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JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE — REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM

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To: Joint Policy Committee
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Subject: JPC Chair and Vice Chair Rotation

At its meeting in November 2004, the Joint Policy Committee established a protocol for selecting the Committee chair:

That the Committee chair rotate among member agencies, the chair or president of each agency serving a one-year term as chair of the JPC, in this order: ABAG, MTC, BAAQMD.

When BCDC joined the JPC, it was added into the rotation between MTC and the Air District. With the first absence of a JPC chair at a Committee meeting, the need for a vice chair became apparent, and a practice was established for the “chair in waiting” (i.e., the next year’s anticipated chair) to fill the vice chair role.

The protocol and practice have worked without a hitch until last year, when an ambiguity arose because the chair of the agency in rotation (MTC), while a member of the JPC, was not an MTC representative on the JPC; he represented ABAG. The protocol and practice have been challenged again this year as the chair of the Air District Board, who would under the normal order of things be the vice chair, is not a member of the JPC at all. And there will likely be a challenge next year as, again, the anticipated chair of the agency in rotation for the JPC chair is not a representative of that agency on the JPC.

To avoid further confusion and awkwardness, I RECOMMEND the JPC amend its protocol for selecting a chair and vice chair as follows:

1. The Committee chair position shall rotate among member agencies in this order: ABAG, MTC, BCDC, BAAQMD;
2. The vice chair position shall be held by the agency next in line to hold the chair position;
3. The chair and vice chair positions shall each be held for one year, beginning in January;
4. At the end of each one-year term, the chair and vice chair positions shall be passed on to the next agencies in the rotation;
5. As its turn at chair or vice chair occurs, each member agency shall be solely responsible for designating whom among its board or commission members will serve in that role.