

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 317  
March 15, 2001 ▪ MetroCenter Auditorium

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President William Carroll, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

### Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor William J. "Bill" Carroll  
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier  
Supervisor John Gioia  
Supervisor Cynthia Murray  
Supervisor Mike Rippey  
Supervisor Anthony Hall  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson  
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor Mike Kerns  
Mayor Cathie Brown  
Mayor Mark Green  
Councilmember Gwen Regalia  
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson  
Mayor Mary Lou Holt  
Mr. Paul Horcher  
Ms. Jennifer Kass  
Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Mullin  
Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves  
Councilmember Julia Miller  
Mayor David Fleming  
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh  
Councilmember Richard Spees  
Councilmember Nancy Nadel  
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte  
Councilmember Ken Yeager

### Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Nate Miley  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty  
Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker  
Supervisor Gail Steele  
Supervisor Jake McGoldrick  
Supervisor Mark Leno  
Supervisor Mark Church  
Supervisor Richard Gordon  
Supervisor Michael Nevin  
Supervisor Don Gage  
Supervisor Peter McHugh  
Mayor Terry Segerberg  
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.  
Ms. Maria Ayerdi  
Ms. Karin Carlson  
Ms. Jennifer Kass  
Councilmember Don Burnett  
Councilmember Jose Esteves  
Councilmember Sally Lieber  
Councilmember Jane Brunner  
Vice Mayor Henry Chang, Jr.

### Jurisdiction

Solano County  
Contra Costa County  
Contra Costa County  
Marin County  
Napa County  
San Francisco County  
San Mateo County  
Santa Clara County  
Sonoma County  
Alameda County Cities  
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Contra Costa County Cities  
Marin County Cities  
Napa County Cities  
City of San Francisco  
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San Mateo County Cities  
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Santa Clara County Cities  
Solano County Cities  
Sonoma County Cities  
City of Oakland  
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City of San Jose  
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Councilmember David D. Cortese  
Councilmember Cindy Chavez  
Councilmember Nora Campos  
Councilmember Forrest Williams

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Carroll welcomed three new board members: Supervisor Anthony Hall, City & County of San Francisco and Councilmembers Linda J. LeZotte and Ken Yeager, City of San Jose.

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Eugene Leong pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs. He highlighted recent newspaper articles and particularly noted the Chronicle's mention of ABAG's "fabulous" government web site. Leong also pointed to ABAG's Training Center, which has recently experienced an online explosion of classes with attendees from Korea, Australia, Canada and, of course, the United States. A new report *e-vision the future - Draft Compact for a Sustainable Bay Area* was recently mailed to all jurisdictions.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 316, January 18, 2001.

B. Grant Applications

Board approved transmittal of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse.

C. Committee Appointments

The Board approved the following CALFED Task Force appointments: Loretta Barsamian, Regional Water Quality Control Board; Pam Nicolai, Marin Municipal Water District; Bruce Thompson, San Francisco Estuary Institute; and Gregory Zlotnick, Santa Clara Valley Water District.

D. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the State Department of Water Resources

The Board authorized Executive Director or designee to submit a \$400,000 proposal and if awarded, execute contract with the State Department of Water Resources, to support the activities of the ABAG CALFED Task Force. This includes a \$100,000 match for in-kind services..

E. Authorization to Enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the City of San Carlos

The Executive Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to become a founding member of two Joint Powers Personnel Agencies with the City of San Carlos.

F. Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Design Services

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a design services contract with an architectural firm selected from Request for Proposals for redesigning space in ABAG's office suite to accommodate additional staff.

G. Resolution 05-01 Authorizing the Association of Bay Area Governments to Partner with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and Silicon Valley Jurisdictions to Form the Intergovernmental Inter-Regional Partnership

Board approved Resolution 05-01 (revised resolution distributed at the meeting) authorizing a partnership between ABAG, The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and Silicon Valley jurisdictions to form another Inter-Regional Partnership (IRP). The Board approved ABAG joining with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and applying for a \$325,000 grant, which includes the required 25% match, to perform work under the IRP Program administered by the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

H. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement for Legislative Representation in Sacramento

The Executive Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into an agreement with Michael Arnold for legislative representation in Sacramento, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 between March 15, 2001 and June 30, 2002.

It was moved by Murray/S/Mullin/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

Supervisor John Gioia and ABAG Bay Trail Manager, Janet McBride, displayed a surprise resolution of appreciation to be presented to members of Trails for Richmond Action Committee. This resolution is in recognition of their diligence in completing 32 miles of shoreline trails (more than any other city on San Francisco Bay). Approval of Resolution 06-01 was moved by Gioia/S/Miller/C/.

7. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL REFORM**

Pat Leary, California State Association of Counties, and Dwight Stenbakken, League of California Cities, spoke to the Board about their work on fiscal reform. They have gathered a steering committee of elected representatives and have polled focus groups to unite their organizations on the most likely proposals that would be acceptable to the current state leadership.

8. **UPDATE ON THE BAY AREA DIOXINS PROJECT**

ABAG Sr. Environmental Planner, Jennifer Krebs, reported on the progress ABAG has made working with Bay Area jurisdictions and appropriate state and federal agencies in an effort to reduce dioxins in the environment. Krebs distributed a draft report Screening Evaluation of Dioxins Pollution Prevention Options which makes the following recommendations:

- obtain assistance from the public and other agencies to improve the completeness of the review;
- conduct further investigation of selected projects during the workplan development phase to assist with project design;
- seek support for dioxins pollution prevention project implementation from participating organization and municipalities; and
- work with other government agencies to promote the long-term interests of the municipalities.

9. **SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOCUSES ON “INCENTIVES FOR ACTION: GROWING WITHIN OUR BOUNDARIES”**

ABAG Assistant Executive Director, Patricia Jones, previewed the Spring General Assembly to be held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco on April 12. The program, *Incentives for Action – Growing Within Our Boundaries*, will focus on housing elements, affordable housing, transit-oriented

development, jobs and economy, and smart growth. In addition, ABAG's Fortieth Anniversary gala reception and dinner will follow the program. To receive a discount, register online at [www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/ga](http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/ga).

**10. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION APPROVAL**

Five speakers addressed the Board before San Mateo County Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson and ABAG Regional Planner Kearey Smith presented the recommendations of the Appeals Committee. It was moved by Gioia/S/Nadel/C/ that the Board accept the Appeals Committee recommendations and actions for all jurisdictions except the City of Alameda. The vote was 24-1 with Green voting no. It was moved by Gioia/S/Alvarado/C/ that the original numbers be approved for the City of Alameda (their appeal would be denied). The vote was 20-5 with "no" votes recorded by Brown, Green, Fleming, Jacobs Gibson, and Mullin. After revising Resolution 07-01, to reflect these changes, staff was directed to forward the corrected RHND allocations to HCD and to notify all jurisdictions of the Board's actions.

**11. LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice Chair, Mary Lou Holt reported on committee positions for legislation involving land-use, housing and fiscal tax strategies. For a complete list of legislation and further information on the L&GO Committee, contact Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov. Councilmember Nadel thanked staff for the early distribution of legislative items. Staff distributed copies of articles appearing recently in Bay Area media.

**12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**A. Personnel Matter: Executive Director's Review**

Chair, Mike Rippey, requested that the Board adjourn to closed session. The Board met in closed session to hear recommendations from the Finance & Personnel Committee about the Executive Director's annual performance review. The Board approved revisions in salary and benefits for the Executive Director.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer