

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 305
March 18, 1999 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Vice President Doris Morse at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor Mary King
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Donna Gerber
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Mary Griffin
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Joseph Simitian
Supervisor William Carroll
Supervisor Paul Kelley
Mayor Cathie Brown
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Gwen Regalia
Councilmember Jane Bartke
Councilmember George Stratigos
Mayor Mary Lou Holt
Mayor Doris Morse
Councilmember Don Burnett
Councilmember Stan Kawczynski
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember Nancy Nadel

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Keith Carson
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Amos Brown
Supervisor Michael Yaki
Supervisor Leslie Katz
Supervisor Leland Yee
Supervisor Mark Leno
Supervisor Gavin Newsom
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Mr. Paul Horcher
Ms. Naomi Weinstein
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves
Councilmember John Russo
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.
Councilmember Charlotte Powers
Councilmember Alice Woody
Councilmember Margie Matthews
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini

Jurisdiction

Alameda County
Contra Costa County
Contra Costa County
Marin County
Napa County
San Mateo County
San Mateo County
Santa Clara County
Solano County
Sonoma County
Alameda County Cities
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Marin County Cities
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Solano County Cities
Sonoma County Cities
City of Oakland
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Morse welcomed Supervisor Cynthia Murray, Marin County, Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, Santa Rosa, and Councilmember George Stratigos, Sausalito, who were attending for the first time.

Mayor Cathie Brown, introduced new Livermore Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Eugene Leong, ABAG's Executive Director, spoke about ABAG's comprehensive focus in the areas of social equity, the Bay Area economy, and environmental issues.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 304, January 21, 1999.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Appointments to Committees

Board approved President King's recommendations for the following committee appointments:

Balance Foundation Board of Directors

Vice Mayor Mildred Greenberg, Town of Danville

Housing Methodology Committee

At the request of Mayor Mark Green, Union City, this item was removed from the consent calendar for discussion. The committee list, distributed at the meeting, was moved for approval by Spees/S/Bartke/C/. The final committee membership list is available from Alex Amoroso, ABAG Senior Planner

D. Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to the California Energy Commission

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit a proposal to the California Energy Commission, and if selected, to negotiate a contract to investigate streamlining possibilities for permitting of distributed energy power plants. The contract would not exceed \$80,000, including a local match of \$40,000 in staff charges. The 12-month project would commence in the third quarter of 1999.

E. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit a proposal for \$66,500 to the California OTS to initiate a public safety campaign to improve driving safety and emergency vehicle response times following major earthquakes in the Bay Area. The project is designed to begin the process of building public awareness of the need to change driving patterns following earthquakes and to work with key transportation providers, utilities,

emergency services organizations and others to integrate transportation safety into their on-going earthquake and safety campaigns. Information materials would be developed that could be used by others in their earthquake and travel safety campaigns.

- F. Authorization to Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Contracts with the Cities of Oakland and San Francisco to Convene a Regional Task Force on Dioxin Pollution
Board members authorized the Executive Director or his designee to develop a MOU and contracts with the Cities of Oakland, San Francisco and others for ABAG to provide administrative and technical support for establishing a regional task force on dioxin pollution. The task force would identify sources of dioxin pollution in the region, develop prevention strategies, and make recommendations to reduce/prevent dioxin pollution. The approved MOU project is contingent on the availability of funds and will not exceed \$100,000.
- G. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with the San Francisco Estuary Institute for Technical Assistance with the Regional Monitoring Program
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the San Francisco Estuary Institute for the San Francisco Estuary Project to provide technical support for the Regional Monitoring Program, that implements the Estuary Project's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. The contract begins March 22, 1999 and extends until June 30, 2000 and will not exceed \$60,000.
- H. Authorization is Requested to Forward the Proposed FY 1999-2000 ABAG Budget and Work Program to the General Assembly on April 23, 1999
Board authorized the Executive Director to forward the Proposed FY 1999-2000 ABAG Budget and Work Program to the April 23, 1999 General Assembly for approval at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco.
- I. Authorization is Requested to Approve Additional Participants in ABAG's California Redevelopment Agency Pool (Cal-RAP)
Executive Board approved the additional participants in ABAG's Cal-RAP Program listed on Resolution 5-99, Exhibit A.

It was moved by Spees/S/Griffin/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. RESOLUTION 4-99 SUPPORTING BART'S EFFORTS TO SEISMICALLY RETROFIT THE ELEVATED PORTIONS OF THE SYSTEM

Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake Program Manager, noted that the 100 miles of track which serves over 275,000 passengers daily on the BART system is the most vulnerable portion of our transportation system not yet scheduled for retrofit. Rae James, BART Executive Manager of External Affairs, and Dale Fousal, BART Capital Improvement Program Manager, presented the following five-segment retrofit program that would implement seismic improvements throughout the system:

- ❑ Segment I – Caltrans Local Seismic Retrofit Program (\$185M);
- ❑ Segment II – Lifeline Program (\$170M);
- ❑ Segment III – Additional Critical Aerial Structures and Stations Program (\$125M);
- ❑ Segment IV – Aerial Structures and Aerial, At-Grade and Underground Stations Program (\$185M); and
- ❑ Segment V – All Other BART Facilities Program (\$130M).

To implement this \$795 million program, BART continues to investigate possible funding sources such as Alameda County's Measure B sales tax extension, federal and state grant funds, Caltrans funding of portions over highways, streets and roads, and new general obligation bonds supported by a renewal of existing property tax. ABAG Resolution 4-99 strongly endorsed the efforts of BART to strengthen its system to withstand future earthquakes with minimal damage and to encourage potential funding sources to join in support and funding so the retrofit can proceed quickly. It was moved by Griffin/S/Spees/C/ with Fleming and Kawczynski abstaining.

7. DISCUSSION OF SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PLANS AND REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL AIRPORT PLANNING COMMITTEE (RAPC) REGARDING COMMITTEE'S WORK PLAN

Oakland Councilmember Dick Spees, a member of the Regional Airport Planning Committee, updated the Board on the Regional Airport System Plan (RASP) and how ABAG, MTC and BCDC have divided the responsibilities for each step in the process. John Costas, Deputy Airport Director and Chief of Staff of the San Francisco International Airport displayed the current runway configuration and presented two alternative configurations that could address problems of air traffic delays, noise issues, and the introduction of new large aircraft currently under development. Both alternatives would require up to 1,400 acres of San Francisco Bay to be filled. Costas reported that environmental concerns about filling the Bay were being addressed by exploring the option of restoring thousands of acres of salt-water marshlands. Will Travis, Executive Director of Bay Conservation and Development Commission, established in 1965 to limit new bay fill projects, had a different view and suggested that filling the Bay should be the last option explored. Travis suggested that current expansions at Oakland and San Jose airports and the 2001 international terminal connection to BART could alleviate some of the heavy San Francisco airport traffic. Unused military runway capacity is another option that should be explored before choosing to fill the Bay.

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

Richard Bartke, Chairman of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission gave his annual report on the Commission's activities. The Advisory Commission's jurisdiction follows the coastline, from the Sonoma County border to the City of Woodside and contains many popular national parks, including Point Reyes, Muir Woods, Alcatraz, The Presidio, the Cliff House and Ocean Beach.

9. PUBLIC HEARING: Formation of a Second Special Assessment District for Windemere Ranch Project in Contra Costa County

A public hearing was held. Based on the Finance Committee's recommendation to abandon these proceedings, the public hearing is now closed. It was moved by Gerber/S/Bartke/C that Resolution 6-99 abandoning formation of Windemere Ranch Special Assessment District 1998-1 be approved. Spees voted no, Nadel abstained.

10. LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

A letter from Sean Randolph, President of the Bay Area Economic Forum, was distributed informing the Board that the gasoline pricing study is being dropped because the required funds from the retailer/distributor community would not be forthcoming. In February, the Committee voted to send letters in support of building the east span of the Bay Bridge as quickly as possible.

Bartke urged the Board to approve Resolution 7-99 supporting construction of the new east span of the Bay Bridge without delay. It was moved by Bartke/S/Regalia/C/. Abstained: Spees, Nadel, Rabinowitsh, Simitian and Burnett.

Chair, Jane Bartke, Councilmember, El Cerrito, presented a preliminary list of significant legislation and the position that ABAG has taken on each item (list available from Michelle Fadelli, ABAG). New legislation will be added to this list as the year progresses. Bartke requested Board support of the Committee recommendations. It was moved by Spees/S/Griffin/C. Simitian abstained on SB15 and Burnett voted no on SB315.

11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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 9:38 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer