

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 5, 2024  
1:30 p.m.

Supervisor David Haubert, Chair  
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. Report from the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee

Karl Wentz, Chair, Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee, made an oral presentation to the Transportation and Planning Committee.

The report included the following:

- Emphasis on the importance of preserving agriculture and open spaces in line with Measure D
- Commented on the Ag Advisory Committee's purpose, powers, and duties, including providing leadership on agriculture-related policies, advising on planning proposals, and participating in open space preservation
- Detailed concerns about the decline in agriculture and the need for economic viability, especially in the wine industry
- Commented on ongoing initiatives such as the South Livermore Valley Area Plan and solar policy.

Mr. Wentz requested updates on rural roads, the Baker Tilly report, and farmworker housing regulations. He also seeks clarity on potential contradictions in regulations and explores the idea of elevating the committee to a commission. Mr. Wentz requested that the Board of Supervisors take action to address challenges and promote agricultural sustainability.

In response to some of Mr. Wentz's concerns, Albert Lopez, Planning Director, commented that approximately 1.5 full-time equivalents (FTEs) are dedicated to East County, with a senior planner assigned to support the Ag Advisory Committee.

### Speaker

Kelly Abreu commented on the Report from the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee

### Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

**Recommendation from Transportation & Planning Committee:** The Agricultural Advisory Committee will meet with the Planning staff prior to the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting to review agenda items and convene post meeting reviews to ensure actions are taken and progress is made on agricultural agenda items. District 1 staff will also attend the meetings.

## II. Status and Timeline of the East County Municipal Advisory Council

Andrea Weddle, Chief Assistant County Counsel, reported that staff has drafted an ordinance to establish the East County Municipal Advisory Council (MAC).

In reviewing the ordinance, issues were discovered with the formation of the previous MACs. Counsel is working to address issues with existing MAC formation documents. Prior MACs were created by resolution rather than ordinance, which does not comply with charter requirements. The proposed ordinance aims to create uniformity across all MACs and update their boundary maps. The discussion would involve all the municipal advisory councils in the process. In addition, adequate staffing and resources need to be ensured for the new MAC.

The proposed boundary changes involve correcting the Castro Valley MAC's 2010 expansion and shifting Little Valley from Sunol to the proposed East County MAC. Mapping efforts are focused on ensuring appropriate supervisorial district representation.

County Counsel will continue to work on addressing the issues with the MACs and will involve the Municipal Advisory Councils in the discussion. The proposed changes will be brought before the Unincorporated Services Committee and then brought to the Board of Supervisors.

### Speaker

Kelly Abreu commented on the Status and Timeline of the East County Municipal Advisory Council.

#### Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation

Other:

This item was informational only and required no Council action.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu commented on the importance of considering the spirit, nature, and demographic characteristics of the various suburban, urban and rural MAC areas. Mr. Abreu expressed concern about boundary changes creating disjointed areas, mixing rural and urban elements. He asked the Committee to discuss these issues when considering boundary adjustments.