end of the expenditure period.

2c. Eligible Uses and Activities

REAP 2.0 funds are focused on implementation of policies, programs and projects, rather than only the planning processes that were the focus of REAP 1.0. The partnership approach supports housing element implementation and creates expanded opportunities for local efforts to align with AMBAG's regional plans, implement the infill and VMT reduction goals of the AMBAG 2045 MTP/SCS, and support state planning goals.

To receive funding, applicants must:

1. Submit a qualifying application that is approved by the AMBAG review committee. Applicants are not required to directly implement projects and may contract for services following state requirements, and when applicable federal requirements. Applicants are not required to apply for all funds available.
2. Demonstrate a nexus to all three REAP 2.0 Program Objectives for each project proposed:
 - Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
 - Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability and AFFH through various planning programs, services, or capital expenditures in a way that reduces VMT and greenhouse gas emissions, and goes beyond existing commitments.
 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)
 - Combats discrimination, overcome patterns of segregation, and foster equitable and inclusive communities
 - Includes meaningful actions to address disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replace segregated living patterns with balanced living patterns, and transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity; target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities.
 - Enhances mobility or place-based strategies benefitting housing that meets AFFH goals, or protects existing residents from displacement, or preserves housing choices and affordability in areas of lower- or moderate-opportunity and concentrated poverty.
 - Does the project support regional and local efforts to work toward ensuring all people have full and equal access to opportunities enabling them to lead healthy lives?
 - Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)



- Support new infill housing development and shift travel away from driving by implementing or supporting pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and other alternative transportation programs
 - Realizes multimodal communities through programs, plans, and implementation actions
 - Shifts travel behavior by reducing driving through programs, ordinances, funds, and other mechanisms
 - Increases transit ridership through funding, implementation actions, and planning
3. Demonstrate project is eligible for funding and describe how project meets objectives in Section 1, REAP 2.0 Program Objectives. Based on the final State REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines (dated July 26, 2022) example activities and uses include but are not limited to the following:
- Affordable Housing development programs;
 - Planning activities that lead to increased residential and/or mixed-use zoned capacity in areas identified as infill, or land use planning, related studies and/or programs that result in implementable/adoptable programs and policies (meaning subject to adoption or approval of the legislative body) required to meet the programs, projects, and commitments in draft, adopted and/or compliant 6th Cycle Housing Elements;
 - Program-level environmental clearance for infill projects with AFFH components;
 - Upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, and dry utility systems that may serve affordable infill housing;
 - Housing mobility strategies that serve affordable housing;
 - Affordable Housing unit production;
 - Reductions to barriers to higher density Housing, buildings with four or more units, and accessibility;
 - Outreach strategies to address local opposition to Proposed Use;
 - Affordable Housing unit production or preservation;
 - Anti-displacement protections;
 - Expanded Housing options;
 - Housing-supportive infrastructure;
 - Activities that develop, support, or implement land use planning, policies, or investment strategies that result in substantial changes to travel behavior from increasing population and employment densities, land use mix, street network connectivity, linkages and pathways with active transportation infrastructure, accessibility between destinations, and/or contiguousness of land uses and transportation networks; Activities, subject to applicable program funding requirements, that would develop, support, or implement transportation planning,

- policies, and investment strategies that support Infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability such as n. Increasing transit services and access;
- Building at walkable community scales;
 - Enhancing pedestrian and bicycling safety measures;
 - Protecting pedestrian and bicycling amenities;
 - Multimodal infrastructure connections with multimodal-mobility transportation systems.
4. Submit a complete application along with all required supporting documents within the application period. See Section 3 for information on applying for funding.

Consultants or other external resources may be used for work on eligible activities but are not required. Applicants will indicate in their funding application whether they intend to use existing staff, temporary staff, consultants, or other resources for each activity.

2d. Ineligible Activities

- Activities where clear nexuses to all Program Objectives listed in Section 1 are not demonstrated.
- Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes.
- Administrative costs of persons employed by the grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed Activity or Activities.

AMBAG will not accept applications for, nor reimburse for, ineligible activities or projects. Expenditure reimbursement requires prior authorization in writing from AMBAG for the eligible projects and activities. AMBAG may be subject to repayment of REAP 2.0 funds to HCD if it is found in breach of its agreement with HCD, which can occur if REAP 2.0 funds are used for ineligible activities. If AMBAG is required to repay funds to HCD, AMBAG will require reimbursement from the LSGP recipient.

Section 3 – Application Process

Funding will be made available for projects and activities after AMBAG receives approval and funding for its full REAP application from HCD, which is anticipated to occur in early 2023. All activities proposed must meet the requirements established in these guidelines and the state's REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines.



3a. Applying for Funding

Process and Timing:

The application period will be opened after concurrence has been secured from the state on the items noted above and will close on midnight on MONTH DAY, 2023.

Application Submittal and Review: The application must include information on proposed projects and activities, key tasks and deliverables, estimated costs, and identification of the implementing agency for each project and activity, among other requirements provided in the application template.

Once applications are reviewed, AMBAG will provide an award letter to the eligible applicant indicating whether the submitted projects are approved for funding, or a letter indicating how the application needs to be revised to be accepted. Projects that do not meet the funding criteria cannot be funded through REAP 2.0 LSGP. A jurisdiction or eligible applicant may revise its application or project scope to meet the funding criteria and resubmit the application up until the final due date.

Applications for ineligible activities or projects that do not meet the funding criteria in Section 1 will not be accepted. Applicants may resubmit revised projects that address the reasons the original submittal was rejected.

Applications will be accepted until the final date to apply, which is by midnight on MONTH DAY, 2023.

Given the schedule requirements of the REAP 2.0 Guidelines to award suballocations, if a successful application is submitted, conditional award letters shall be distributed within 60 days of a complete application received from an applicant for a suballocation (not inclusive of encumbrance or an executed Standard Agreement).

3b. Unallocated Funds

Remaining funds that are remaining unencumbered after the application deadline will be available for qualifying projects in the AMBAG Region through March 1, 2024 or at AMBAG's discretion.

By June 30, 2024, all REAP 2.0 funds must be fully encumbered.

3c. Funding Criteria

Funding applications are required to meet all three REAP 2.0 Objectives (Section 1 of the Guidelines) and shall be evaluated for funding based on the Local Suballocation Grant Program Methodology listed at the end of this document, including but not limited to the following criteria:

- Are the projects proposed are eligible uses and activities (Section 2c.)?

- Is a clear statement included demonstrating a nexus between each proposed project (or activity) and all three of the following state program objectives?
 - Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability; and
 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing; and
 - Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Does the project support compliance with a jurisdiction's housing element?
- Does the project provide transformative planning and/or implementation activities?
- Does the project target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities?
- Does the project lead to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors?
- Does the project support California Planning Priorities? This may include promotion of infill development, supporting environmental and agricultural resources, and or encouraging efficient development patterns.

Section 4 – Contract Administration

4a. Implementing Agencies

Jurisdictions or eligible applicants are required to serve as the implementing agency of the projects and activities applied for. Implementing agencies must be entities eligible to enter into intergovernmental agreements and must demonstrate capacity to implement government grant administration tasks in a timely manner, including applications, contract execution and monitoring, funds management and transfer, and accounting and reporting, including any competitive sub-contracting if applicable. The implementing agency cannot have any unresolved audit findings from prior government contracts and cannot be party to pending land use, housing, or environmental litigation which could impact the proposed activities.

The implementing agency will be responsible for developing the scope of work for the project or activity and leading the procurement process for obtaining consultants and/or resources. The implementing agency must also manage and administer the project, which includes tasks such as monitoring activity progress, reviewing tasks and deliverables, and reviewing and processing invoices.

4b. Administrative Fee

None of a jurisdiction's or eligible applicant's allocation may be charged as administrative activities by the jurisdiction or eligible applicants. Tasks such as reviewing and processing project invoices, processing contract amendments, and preparing reports and metrics of project progress and completion are considered administrative activities. Activities such as developing scopes of work and requests for proposals (RFP), reviewing tasks and deliverables, and outreach with jurisdictions



related to the project are considered programmatic and can be charged as a program activity.

4c. Expenditure Period

Per the requirements of AB 140 all funds distributed under REAP must be obligated by June 30, 2024 and expended by June 30, 2026. To meet this deadline and receive reimbursement in alignment with REAP 2.0 guidelines, AMBAG will require all funds to be obligated by March 1, 2024, unless otherwise directed by AMBAG. All invoices associated with LSGP submitted to AMBAG no later than March 31, 2026. Invoices received by AMBAG after this date cannot be guaranteed for reimbursement.

4d. Reimbursement

All projects must submit invoices to AMBAG quarterly and a status report quarterly to receive reimbursement. Invoices must follow the requirements set forth in the Subregional Partnership contract and AMBAG's regular invoicing procedures and must comply with applicable state and/or federal requirements. Expenditure reimbursement requires prior authorization of the eligible projects and activities, and AMBAG may be subject to repayment of REAP funds to HCD if it is found in breach of its agreement with HCD, which can occur if REAP funds are used for ineligible activities. If AMBAG must repay REAP 2.0 funds to the state, AMBAG will require reimbursement from the eligible applicant or jurisdiction.

AMBAG will provide reimbursement only for costs as specified in the signed agreement(s) with the Jurisdictions or eligible applicants or designee. Costs incurred prior to the date of the grant agreement for the LSGP will not be reimbursed.

4e. Reporting Requirements

Consistent with AMBAG's Overall Work Program reporting procedures, each jurisdictional partner will be required to provide a quarterly progress report and quarterly invoices to track and measure activity progress. Project progress will be measured according to the tasks, deliverables, costs, and timeline outlined in the jurisdiction's MOU and agreement.

Technical Assistance

AMBAG staff will provide technical assistance to eligible applicants starting in early 2023 through June 2026. Technical assistance will be available to help subregional partners prioritize activities and complete the application and contracting process. After the start of subregional partnership projects AMBAG staff will be available for guidance with invoicing and reporting.



Timeline

Below is a tentative schedule and is subject to change in the Final Guidelines.

- April 2023: Released draft RCGP Guidelines for public review
- June 2023: AMBAG adopts final RCGP Program guidelines.
- August 2023: Final application and list of prioritized projects from eligible applicants due to AMBAG. (*unless due date is extended*)
- September 2023: Grant applications are reviewed and evaluated
- October/November: AMBAG approves applications and awards REAP 2.0
- December 2023 – February 2024: Execute grant agreements with REAP 2.0 awardees
- March 1, 2024: Deadline to encumber REAP 2.0 funds
- March 31, 2026: All REAP projects and activities must be completed; final activity reports due to AMBAG; final project invoices due to AMBAG.



LOCAL SUBALLOCATION GRANT PROGRAM SCORING CRITERIA & METHODOLOGY

Introduction:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) REAP 2.0 Grant Program framework is divided into three (3) categories:

1. Regional Competitive Grant Program (RCGP)
2. Local Suballocation Grant Program (LSGP)
3. Regional SCS Implementation, Technical Assistance, Program Development, Outreach and Administration

This is the scoring methodology and instructions for AMBAG's REAP 2.0 LSGP.

AMBAG will assess REAP 2.0 applications received from eligible jurisdictions against a variety of criteria. To accomplish this task key AMBAG will assemble a panel of reviewers to evaluate applications as part of a Review Committee, using pass or fail thresholding criteria. Once the review and thresholding criteria are finalized, the Review Committee will advance eligible projects to the next step.

Projects recommended for funding in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties must satisfy REAP 2.0 goals and objectives, including geographic equity and a blend of planning vs. implementation projects. Once the draft review and thresholding criteria are finalized, the Review Committee will review the projects and make recommendations to the AMBAG Executive Director. The AMBAG Executive Director will review the work of the Review Committee, and ultimately approve projects.

Projects will be scored in three areas: REAP 2.0 Objectives, Primary Factors, and Secondary Factors each described below.

REAP 2.0 Objectives

The REAP 2.0 program has three major objectives that each project must satisfy. The thresholding of applications will determine whether each project satisfies each objective. The objectives include the following and questions that should be considered when thresholding applications are provided.

Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability

1. Does the project accelerate infill development near jobs and other key destinations to support housing choice and affordability that effectively reduces VMT and greenhouse gas emissions?
2. Is the project at an infill site and does it have affordability components that serve low- and moderate-income households?



3. Is the project for affordable housing development programs – which may involve predevelopment costs (studies, land acquisition, entitlements, etc.), that accelerate the supply of long-term affordable housing for lower and moderate-income households?
4. Does the project go beyond existing commitments?

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

1. Does the project combat discrimination, overcome patterns of segregation, and foster equitable and inclusive communities?
2. Does the project include meaningful actions to address disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replace segregated living patterns with balanced living patterns, and transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity?
3. Does the project support regional and local efforts to work toward ensuring all people have full and equal access to opportunities enabling them to lead healthy lives?
4. Does the project:
 - a. Enhance housing mobility strategies that remove barriers to housing, housing-supportive infrastructure, increased transportation options, and affordability in areas of high opportunity and outside areas of concentrated poverty; or
 - b. Improve place-based strategies to encourage community revitalization; or
 - c. Protect existing residents from displacement and preserve housing choices and affordability in areas of lower- or moderate-opportunity and concentrated poverty?
5. Is the project materially inconsistent with AFFH?
6. Geographic equity – will be addressed post initial thresholding.
7. Does the project target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities?
8. Unique equity priorities – Geographic equity considerations in suballocation address unique equity priorities.

Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

1. Does the applicant explain how the proposed use promotes development and aligns housing production in infill locations consistent with the state's climate targets and goals discussed in the California Climate Change Scoping Plan?
2. Is the project consistent with the region's sustainable communities strategy (SCS) through:



- a. Land use planning, policies, and investment strategies by infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability and is serviced by existing and planned expansions of a multimodal transportation system; or
 - b. Transportation planning, policies, and investment strategies by increasing travel options to homes, jobs, services, and other key destinations that provide, support, or enhance multimodal communities and reduce the number or length of vehicle trips?
3. Does the project support new housing development and shift travel away from driving by implementing or supporting pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and other alternative transportation programs?

Primary Factors:

The primary factors represent factors from the REAP 2.0 guidelines. The application narratives associated with the primary factors will inform thresholding for the REAP 2.0 objectives portion of the thresholding matrix. Each primary factor is described below.

Housing Element Compliance

Does the project support compliance with a jurisdiction's housing element?

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities

Does the project provide transformative planning and/or implementation activities? For example, housing, planning, or infrastructure investments supporting infill housing, and other actions that enable meeting housing goals that also result in per capita VMT reductions, including accelerating infill development, supporting residents through realizing multimodal communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership.

Benefit to Disadvantaged Populations

Does the project target funding to benefit disadvantaged and historically underserved communities?

Significant Beneficial Impacts

The project must contribute to spreading REAP 2.0 projects throughout the region to ensure a significant beneficial region-wide benefit.

The project must have the potential to be an innovative pilot project or proof-of-concept for a project that could be replicated throughout the region to result in a significant beneficial impact:



- The project has the potential to be replicated in large, medium, and small jurisdictions throughout the region, and/or;
- The project addresses significant barriers to accelerating housing production in the AMBAG region which apply to more than half of jurisdictions throughout the region?

Additionally, projects must demonstrate one or more of the following thresholding criteria:

- An improved rate of change compared to the baseline; or
- The magnitude of impact relative to variables or targets; or
- The proportion of need achieved; or
- The impact relative to past trends, policies, and practices?

California Planning Priorities

Does the project support California Planning Priorities? This may include promotion of infill development, supporting environmental and agricultural resources, and or encouraging efficient development patterns.

Thresholding Criteria:

Project elements will be rated on a pass or fail basis. Any project that fails one or more of the REAP 2.0 objectives or primary factors will be rejected. Projects that meet all REAP 2.0 objectives and goals will be considered for approval as eligible projects.

- **Pass:** Sufficient evidence of meeting or exceeding requirements
- **Fail:** Insufficient evidence of meeting requirements

Thresholding Criteria	PASS/FAIL
1. Accelerating Infill Development	Pass/Fail
2. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	Pass/Fail
3. Reducing VMT	Pass/Fail
Primary Factors	
1. Housing Element Compliance	Pass/Fail
2. Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities	Pass/Fail
3. Benefit to Disadvantaged Populations	Pass/Fail
4. Significant Beneficial Impacts	Pass/Fail
5. California Planning Priorities	Pass/Fail
Total	N/A

**Subsequent Steps:**

AMBAG staff will review each application with a pass or fail rating. If any one or more thresholding criteria rated “fail,” the entire application will be deemed ineligible and rejected. Applicants are allowed to revise their application and resubmit. Applications that pass all thresholding criteria will be considered for recommendation to the Executive director. The AMBAG Executive Director will review and approve final selected projects.

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On September 13, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 (Rubio). The new amendments to the Brown Act go into effect on January 1, 2023. AB 2449 provides alternative teleconference procedures to allow members of the AMBAG Board of Directors to participate remotely under very limited circumstances.

**Voting members must attend the physical meeting to count toward quorum.
Members of the public and non-voting members may use the Zoom link provided on the agenda to join the AMBAG Board of Directors meeting online.**

2023 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

June 14, 2023	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
July 2023	No Meeting Scheduled
August 9, 2023	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
September 13, 2023	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
October 11, 2023	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
November 8, 2023	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
December 2023	No Meeting Scheduled

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AMBAG Acronym Guide	
ABM	Activity Based Model
ADA	Americans Disabilities Act
ALUC	Airport Land Use Commission
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
ARRA	American Reinvestment and Recovery Act
3CE	Central Coast Community Energy
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Federal Legislation)
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
CalVans	California Vanpool Authority
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CCJDC	Central Coast Joint Data Committee
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CHTS	California Households Travel Survey
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CTC	California Transportation Commission
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DOF	Department of Finance (State of California)
EAC	Energy Advisory Committee
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GHG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIS	Geographic Information System
ICAP	Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement

LTA	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
LTC	Local Transportation Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act
MBARD	Monterey Bay Air Resources District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPAD	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MST	Monterey-Salinas Transit
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
OWP	Overall Work Program
PG&E	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RAPS, Inc.	Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc.
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RTDM	Regional Travel Demand Model
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SB 375	Senate Bill 375
SBtCOG	Council of San Benito County Governments
SCCRTC	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
SCMTD	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
S RTP	Short-Range Transit Plan
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAMC	Transportation Agency for Monterey County
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VT	Vehicle Trips