

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting
No. 359, January 17, 2008
MetroCenter Auditorium
101 8th Street, Oakland, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Dave Cortese called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 p.m.
Quorum was present.

Representatives and Alternates Present

Supervisor Susan Adams
Mayor Len Augustine
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Vice Mayor David D. Cortese
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Jose Esteves
Councilmember Dan Furtado
Mayor Jack Gingles
Supervisor John Gioia
Mayor Mark Green
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis
Councilmember Sam Liccardo
Mayor Janet Lockhart
Supervisor Mark Luce
Councilmember John Marquez
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi
Mayor Gavin Newsom
Vice Mayor Jean Quan
Mayor Gwen Regalia
Mayor Pro Tem A. Sepi Richardson
Mayor Pamela Torliatt
Councilmember Forrest Williams
Supervisor Ken Yeager
Mike Farrah, Senior Advisor to the Mayor

Representatives Absent

Supervisor Chris Daly
Supervisor Jerry Hill
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema

Jurisdiction

County of Marin
City of Vacaville
City of Oakland
City of San Jose
City of Novato
City of Milpitas
City of Campbell
City of Calistoga
County of Contra Costa
City of Union City
County of Alameda
County of San Mateo
County of Solano
City of San Jose
City of Dublin
County of Napa
City of Richmond
County of Santa Clara
County of San Francisco
City of San Francisco
City of Oakland
City of Walnut Creek
City of Brisbane
City of Petaluma
City of San Jose
County of Santa Clara
City of San Francisco

Jurisdiction

County of San Francisco
County of San Mateo
County of Sonoma
City of Oakland
County of Alameda
County of Contra Costa

President Cortese thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as President and reported on accomplishments over the last two years, which included hosting the first Legislative Reception in Sacramento; having the mayors of San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose at a General Assembly; hosting the first ABAG-MTC combined General

Assembly/Transportation Summit; instituting the Regional Awards Program, "Growing Smarter Together;" planning and informing local jurisdictions about Homeland Security funding; brokering an agreement with the three largest cities in the region to take on more housing in exchange for incentive funding that may come; initiating a Strategic Planning process; receiving Blueprint Planning funding with MTC, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC); implementing the FOCUS program; improving ABAG's visibility through media outreach; and adding the BCDC as a member of the Joint Policy Committee (JPC).

President Cortese stepped down as President and passed the gavel to Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo, who assumed the office of President. President Jacobs Gibson presented Vice Mayor Cortese with an engraved gavel in recognition of his service as president.

The Board next heard the report from Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer and Air Pollution Control Officer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jacobs Gibson welcomed Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville, to the Board.

President Jacobs Gibson presented Amiee Alberston Alden, San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, with a plaque in recognition of her service on the Board.

There were no other announcements.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jacobs Gibson stated she is looking forward to working with Board Members and serving as President for the next two years. She noted that this is going to be a very challenging two years given the condition of the state budget and its impact on local government, particularly for regional planning programs. ABAG will continue to work with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities (League) to help protect local revenues.

President Jacobs Gibson's objectives for the next two years include building on the work of our Immediate Past Presidents to develop a strong voice for the region in Sacramento; working to encourage more elected officials from throughout the region to get involved in the state-wide Blueprint Learning Network meetings; working with staff to finalize the ABAG Strategic Plan to develop a plan for identifying more resources for the agency; increasing the number of elected officials participating in committee activities and General Assemblies and other ABAG workshops and conferences to expand the breadth of ABAG member involvement in our activities. Her overall goal will be to achieve greater visibility for ABAG's programs and services.

The Board next heard a report from Gavin Newsom, Mayor, City and County of San Francisco, and Ms. Laura Phillips, Executive Director, San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, on the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan and the recent Bay oil spill.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Gardner reported on the following:

Given current conditions of the state budget deficit, cities and counties are bound to be affected by the state's fiscal woes. State cuts in all probability will affect ABAG and other Councils of Government as well. It is too early to tell where those cuts might occur and what impact they would have on ABAG.

ABAG conducted a forum on financing disaster recovery in December stressing the need to plan for recovery before the disaster. Presenters discussed the federal process for accessing funding. This was the first in a series of workshops ABAG will conduct to better prepare the region for recovery from a major disaster.

The fourth in a series of Best Practices Conferences, "Greening Infill," was held in December. The conference highlighted effective programs and policies that address storm water compliance, water and energy conservation, waste reduction, and brownfields cleanup. The topics also included protecting and conserving water in infill projects.

ABAG's Bay Area Economic Outlook 2008 Conference, "Just a Bump in the Road?", will be held on January 24, 2008. The opening speaker is Howard Roth, Chief Economist for the California Department of Finance. The conference will focus on the Bay Area economy over the next year, with particular emphasis on the housing market and its effect on the state and the region, as well as energy costs and retail sales. The conference will conclude with an analysis of the residential real estate market and prospects for a recovery in 2009.

ABAG's EcoWise Certified Structural Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Certification Program has been named a State Department of Pesticide Regulation Innovator and received an IPM Innovators Award along with seven other award recipients in Sacramento on January 17, 2008.

ABAG has provided capital funding through the ABAG Finance Authority for Nonprofit Corporations in the following issues: on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, \$24,000,000 in Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds to be used for rehabilitation of school facilities of the San Francisco Friends School; \$6,000,000 in Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds for the Santa Cruz Montessori School for various acquisitions and capital projects; \$5,000,000 in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to provide for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Tracy Garden Village Apartments, an 88-unit complex for seniors located in the City of Tracy. Another issue in ABAG's innovative California Tax Allocation Bond Pool is \$55,425,000 in Revenue Bonds for refinancing and funding of capital projects by redevelopment agencies in Ojai, San Carlos, West Sacramento.

In accordance with the previously approved policy by the General Assembly, membership dues for FY 2008-09 shall be adjusted based on the Bay Area CPI. The proposed increase is 3.19%. The increase applies to the per capita rate and the fixed fee portion of the membership dues. The budget for FY 2008-09 will be presented to the General Assembly in April for adoption.

Approved FOCUS Priority Development Areas are eligible to apply for funding through the Station Area Planning Program Cycle 2. This program finances planning efforts for land use plans and policies that increase transit ridership around public transit hubs

and rail corridors. Seven and half million dollars are available for planning grants and capital projects. Applications are due February 29, 2008.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Jacobs Gibson recognized a motion by Barbara Kondylis, Supervisor, County of Solano, and seconded by Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin, to approve the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes**

Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 358 held on November 15, 2007.

B. Grant Applications

None submitted

C. Appointment to Committees

Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Mayor Pedro M. (Pete) Sanchez, Alternate to Member Joan Lundstrom (replaced retiring Mayor Steve Messina, City of Benicia)

Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee

Mayor Daniel E. Furtado, City of Campbell

D. Authorization to Enter into Contract with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to Provide Communication and Outreach Support for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)**

Authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the State Water Board to provide public participation, public outreach, technical writing and editorial service and a range of communications support for TMDLs. The contract amount will not exceed \$200,000 and term is January 15, 2008, to June 30, 2010.

E. Ratification of a Contract Amendment with Joan Patton, Consultant, is Requested**

Ratified a contract amendment with Joan Patton increasing the contract amount from \$35,000 to \$50,000 and extending the contract to Dec. 31, 2008. The additional funding will provide for assistance with the Boater Education Program, the CALFED Science Conference and additional communications/marketing services.

F. Authorization to Seek Funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through California State Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to Update Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Approval of Associated Resolution No. 01-08**

Authorized enter into an agreement with OES and FEMA to seek grant funding to update the existing multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan that was adopted by ABAG's Executive Board in March 2005. The grant is for a total of \$450,000 with a required match of \$150,000, half of which would be from ABAG and half from in-kind match of participating local governments.

G. Authorization to Amend a Contract with the State Coastal Conservancy to Provide Support for the Invasive Spartina Project**

Authorized the extension of the contract to provide support for the Spartina

Project with the State Coastal Conservancy. The new project completion date is to be extended to December 31, 2009, with the term of the agreement being extended to April 15, 2010.

H. Authorization for ABAG to Submit Proposal (with MTC) to CalTrans for State-Wide Transit Studies Planning Grant**

Authorized submitting a joint proposal with MTC and if funded entering into a contract with the State of California Department of Transportation for a State-wide Transit Studies Planning grant to support development of an integrated regional demographic and transportation model. The grant request is for \$300,000 and would require a matching funds totaling \$34,000.

I. Authorization to Enter into Contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Continuing Regional Blueprint Planning Program Grant**

Authorized entering into a contract with MTC for a Blueprint Planning Grant if the joint application to CalTrans is funded. The application amount is \$1,076,000 and requires an in-kind match of \$322,800, from ABAG and MTC.

7. OVERVIEW OF BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

President Jacobs Gibson recognized Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, who provided the Board with an overview of BAAQMD activities. Mr. Broadbent addressed the Air Quality Summary 2007; Bay Area PM_{2.5}; Comprehensive Wood Smoke Strategy; Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) Program; Climate Protection Program; and Green Ports Rule.

Members inquired about state codes regarding vent-less natural gas inserts, setting PM_{2.5} detection levels and standards, and air quality levels represented on available maps.

President Jacobs Gibson thanked Mr. Broadbent for his presentation.

8. REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND RECENT BAY OIL SPILL

President Jacobs Gibson recognized Gavin Newsom, Mayor, City and County of San Francisco, and Laura Phillips, Executive Director, San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, who provided an overview of the regional emergency communications plan and briefed the Board on the recent Bay oil spill.

Mayor Newsom described the development of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) for the San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Phillips reported on the San Francisco Bay Oil Spill by reviewing the timeline of events, describing the Unified Command structure and the coordination of volunteers, and continuing actions undertaken by San Francisco. Ms. Phillips then reported on the development of the RECP by outlining its purpose, describing regional threats, listing those who worked on the RECP, differentiating the RECP from the Super Urban Areas Security Initiative (SUASI), delineating roles and responsibilities, listing the operation priorities during a disaster, steps taken to validate the RECP, and next steps in completing the nine annexes to the base plan.

Members discussed the issues of readiness, volunteers, and resources; preparations for mass care; local jurisdictions' response determinations during the oil spill; receiving assistance from outside the region; funds for retrofitting buildings; emergency response training; and federal assistance.

President Jacobs Gibson thanked Mayor Newsom and Ms. Phillips for their report.

9. PROJECTION 2009 PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND POLICY ASSUMPTIONS**

President Jacobs Gibson recognized Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, who briefed the Board on potential changes to the development of the Projections 2009 forecast. Mr. Fassinger noted that the next Projections report on long-run forecast of housing, jobs, and population will again include policy based assumptions in its forecasting. Changes under consideration include identifying performance targets to help staff have more specific assumptions that go into the forecast, and having more extensive outreach to local jurisdictions regarding the forecast and local land use policies. To develop draft recommendations, staff will work with MTC, other regional agencies, the Joint Policy Committee, and the Regional Planning Committee to coordinate ABAG's efforts with them and seek their input on draft recommendations on performance targets and assumptions. A more detailed presentation will be made at the March meeting.

Members discussed comparing past Projections reports with actual outcomes; incentives or consequences related to Projections forecasts; costs for completing Projections; how Projections shape policy; include evaluation of green house gas emission reductions; prioritization of objectives among regional agencies; and Projections relation RHNA, the Regional Transportation Plan, and air quality conformity.

President Jacobs Gibson thanked Mr. Fassinger for his report.

10. LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Jacobs Gibson recognized Committee Chair Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, who reported on Committee activities. Chair McHugh reported that the committee re-elected him as chair and Carole Dillon-Knutson, Councilmember, City of Novato, as vice-chair. He also reported that the committee reviewed and approved priorities and strategies for the 2008 Legislative Session. The committee reviewed the 2008 Legislative Session Bills for Consideration, including AB 94 (Levine), SB 303 (Ducheny), SB 375 (Steinberg), SB 732 (Steinberg). The following will be considered at the next committee meeting: AB 842, ACA 10, and AB 1634. The second Legislative Reception will be on January 30, 2008, at the Sheraton Grand, Sacramento, and will be co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the League, CSAC, and the BAAQMD.

President Jacobs Gibson recognized a motion by Chair McHugh, and seconded by A. Sepi Richardson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Brisbane, to approve the committee report. The motion passed unanimously.

President Jacobs Gibson thanked Chair McHugh for his report.

11. FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Jacobs Gibson recognized Committee Chair Mark Green, Mayor, Union City, who reported on Committee activities, including a review and recommended approval of the Proposed Budget and Work Program for FY 2008-2009 (Includes member dues); Single Audit Report for 2006-2007; Long-term Strategic Plan Status Report; and annual performance evaluation process for Executive Director. He noted that the Proposed Budget and Work Plan for 2008-2009 includes a 3.19% increase in membership dues and addresses a deficit by delaying hiring of two staff positions and partially funding Other Post-Employment Benefits. Chair Green

reported that Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, was elected chair, and Gwen Regalia, Mayor, City of Walnut Creek, as vice-chair.

President Jacobs Gibson recognized a motion by Chair Green, and seconded by Supervisor McHugh, to approve the committee report, which includes approval of the Proposed Budget and Work Plan for 2008-2009, a 3.19% increase in membership dues for transmittal to the General Assembly, and Single Audit Report for 2006-2007. The motion passed unanimously.

President Jacobs Gibson thanked Chair Green for his report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.



Henry L. Gardner, Secretary-Treasurer

** Indicates attachments.

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