

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting
No. 348, March 16, 2006
MetroCenter Auditorium
101 8th Street, Oakland, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Rose Jacobs Gibson in the absence of President Dave Cortese at about 7:09 p.m.

Representatives and Alternates Present

Supervisor Susan Adams
Amiee Albertson, Office of the Mayor
Vice Mayor Jane Brunner
Councilmember David D. Cortese

Supervisor Chris Daly

Mayor Jose Esteves
Mike Farrah, Senior Advisor to the Mayor
Councilmember Dan Furtado
Supervisor John Gioia
Mayor Mark Green
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Carol L. Klatt
Supervisor Mark Luce
Councilmember John Marquez
Vice Mayor Jean Quan
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Gwen Regalia
Mayor James P. Spering
Mary C. Warren
Mayor Shelia Young

Jurisdiction

County of Marin
City of San Francisco
City of Oakland
City of San Jose
County of San Francisco
City of Milpitas
City of San Francisco

City of Campbell
County of Contra Costa
City of Union City
County of Alameda
County of San Mateo
County of Sonoma
City of Daly City
County of Napa
City of Richmond
City of Oakland
City of Santa Rosa
City of Walnut Creek
City of Suisun City
RWQCB
City of San Leandro

Representatives Absent

Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Mayor Todd Carlson
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte

Supervisor Fiona Ma

Supervisor Peter McHugh

Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi

Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Adrienne Tissier

Jurisdiction

County of Santa Clara
Town of Yountville
County of Contra Costa
City of Novato
County of Solano
City of San Jose
County of San Francisco
County of Santa Clara
County of San Francisco
City of Oakland
County of Alameda
County of San Mateo

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Jacobs Gibson announced that the agenda has been revised to include three new consent calendar items: Item G, authorizing approval to enter into a contract with Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Item H authorizing the submission of a proposal to the California Earthquake Authority, and Item I authorizing amendment of a contract with Underground Advertising. She also informed members that a list of nominees for committee appointments was placed at their desks.

There were no other announcements.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report was deferred until President Cortese's arrival.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Vice President Jacobs Gibson recognized Executive Director Henry Gardner, who reported on ABAG activities.

Executive Director Gardner reported that the General Assembly will take place on April 20th in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the 1906 Earthquake conference; he has been invited to testify before the Little Hoover Commission on disaster preparedness; members are encouraged to participate in the next Transit Oriented Development tour of San Mateo on April 7th; staff has been working with Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher to secure funding for ABAG to perform analysis of delta levee vulnerability; members and staff met with Senator Tom Torlaksen about a proposed legislation to create a Delta Trail System similar to the Bay Trail; staff met with Senator Alan Lowenthal and Assemblymember Gene Mullin for legislation to allocate funds for ABAG and SCAG to undertake the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process; ABAG, in partnership with the Institute for Local Government, will sponsor ethics training for elected officials as required by AB 1234 on April 28 and December 11; and members were referred to the service program highlights in his report

Marin County Supervisor Susan Adams requested that other flood prone areas, such as in Sonoma and Marin, be included in discussions of delta levee vulnerability.

Vice President Jacobs Gibson thanked Executive Director Gardner for his report.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was deferred until quorum was met. At the time a quorum was met, Vice President Jacobs Gibson recognized a motion by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and seconded by Supervisor Adams, to approve the revised consent calendar, including the appointment of Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia to the Finance and Personnel Committee, and Windsor Mayor Sam

Salmon to the Regional Airport Planning Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes**

The minutes of Executive Board Meeting No. 347, January 19, 2006, were approved.

B. Grant Applications**

A list of federal grant applications was approved to be submitted to the State Clearinghouse, having been circulated in ABAG's "Intergovernmental Review Newsletter" since the last Executive Board meeting.

C. Appointments to Committees

The Board approved appointments to the following committees:

Bay Area Economic Forum

David Cortese, Councilmember, City of San Jose
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Sophie Maxwell, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco

Finance and Personnel Committee

John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa

Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee

Mike Kerns, Supervisor, County of Sonoma

Regional Airport Planning Committee

Richard Garbarino, Vice Mayor, City of South San Francisco
Sam Salmon, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Windsor

San Francisco Estuary Project Implementation Committee

Barbara Kondylis, Supervisor, County of Solano.

D. Authorization to Enter into Sole Source Contract with Urban Advantage**

The Board approved awarding a sole source contract to Urban Advantage, Inc. for photo-simulation services to support the Focusing Our Vision ("Blueprint") and other planning programs in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

E. Authorization to Enter into Partnership and Contract with PG&E to Provide Energy Efficiency Assistance to Local Governmental Entities within PG&E's Service Territory**

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with PG&E for the 2006-08 period. The anticipated total budget is approximately \$9,000,000, which includes funds for administering the program, as well as incentive money to be applied toward implementing energy efficiency projects. No ABAG matching funds are required.

F. California Redevelopment Agency Pool (Cal-RAP Program)**

The Board authorized Resolution No. 03-06 concerning the issuance of up to \$11 million in insured revenue bonds on behalf of the jurisdictions listed in the resolution.

G. Authorization to Enter Into Contract with San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) for Fabrication of Bay Trail Shoreline Public Access Signs and Revisions to BCDC Public Access GIS Shapefile**

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with BCDC for up to \$43,000 in Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funds to coordinate the fabrication of BCDC and Bay Trail shoreline public access signs and revisions to the BCDC public access GIS shapefile.

H. Authorization to Submit Proposal to California Earthquake Authority to fund Production and Distribution of Video on Earthquake Mitigation**

The Board authorized submittal of a proposal to the California Earthquake Authority to fund production and distribution of a video on earthquake mitigation.

I. Authorization to Amend Contract with Underground Advertising in Connection with PRISM Grant titled *Making IPM Mainstream: Tools and Market-Based Incentives for Improving Urban Water Quality***

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to amend a contract with Underground Advertising for development of a project name and logo and other optional specified duties outlined in their scope of work to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$3,000 from \$40,000 to \$43,000, pursuant to Agreement No. 04-077-552-0 between the State Water Resources Control Board and the Association of Bay Area Governments for the Proposition 13 PRISM grant titled *Making IPM Mainstream: Tools and Market-Based Incentives for Improving Urban Water Quality*.

7. BAY AREA GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM CERTIFIED PUBLIC AGENCY RECOGNITION**

Vice President Jacobs Gibson recognized Ceil Scandone, Senior Planner, who reported on the Bay Area Green Business Program's progress in certifying public agencies. Scandone thanked the Board for hosting the fourth annual recognition ceremony for the 23 public agencies certified as green businesses. She introduced Napa County Supervisor Mark Luce and Union City Mayor Mark Green who are members of the ABAG Hazardous Waste Management Allocation Committee, which oversees the Green Business program. She noted that the program currently has 645 businesses certified in seven Bay Area counties, including 70 public agencies. Ms. Scandone highlighted activities within each Bay Area county, acknowledged a grant from the Alameda County Waste Management Authority to create a regional marketing strategy, and program expansion into Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Diego, Sacramento, and Los Angeles through the California Green Business Programs Network. Each county coordinator present was recognized.

Vice President Jacobs Gibson acknowledged that a quorum was present and recognized a motion to recognize the 23 public agencies certified under the Bay Area Green Business Program. The motion passed unanimously. The following public agencies were each presented a certificate by Jacobs Gibson: Supervisor Nate Miley, Castro Valley Office; Alameda County Environmental Health Services; Alameda County Heavy Equipment Repair Building, Main Facility; City of Livermore Fleet Services; Association of Bay Area Governments; Supervisor Mark Desaulnier, Concord Office; Supervisor John Gioia, El Cerrito Office; Supervisor Gayle Uilkema, Martinez Office; City of Antioch Fleet Services; City of Brentwood Fleet Services; City of Walnut Creek City Hall; City of Walnut Creek Parks Department; EBMUD Water Treatment Plant, El Sobrante; EBMUD Water Treatment Plant, Lafayette; EBMUD Water

Treatment Plant, Orinda; EBMUD Water Treatment Plant, Walnut Creek; Tri Delta Transit, Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority; Central Marin Sanitation Agency; Las Galinas Valley Sanitary District; City of Gilroy, City Hall; City of Gilroy, Corporation Yard; Santa Clara County Assessor's Office; Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Executive Director Gardner noted that Marci Loss, ABAG's Office Manager, who was instrumental in ABAG becoming certified, will be retiring after 33 years with the agency.

Vice President Jacobs Gibson congratulated the recognized public agencies and thanked Ms. Scandone for her presentation.

8. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR 2006

Vice President Jacobs Gibson recognized Gary C. Zimmerman, Senior Economist, San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, who discussed the national and regional economic outlook for 2006. He provided an overview of the national, state and Bay Area economies; reviewed the national output and growth; displayed indicators of economic performance; commented on the national forecasts and Federal Reserve considerations, including the economic risks of oil prices, deficits and housing costs; and spoke about regional job growth.

Campbell Councilmember Daniel Furtado asked about the significance of the budget deficit and individual debt in the country's long-term economic health. Mr. Zimmerman responded that given the demographic trends, budget trends, and spending and revenue, the debt will be a problem down the line.

President David Cortese assumed the chair and thanked Mr. Zimmerman for his report. He also thanked Vice President Jacobs Gibson for chairing the meeting in his absence.

9. REGIONAL "BLUEPRINT" FOCUSING OUR VISION**

President Cortese recognized Janet McBride, Planning Director, who reported on the Focusing Our Vision effort, formerly known as "Blueprint," which builds on the regional smart growth vision developed several years ago. She gave a status report on progress being made in implementing Focusing Our Vision including introductory meetings, outreach, data collection, and plan analysis. These activities will be followed by efforts to establish priority development areas. She acknowledged that ABAG, MTC, and Joint Policy Committee members have served as ambassadors at the various mayors and council meetings to convey the importance of the project and to highlight local issues and concerns. She listed issues raised during the kick-off meetings, reviewed the development vision, and then described program fundamentals, near-term outcomes and long-term objectives. The next step involves outreach to city and county staffs, and to special interest stakeholders at a regional forum to be held in May, and the formation of a Regional Technical Advisory Committee. She noted that a regional conference on the subject is planned for next October, negotiations of priority areas will take place next summer, and the final report and recommendations to the General Assembly is expected in the Fall 2007. Ms. McBride then responded to the issues raised during the outreach meetings.

Supervisor Adams inquired whether outreach is planned for Marin or Sonoma Counties. Ms. McBride responded staff had not been successful so far in getting on agendas for the Mayors and Councilmembers Association meetings, but will

continue to contact jurisdictions to be included in various meetings where this issue can be discussed. Supervisor Adams offered to assist in the effort.

Union City Mayor Mark Green described a meeting being planned consisting of elected officials from the cities of Union City, Newark, and Fremont, and suggested that this would be an ideal meeting to make a presentation on the project.

President Cortese thanked Ms. McBride for her report.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Cortese reported on the activities of the Administrative Committee that held its annual retreat on February 23 and 24. He reported that the committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Board that ABAG develop an awards program recognizing jurisdictions and individuals excelling in Smart Growth principles that ABAG advocates; a report from Santa Rosa Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh and Vice President Jacobs Gibson, who chaired the Awards Committee, will be forthcoming. He also reported that the committee reviewed the progress on the strategic planning effort, discussed and assessed ABAG's regional planning function, agency goals, and ways to market the agency to our members, potential funders, and the public. The Executive Director was directed to continue working with the nine cities added to the Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Initiatives along with the original group of the cities of San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland, to ensure that they are kept informed and included in the regional structure of emergency planning.

Supervisor Gioia inquired about the inclusion of counties in the regional structure for emergency planning.

San Francisco Policy Director Aimee Albertson agreed that there needs to be a collaborative effort among the 10 counties and noted that there is a ten-county Bay Area planning effort to develop a regional disaster plan being drafted with the cooperation of the URS Corporation. A draft is expected to be available in June 2006 and a formal plan by December 2007. There is an advisory committee for the plan made up of emergency services directors for all 10 counties and there are issue-specific working groups made up of experts in fire, police, structural collapse, urban search and rescue, which will also contribute to the plan. This regional disaster planning effort is underway and includes all the counties. Also, she noted that the federal government's directive to put in a specific grant application which included guidelines.

President Cortese responded that the committee discussed the importance of inclusiveness in developing a comprehensive plan. The members discussed the perception that the regional structure and planning is not totally inclusive, ABAG's role in being proactive in reaching out on this issue, funding available to implement any plan, and the need for improved communications. President Cortese and Executive Director Gardner will place this issue on a future agenda.

President Cortese recognized a motion by Vice President Jacobs Gibson and seconded by Supervisor Gioia to accept the Administrative Committee report and to

bring the issue of regional structure for emergency planning back on the agenda for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE (L&GO) REPORT**

President Cortese recognized San Leandro Mayor Shelia Young who reported on the activities of the Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee. Mayor Young reported that the committee discussed the infrastructure bond measure and the committee identified and endorsed the principles from planning legislation and the need for these principles to be included in future bond proposals. She reported on committee legislation recommendations, and noted that State Senator Tom Torlaksen will be invited to speak with the committee at its next meeting about the Great California Delta Trail System legislation. The committee requested Legal Counsel to address eminent domain and redevelopment at the next meeting. The committee will discuss the Federal Telecommunications Act and potential construction defect litigation at its next meeting.

President Cortese recognized a motion by Mayor Young and seconded by Santa Rosa Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh to accept the Legislation and Governmental Committee report. Members discussed positions taken on unfunded mandates legislation, CEQA, local cable franchising, redevelopment referendum. The motion was amended to refer the telecommunications issue to an ad hoc committee for review. The motion passed unanimously.

12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (F&P) REPORT**

President Cortese recognized Union City Mayor Mark Green who reported on the activities of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Mayor Green reported that Mr. Rick Brown, Results Group, met with the committee to discuss and receive feedback and suggestions on the strategic plan process; the committee approved the financial report; and the committee approved the \$11 million bond issuance approved by the Board, earlier.

President Cortese recognized a motion by Mayor Green which was seconded to accept the Finance and Personnel Committee report. The motion passed unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.


Henry L. Gardner, Secretary-Treasurer

** Indicates attachments.

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