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Comment of Draft Plan Bay Area Update

Regionalism is a concept more readily embraced by political aspirants focused on career opportunities than by the local residents who daily confront the consequences of one-size-fits-all planning's unwarranted intrusion into the activities of daily life.

Certainly, the American Planning Association does not encourage irresponsible work; key components of any accredited degree program are function, implementation, analysis and ethics. I know of no reputable organization for urban planning that endorses development schemes that will exceed both available resources and infrastructure potential of the study area, ensuring hardship and diminished quality of life via unworkable plans.

Yet MTC and ABAG/MTC's Plan Bay Area edicts appear rife with such faults. Plan Bay Area's history of inflated forecasts, questionable data and misinformation regarding Population, Employment, and Housing has led to excessive RHNAs and is cause for question and serious concern.

Past scenarios in Plan Bay Area irresponsibly burden Marin County with projections from more densely-settled areas. Local control and decision-making are throttled through undemocratic legislation, manipulation of permitting processes, false assumptions, or outright misrepresentation. Will 2016 be more of the same?

Rather than the selected four Scenarios, the 2016 Plan Bay Area Updates should focus on the fifteen goals contained in the April 2015 letter from Sustainable TamAlmonte and Marin's ABAG representatives. Ignoring the guidance provided by these goals will ensure resistance in Marin.

Will the 2016 EIR will continue the failures of the 2013 EIR by ignoring over thirty significant unavoidable adverse environmental impacts including:

- insufficient water supply;
- inadequate sewerage;
- consequences of sea level rise;
- illness and deaths caused by development forced exposure to toxic sites;
- lost environmental assets, habitat, refuges, cultural and recreational resources;
- disruption of native aquatic and wildlife species?

Will the Plan Bay Area 2016 once again leave mitigation for the above-listed abusive adverse impacts unfunded?

Greater consideration of Marin's concerns might improve consideration of AMTC and ABAG/MTC's Plan Bay Area 2016.

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