

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 311
March 16, 2000 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:44 p.m. by President William Carroll at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor William J. "Bill" Carroll
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Michael Yaki
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Cathie Brown
Mayor Mark Green
Councilmember Gwen Regalia
Vice Mayor Terry Segerberg
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Mary Lou Holt
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Mr. Paul Horcher
Councilmember Eugene Mullin
Councilmember Don Burnett
Councilmember Jose Esteves
Councilmember Julia Miller
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember John Russo
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Amos Brown
Supervisor Leslie Katz
Supervisor Alicia Becerril
Supervisor Mark Leno
Supervisor Mary Griffin
Supervisor Richard Gordon
Supervisor Michael Nevin
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Joseph Simitian
Vice Mayor Carol Klatt
Mayor Jan Epstein
Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Vice Mayor Henry Chang, Jr.
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember Charlotte Powers

Jurisdiction

Solano County
Alameda County
Alameda 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
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Marin County Cities
Napa County Cities
City of San Francisco
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Solano County Cities
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City of Oakland
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Councilmember Alice Woody
Councilmember Margie Matthews
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Lorraine Deitrich, City of Livermore and Phil Serna, Homebuilders Association, spoke about their concerns with the Regional Housing Needs Determination numbers.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Carroll requested a moment of silence to honor former Petaluma Mayor Patricia Hilligoss who passed away in February. Carroll introduced new Board alternate Jose Esteves, City of Milpitas, representing Santa Clara County Cities.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs and noted that there would be continued discussion of the Regional Housing Needs Determination numbers. The challenge is how to make the numbers workable for local jurisdictions without having the State dictate the numbers. Leong noted that the Proposed Annual Work Program and Budget would be voted on at the Spring General Assembly on April 27.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 310, January 20, 2000.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Authorization to Submit Proposal to Develop and Publicize Comprehensive Internet Site Containing Hazard, Mitigation, and Preparedness Information on Earthquake Risk for Small Businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area

Board authorized proposal to the Public Entry Risk Institute and if accepted, Executive Director or designee should enter into an agreement to: 1) create and post personalized earthquake risk, mitigation, and preparedness information based on the geographic location of the business and the type of work performed; 2) collect personal accounts of preparedness activities and use them to help motivate other sites in a creative manner; 3) publicize the availability of the data using utility and insurance bill inserts, and workshops for organizations working with small businesses. The proposed project will run from summer 2000 to 2001 with a total budget of \$70,000 including an ABAG match of \$10,500 and \$15,000 in subcontract for design work for equipment tie downs.

D. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the U.S. Department of Commerce for Application of Internet Technologies to Network and Coordinate Service Providers in Disadvantaged Communities

The Board authorized a proposal to the U.S. Department of Commerce, and if awarded, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into an agreement to demonstrate the application of Internet technologies in helping disadvantaged students. The application would network and coordinate service providers working in disadvantaged neighborhoods in Oakland and Hayward. ABAG's project partner would be Alameda County Department of Health Services. The grant would not exceed \$350,000 and

would require an equal match from program participants, the bulk of which would come from Alameda County Department of Health Services.

- E. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the California Department of Boating and Waterways
Board approved request to submit a proposal from ABAG and the San Francisco Estuary Project to the California Department of Boating and Waterways in the amount of \$150,000 and if awarded, to enter into a contract. The funds will provide a boater education program for pollution prevention through a media campaign. ABAG will provide \$8,000 in matching funds for in-kind services.

It was moved by Alvarado/S/Haggerty/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. ANNUAL REPORT FROM ABAG REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ABAG Representative, Richard Bartke, reported on the 100,000 acres of Golden Gate National Recreation Area parkland that stretches from Pt. Reyes to Woodside. He noted the challenge of preserving 500 historic structures inside the Presidio that would require a substantial infusion of technical and financial resources not available through federal sources. Although the Commission has no final authority, the 18-member Commission continues to advise on Presidio issues, to help achieve the deadline of becoming self-sustaining by 2012 or it would revert to General Services for sale on the open market.

7. SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL STATUS REPORT

Janet McBride, ABAG's Bay Trail Project Manger and Laura Thompson, Regional Planner, presented the status of the San Francisco Bay Trail. A brief video featured on *Bay Area Backroads* with Doug McConnell, was presented to the Board. Currently, 215 miles of the 400+ alignment are complete. Strong, consistent support in Sacramento from Senators Lockyer and Figueroa and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission mandate to ensure maximum feasible public access in all shoreline development have been invaluable to this project. A Bay Trail Board subcommittee has evaluated and scored the 13 applications received for new project funding. Together the project applications include requests totaling nearly \$3 million to cover 15 miles of trail and a few bridge crossings, with a combined leverage of almost \$8 million. A first round of funding recommendations will go to the Coastal Conservancy Board at the end of April. The updated Bay Trail web site is only a click away from ABAG's home page at www.abag.ca.gov – where you can find plan excerpts, guided photo tours, a Bay Trail store, and an alignment map for your area. The newest feature to be added to this site is a virtual reality tour that allows you to look in any direction from several fixed points, with the ability to zoom in and out as you wish.

8. SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOCUSES ON SMART GROWTH

Deputy Executive Director, Gary Binger, briefed the Board about the Spring General Assembly *Smart Growth: Moving from Rhetoric to Reality* to be held April 27 (business meeting) and April 28 in San Francisco. Brochures will be mailed during the next week. Two of the featured speakers are James Kunstler and Peter Calthorpe. Panel discussions will include 1) boosting the supply of workforce housing; 2) becoming smarter about how we grow; 3) overcoming public opposition to higher densities; and 4) modifying the State tax system to support smart growth.

9. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION PROCESS

Sunne McPeak, Bay Area Council, addressed the Board about the jobs/housing ratio in the allocation methodology. ABAG Senior Planner, Alex Amoroso, presented an update on the Housing Needs Determination process. The Board directed staff to request a six month extension for the RHND process. It was moved by Fleming/S/Alvarado/C/ with Green, Spees and Gioia casting no votes. Shirakawa moved that two additional Executive Board members be appointed to participate on the Appeals Committee, /S/Murray/C/. It was moved by Fleming /S/Gioia/C/ that ABAG consider modifying the jobs/housing ratio in the RHND allocation methodology. No votes were cast by Green, Haggerty, Yaki, Murray, Gioia, Segerberg, Brown, Miller and Ayerdi. Kerns moved to direct staff to continue working with HCD and the jurisdictions on the distribution of unincorporated units /S/Miller/C/.

10. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair, Scott Haggerty, Alameda County, reported on Committee activities and brought a recommendation that the Executive Board support Resolution 02-00: Undergrounding Utility Facilities on behalf of ABAG members. The Resolution is meant to expedite the implementation of AB 1149, which amends rules for the replacement of overhead electric and communications facilities and recognizes local jurisdictions' authority to establish their own priorities, including, but not limited to, public safety, service reliability, economic development and aesthetics. Moved by Haggerty/S/Spees/C/.

11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Chair Mike Rippey, Napa County, moved that a five-year contract be approved for Gilbert Accountancy financial auditors. The motion was /S/Spees/C/.

B. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel Matter – Executive Director’s Annual Review
The Board met in closed session and heard 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 9:47 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer