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SUBJECT: September 3, 2015 Commission Rising Sea Level Working Group Meeting Summary

1. **Roll Call, Introductions and Approval of Agenda.** Rising Sea Level Working Group Commissioner Sears called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 am. Commissioners present: Sears, Gibbs, Chair Wasserman, McElhinney, Pine, Scharff and Zwissler. Also attending: Vice Chair Halsted, Leslie Alden (Marin County), Caitlyn Sweeny (ABAG), Gabe Metcalf (SPUR), and Warner Chabot (SFEI).

2. **Approval of July 9, 2015 Working Group Meeting Summary.** The meeting summary was approved with no corrections or comments.

3. **Plan Bay Area , Sustainable Communities Strategy 2017 Update.** Allison Brooks of BARC and Lindy Lowe of BCDP gave an update on the Plan Bay Area (PBA), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) 2017 update. Highlights included :

- a. Discussion about the SCS Sustainability/Resiliency chapter
 - i. Does PBA extend over just the shoreline?
 - (1) Includes all hazards within the 9 Bay Area counties, including seismic.
 - ii. Resiliency, rising sea levels and air quality issues were not adequately addressed in version 1 of PBA. A regional strategy won't be adopted until 2017, but time is short to develop content for the upcoming update.
 - (1) Start thinking about the next PBA and how the 2017 update can move us forward to the next one.
 - (2) Posing the right questions and outlining a body of work to be done, mapping conflicts and vulnerability overlaps could be accomplished relatively quickly.
 - (3) What are the 21st Century issues that we need to start organizing around, regardless of the existing governance structures?

- iii. How do we develop existing work products into an actual chapter?
 - (1) Civic Spark is currently tasked with listing out all projects underway that feed into the overall resilience deliverables.
 - (2) More dedicated resources are needed to move towards a regional resilience plan.
 - (3) At this time, we should compile the information as a chapter, understanding that it might not be a full chapter in the final update, but could be broken up into smaller pieces to support the overall document.
 - (4) Don't get trapped in the structural issues, or else nothing gets done.
- b. Understanding how the SCS is actually drafted.
 - i. What is the process? When are the deadlines? What content is appropriate for the resilience chapter?
 - ii. Content for the sustainability chapters needs to be developed to support the document in the best way we can.
 - (1) Use content from the work that is already being done and organize into a working chapter/document.
- c. Failure to deal with these issues at a regional level will result in a regional failure of governance in the event of a disaster.
- d. Governance Issues – Current dialogue between MTC and ABAG – MTC's proposal to cut some funding to ABAG after six months and absorb some of its planners into MTC.
 - i. Results from a lack of effective collaboration from the two planning departments.
 - ii. Proposal to absorb ABAG staff under MTC's planning department.
 - iii. SPUR Proposal – full merger of ABAG and MTC, which will require new governance
- e. It's important for BCDC to move forward with the resiliency content for PBA, regardless of what happens with MTC and ABAG.