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# Bay Vision to see how Solano looks at regional plan

■ Blue-ribbon panelists to gather in Fairfield and Vacaville as discussions continue on how to set up regional government

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Bay Vision 2020 may never be the same after its next meeting.

Solano County's only member on the prestigious commission, Robert Power of Vacaville, has invited members to his own stomping grounds and a chance to see regional government from the perspective of the boonies.

The commissioners will gather at the Rancho Solano clubhouse in Fairfield at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, and work through to 6 p.m., when

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## ABAG committee to review regional gov't plan

A regional government plan completed by the regional planning committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) will be reviewed Thursday night in Oakland by ABAG's executive committee.

Lee Simmons, a Solano

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they will depart for a social hour and dinner at the Nut Tree in Vacaville. Power is an owner of the Nut Tree.

At the meeting, Power plans to present evidence of the county's vital economic future, including:

- A speaker from the Parsons Corp., which wants to build a tollroad through the county.
  - Developer Frank Andrews, who owns Rancho Solano, an exclusive housing and golf development in the hills east of Fairfield and who also owns land near Travis Air Force Base that he plans to develop.
  - A representative from the Sammis Co., which has plans for large tracts near Vacaville.
  - A representative from the Messenger Corp., which owns land near Interstate 505, where the Toshiba Corp. might settle.
  - Neil Havlik, director of the Solano Farmlands and Open Space Foundation.
  - A speaker for the as-yet undeveloped industrial port of Collinsville, which could develop into another Solano city.
  - A welcome from Board of Supervisors Chairman Sam Caddle, and a welcome from Vacaville Mayor and supervisor-elect Bill Carroll.
- Environmental concerns aired in both ABAG and Bay

Vision 2020 meetings are interpreted by many Solano County leaders to mean some of its economic goals might suffer under regional government, while other subregions would prosper.

Bay Vision 2020 has been charged with devising a regional plan by December that will meet the same concerns that prompted Assembly Speaker Willie Brown to produce AB 4242, which prompted the regional planning committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to

produce its own plan, which its executive committee will review Thursday night (see separate story).

Solano County and some of its cities already have taken stands against both AB 4242 and the ABAG plan out of concern that Solano will lose its clout and independence in a regional government.

Little has been said about Bay Vision 2020 and county watchdog Caddle said Tuesday he and others equally concerned "are just now beginning to wake up" to what's going on.

Caddle sat in on a meeting of commissioners, all unelected, with a few of their elected officials earlier this month.

"(Regional planners, in general) look at us as country bumpkins," Caddle said Tuesday. He said he expressed his worries about Solano County's fate under regional government to commissioners and wants to show them Solano's land use plan when they visit here. That plan already demands the same cluster development that regional planners want.

Commissioners narrowly avoided head-to-head confrontation Monday on greenbelts and population limits, the first two topics to divide them since they started drafting their own regional plan last month.

Some members called for a continuous greenbelt around the entire Bay Area, others don't want it to be continuous.

Power pulled away from a draft statement that "the use of motor vehicles by single drivers is of less value to the region than clean air, relatively uncongested highways, and the ability to reach one's place of employment in reasonable time."

"For us on the periphery, there is no other means of transportation," Power said. "Don't make an enemy of single drivers, because without their support you might not get anywhere..."

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County supervisor who represents west Benicia and part of Vallejo, is the county's representative to the executive committee.

Simmons and Supervisor Sam Caddle, who sat on the planning committee, both oppose the plan, but expect it to be accepted by the executive committee and passed along to Bay Vision 2020 for its guidance in developing its own regional plan.

The proposal points out planning goals, but does

not get into the touchy issue of governance, or who would form a regional government to enforce regional planning and how they would be elected or chosen.

The regional planning committee urges the executive board to wrestle with that issue.

The plan is not as strong a statement as some members had hoped, especially following letters of criticism it invited and received from individual cities and counties after earlier drafts on regional government.