

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 337
May 20, 2004 ▪ MetroCenter Auditorium
101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:41 p.m. by President Scott Haggerty. Supervisor Federal Glover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representatives and Alternates Present

Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Federal Glover
Supervisor Susan Adams
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Fiona Ma
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis
Mayor Shelia Young
Mayor Mark Green
Councilmember Gwen Regalia
Mayor Maria Alegria
Councilmember Carol Dillon-Knutson
Mr. Mike Farrah
Councilmember Donald Eaton
Councilmember Julia Miller
Councilmember Hedy Chang
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Jean Quan
Vice Mayor Nancy Nadel
Councilmember Dave Cortese
Councilmember Forrest Williams
Mary Warren

Jurisdiction

Alameda County
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Contra Costa County
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Marin County
Napa County
San Francisco County
San Mateo County
Santa Clara County
Solano County
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Sonoma County Cities
City of Oakland
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City of San Jose
City of San Jose
Regional Water Quality Control Board

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker
Supervisor Nate Miley
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Gayle Uilkema
Supervisor Steve Kinsey
Supervisor Bill Dodd
Supervisor Matt Gonzalez
Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval
Supervisor Mark Church
Supervisor Richard Gordon
Supervisor Michael Nevin
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Don Gage
Supervisor Liz Kniss
Supervisor John Silva
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Supervisor Paul Kelley
Councilmember Ruth Atkin
Mayor Janet Lockhart
Councilmember Kris Valstad
Vice Mayor Gregg Manning

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Councilmember Paul Cohen
Mayor Ken Slavens
Mayor Gavin Newsom
Ms. Joyce Newstat
Ms. Aimee Albertson
Vice Mayor Carol Klatt
Councilmember Daniel Quigg
Councilmember Duane Bay
Mayor Jose Esteves
Councilmember Dan Furtado
Mayor James Sperring
Mayor Anthony Intintoli, Jr.
Councilmember Danny Wan
Councilmember Henry Chang, Jr.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Scott Haggerty introduced first time Board attendee Supervisor Federal Glover of Contra Costa County.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Scott Haggerty reported on the General Assembly held at the Oakland Convention Center on April 29th. More than 200 attendees discussed housing and economic prosperity. Presentations were given by local elected officials, industry leaders, and HCD staff, in addition to the two keynote speakers – Dr. Anthony Downs of the Brookings Institution, and Brad Inman, Publisher of Inman News Features. The Agency's Annual Budget and Work Program was approved during the Business Meeting. Most members of the ABAG-MTC Task Force have indicated they will continue to serve as members of the Joint Policy Committee. Supervisor Pete McHugh will be unable to serve, due to his increased duties as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for Santa Clara County. President Haggerty will replace him as a member on the committee. The first meeting is set for June 18th. Interviews for the JPC Regional Planning Program Director are scheduled for Monday, May 24th. Six candidates will be interviewed. A trip is being planned for members of the JPC to meet with officials of San Diego Area Governments (SANDAG) to discuss recent changes to their organizational structure and their comprehensive regional planning process.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Eugene Leong introduced Mary Haro, the new Clerk of the Board, replacing Ellie Cobbs. Leong commented on the Governor's May Revise, and welcomed Chris McKenzie, Executive Director of the League of California Cities, who attended the meeting to elaborate on some of the budget issues. Leong mentioned an upcoming CALFED workshop on June 2 focusing on water issues, which should be of interest, especially to the local water districts. He reported on the POWER Pool, which currently has \$20 million waiting to be given back to 56 local agencies, and observed that the Wind Up agreements need a super majority approval by the members, which should be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Leong reported on a recent ABAG PLAN Board meeting, at which the membership voted to accept one more jurisdiction, bringing the count to 32 cities.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

The Board approved the Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 336 held on March 18, 2004.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Appointments to Committees

The Board approved the following appointments:

- CALFED Task Force
John A. Burgh, Contra Costa County Water District
- Regional Planning Committee
Janet Kurvers, Councilmember, Cotati, Sonoma County Cities
- Joint Policy Committee
President Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Immediate Past President Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, Walnut Creek
Vice President Dave Cortese, Councilmember, San Jose
Jane Brunner, Councilmember, Oakland
Mark Green, Mayor, Union City
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, San Mateo County
Steve Rabinowitsh, Councilmember, Santa Rosa
- Finance and Personnel Committee
Jim Spering, Mayor, Suisun City

D. Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

The Board authorized the Executive Director to submit a Toll Bridge Reserve funding application to the MTC and, if awarded, to enter into an agreement with MTC in the amount of \$140,000 for administration of the San Francisco Bay Trail Project. ABAG would provide up to \$60,000 in matching funds. ABAG has received grant funding from MTC each of the past several years.

E. Authorization to Renew Database Administration (DBA) Contract with V-Soft

The Board authorized the Executive Director to extend the Database Administration contract with V-Soft for an additional 12 months through May 2005.

F. Authorization to Extend Agreement with Michael Arnold, Legislative Representative

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to extend the agreement between ABAG and Michael J. Arnold, as ABAG's State Legislative Representative in Sacramento, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 through June 30, 2005.

G. Resolution 04-04 Authorizing ABAG to Enter Into Contract with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

Approval of Resolution 04-04 was granted authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract for ABAG to implement the grant funded *Making IPM Mainstream: Tools and Market-Based Incentives to Improve Urban Water Quality*. The SWRCB awarded the grant of \$785,000 to ABAG in November 2003.

H. Authorization of Resolution No. 05-04 Regarding Enhanced Credit Pool Financing (ABAG 45)

The Board approved Resolution No. 05-04 authorizing the issuance of up to \$28,000,000 in "AAA" insured Marks Roos Lease Revenue Bonds on behalf of the jurisdictions listed in the Resolution.

I. Authorization to Amend a Cooperative Agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The Board authorized the amendment of a cooperative agreement with EPA for continued implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. The grant will be extended until December 31, 2005 and the amount increased from \$820,000 to \$1,230,000. ABAG will provide a match of in-kind services in the amount of \$18,000.

J. Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to US Environmental Protection Agency for Bay Area Wetland Project Tracker

The Board authorized submittal of a proposal and, if accepted, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with EPA for the Wetland Tracker, a web-based information system about Bay Area wetlands. The agreement will not exceed \$165,000 and the project period is September 2004 – August 2005. ABAG will provide a \$5,000 in-kind service match.

K. Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to US Environmental Protection Agency for Monitoring and Assessment of Wetlands in the San Francisco Estuary

The Board granted authorization to submit a proposal and, if accepted for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with EPA for the Wetlands Monitoring Program, an ongoing phased project. The agreement will not exceed \$220,000 and the project period is October 2004 – June 2006. ABAG will provide a \$15,000 in-kind service match.

L. Approval of Resolution No. 06-04 for Authorization to Enter into a Contract with the California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA) to Provide Support for the CALFED Science Program

Resolution No. 06-04 was approved by the Board authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with CBDA to provide technical, communication and administrative support for the CALFED Science Program. The total amount of the contract will not exceed \$12,000,000 and the term of the contract will be three years, from June 2005 through May 2008.

M. Resolution No. 07-04 for Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

The Board approved Resolution No. 07-04 authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the SWRCB for ABAG/San Francisco Estuary Project to implement a grant for wetland design and management options for control of mercury in San Francisco Bay. The SWRCB awarded the grant in March 2004 in the amount of \$1,360,000 for a 3-year period 2004-2007.

N. Approval of Assistance to the Bay Area Economic Forum (BAEF)

Upon the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee, authorization was approved to make a financial contribution of \$70,000 to the Bay Area Economic Forum.

Approval of the consent calendar was moved by Williams/S/Cortese/C/.

7. STATE BUDGET UPDATE & MAY REVISE

Chris McKenzie, Executive Director, League of California Cities, briefed the Board on state budget issues and their impact on local government. McKenzie's comments covered VLF Reduction and Repayment, Property Tax Reductions and Backfill, Mandate Reimbursements and Automatic Repeal of Mandates, Return of Sales Tax, and status of the LOCAL initiative, which remains on the November 2004 ballot. McKenzie expressed his gratitude for the ABAG's support of League of California Cities' efforts.

8. SMART GROWTH IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Principal Planner Alex Amoroso provided a brief update on activities supporting Smart Growth implementation. He discussed the East 14th Street and San Pablo Corridor work; Risks to Smart Growth (a report is due out in July); an on-going Transit Oriented Development Study; a CalTrans project research grant; MTC T-PLUS Programming; and housing inventory information.

9. PROJECTIONS 2005 ASSUMPTIONS AND MONITORING

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, briefed the Board on the assumptions for the 2005 Projections and discussed monitoring procedures. The Board also heard concerns on this issue from Marge Stanzone of the Oakland Planning Department. The Board raised questions regarding the specific use of these projections, which were discussed and clarified. A motion to approve was made by Jacobs Gibson/S/Councilmember Miller/C/. The Board approved the action with two objections: Adams (No); Quan (Abstain).

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

L&GO Chair Rose Jacobs Gibson reported on Committee activities. For information on the L&GO Committee, contact Patricia Jones at 510-464-7933 or PatJ@abag.ca.gov or Kathleen Cha at 510-464-7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov. The Board discussed several items on the Committee's list. It was moved by Supervisor Jacobs Gibson/S/Councilmember Miller/C/ to accept the Committee's report. A vote

to accept the recommended position of "Oppose Unless Amended" on SB 849 carried with five objections: Steele, Haggerty, Dillon-Knutson, Adams and Quan.

11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Julia Miller reported on the actions of the F&P Committee, which included approval of the financial reports for March and April 2004. Miller reported that the Committee authorized travel costs for Marcus Beverly, Risk Manager, to attend a conference in Florida in June. Two items recommended by the Committee to the Executive Board were approved in the Consent Calendar.

Closed Session: The Executive Board considered comments and recommendations of the Finance and Personnel Committee on the Executive Director's Annual Performance Review.

12. ADJOURNMENT



Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer