



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: County Executive Office

Subject: Proposed 2025-26 Budget for Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Formal Title: Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), including any supplemental materials, and take related actions, as outlined in the referenced budget documents, and as recommended by the County Executive Officer

Recommended Action

Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, including any supplemental materials, as provided in the referenced budget documents:

- [Proposed Budget](#)

Executive Summary

The Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) provides strategic leadership and services to analyze, plan and implement regional policies for the benefit of the Counties and Cities of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz, balancing local control with regional collaboration.

Discussion

AMBAG is a joint powers authority organized for the purpose of regional collaboration and problem-solving and is governed by a 24-member Board of Directors comprised of elected officials from each city and county in the region. AMBAG performs metropolitan level transportation planning on behalf of the region, manages the region's transportation demand model and prepares regional housing, population and employment forecasts that are utilized in a variety of regional plans. The department Proposed 2025-26 Budget document is available online at: www.SCCVision.us

Budgeted funding will continue to support AMBAG's work to conduct regional planning and coordination efforts across the tri-county area. Funding is based on a per capita contribution paid by each city and county in the region in lieu of each jurisdiction independently developing and maintaining its own regional planning programs.

Financial Impact

The AMBAG Proposed Budget includes \$32,173 in expenditures, funded entirely by a General Fund contribution, reflecting no change from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Adopted Budget.

Should the County's contribution change following approval of the FY 2025-26 budget by the AMBAG Board of Directors, the change will be included in the June 10, 2025, last day or concluding budget actions with a coinciding reduction of General Fund Contingencies.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Sustainable Environment, Operational Excellence

Submitted By:

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Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.