

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 300
Thursday, May 21, 1998, 7:30 p.m.
METROCENTER AUDITORIUM
101-8th St (at Oak St.)
Oakland, CA

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action: Unless there is a request by a Board member to take up an item on the consent calendar separately, the calendar will be acted upon in one motion.

A. Approval Of Executive Board Summary Minutes**

No. 299, March 19, 1998

B. Grant Applications**

With Board consent, ABAG will transmit the attached list of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse. These applications were circulated in ABAG's "Intergovernmental Review Newsletter" since the last Executive Board meeting.

C. Authorization to Assign the Natural Gas Program to ABAG POWER**

In 1996, the ABAG Executive Board authorized the formation of a program for the pooled purchase of natural gas and related services on behalf of participating and cooperating members (Power Purchasing Program) overseen by the Power Purchasing Pool Committee. In 1997, the ABAG Executive Board authorized the formation of a power program for the pooled purchase of electricity and related services on behalf of participating members and cooperating members of ABAG through a new joint powers agency (ABAG POWER). Adoption of Resolution 7-98 will consolidate the natural gas and electricity programs under ABAG POWER with ABAG as the executory member.

D. Delegate Authority to MTC to Conduct Public Hearing on Amendments to Bay Area Transportation Conformity Procedures**

On August 15, 1997, EPA published amendments to the Federal Transportation Conformity Regulation, which governs transportation and air quality plan consistency. ABAG, BAAQMD and MTC must approve these amendments by August 15, 1998, so that they may become part of the State Implementation Plan for the region. The Board

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is requested to approve Resolution 3-98 delegating authority to MTC to conduct the public hearing on the amendments.

E. Special Assessment Bond Round-UP (SABR) Program**

The Finance and Personnel Committee is expected to recommend Executive Board approval of Resolution No. 4-98 authorizing a Marks-Roos bond issue to fund a refinancing of Series A-E of the Agency's first SABR pool bonds, originally issued in December 1993. Under the SABR program, ABAG issues Marks-Roos bonds to acquire Special Assessment Bonds issued by various local jurisdictions.

F. Authorization to Amend Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The Board authorized an amendment to a cooperative agreement with EPA in March that resulted in a grant to ABAG in the amount of \$246,500 to provide public involvement, technical and administrative support for the San Francisco Estuary Project. The Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director or designee to amend the cooperative agreement by increasing the budget by \$155,000 to determine the impacts of air deposition on water quality (\$80,000) and the development of a regional wetlands management plan (\$75,000). The term of the agreement will not change, it begins July 1, 1998 and extends until December 31, 1999. ABAG will provide matching funds in the amount of \$8,158.

G. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

With Board approval, ABAG would ask Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to request the FAA amend an existing grant between MTC and the FAA, for \$72,000 in additional funds. This amendment would allow ABAG to use approximately \$72,000 of residual FAA funds for an airport system planning study to determine the use of and access to the Bay Area's airports following future earthquakes. ABAG would supply the required ten percent local match, making approximately \$79,200 total available for this project. ABAG would subcontract approximately \$25,000 to William Lettis and Associates for a geotechnical assessment of the runways at the three commercial airports. The project would be completed in one year.

6. TRENDS AND CHALLENGES: FOLLOW-UP ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY SURVEY**

Action: Over 280 people attended ABAG's Spring General Assembly, which focused on how to accommodate and manage future growth. Attendees were introduced to ABAG's recent report, *Trends and Challenges: Facing the Future of the San Francisco Bay Area*, and asked to complete a survey ranking strategies presented in the report. Gary Binger, ABAG's Planning Director, will present the results of the survey and ask for Board approval for course of future action.

7. REGIONAL AGENCY COLLABORATION ON PROMOTING INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Action: As part of their support for the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development, the leaders of five regional agencies have agreed to collaborate on an effort aimed at promoting compact infill development. The effort would identify how, and under what circumstances, these agencies could use their planning, regulatory and funding authority

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to maximize infill development near hubs of transit access, especially on brownfield sites, carried out in ways that protect water quality and other environmental values. The Regional Planning Committee has agreed to serve as the project's coordinating body. Gary Binger, ABAG Planning Director, will provide background information and ask for the Board's endorsement of this effort.

8. EL NINO: LESSONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Information: Due to the predicted effects of El Nino, Bay Area residents experienced stream channel and coastal flooding, hillside landsliding, increased hillside erosion, and coastal landsliding and erosion. Hundreds of homes were destroyed or made uninhabitable and dozen of roads and highways were closed. Richard Eisner, Regional Administrator, for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, will update the Executive Board on El Nino's important lessons for local governments.

9. ELECTIONS: NEW USES OF THE INTERNET IN CAMPAIGNS

Information: The Internet has become an important communication tool in this year's elections. Candidates, ballot measures, proponents and opponents and other voter educators are increasingly using websites to relay information to voters seeking assistance. Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, and Michelle Fadelli, ABAG's Manager of Communications and Governmental Affairs, will demonstrate the new uses of the Internet for both campaigns and general voter education.

10. PROPOSITION 227: ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Information: In June, state voters will consider Proposition 227, which requires all public school instruction be conducted in English. More specifically, the measures requires schools to teach students with limited English proficiency in special classes that are taught nearly all in English and shortens the time these students would be allowed to stay in these classes before being mainstreamed to regular classes. Speakers both in favor and in opposition to this Proposition will address the Executive Board.

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

Action: Jane Bartke, L&GO Chair, will report on Committee activities, request Board approval of committee recommendations on pending legislation and the following propositions: Prop 219 – no position, Prop 220 – support, Prop 221 – no position, Prop 222 – support, Prop 223, Prop 224, Prop 225, Prop 226 and Prop 227 – all oppose. (Report will be distributed at the meeting.)

Information/Action: At the March Executive Board meeting, the Board heard testimony from the public on the high price of gasoline in the Bay Area and directed staff to investigate the issue and to ask both the Bay Area Economic Forum and the Federal Trade Commission to do likewise. An update will be provided.

12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Special Assessment Bond Round-Up (SABR) Program: Windemere Ranch Financing**

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Action: Consideration of Finance and Personnel Committee recommendation to Executive Board concerning a Resolution of Intention to Make Acquisitions and Improvements which would begin the process of formation of a new Special Assessment District under Section 10003 of the Municipal Improvement Act of 1913. This action is related to a proposal

received by ABAG to later issue tax-exempt securities through formation of the second Special Assessment District for the Windemere Ranch Development in southern Contra Costa County. Resolution No. 5-98 begins the assessment process on behalf of the County and other jurisdictions described in the staff report. Resolution No. 6-98 approves the preliminary form of the new Special Assessment District Engineer's Report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer

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