

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Morse introduced Linda Perry, Project Manager of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Partnership Project (TIP), who presented a model resolution calling for the collaborative development and rapid deployment of advanced telecommunications infrastructure. Ms. Perry urged each jurisdiction to endorse this resolution and notify TIP of their plans for implementation

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morse welcomed Naomi Weinstein and Brajah Norris, representing the City of San Francisco, who were attending their first meeting. Vice President Morse introduced Sean Randolph, the new President of the Bay Area Economic Forum. Mr. Randolph spoke briefly of his background with the California Trade and Commerce Agency and his work with international business and economic issues.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the written material in the packet, Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, reported that ABAG has convened the Inter-Regional Partnership meetings with representatives from Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Santa Clara and Stanislaus counties to explore growth management issues in the greater Bay Area. Board members participating on this effort include Supervisors Haggerty and DeSaulnier.

In highlighting ABAG Service Programs, Leong noted that at ABAG PLAN Corporation's recent annual meeting the Board of Directors approved distributing \$1.34 million in excess equity back to its members. On April 1, California's fully deregulated electric market allowed ABAG POWER to begin purchasing electricity for 64 public agencies – information on the level of savings to pool members should be available in several months. ABAG's Finance Authority for Nonprofit Corporations (FAN), is assisting in achieving our regional planning's multifamily housing goals by financing projects in Fremont, Rocklin and Roseville. FAN has also formed a pool of water and wastewater revenue bonds for special districts in Marin, San Mateo and other jurisdictions.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 299, March 19, 1998.

B. Grant Applications

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

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

The Board approved Resolution 7-98 authorizing consolidation of 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

The Board approved Resolution 3-98 which delegates authority to MTC to conduct a public hearing on the amendments to the Federal Transportation Conformity Regulation, which

governs transportation and air quality plan consistency, so the amendments can become part of the State Implementation Plan for the region. .

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

Board approved Resolution 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. These bonds are used by ABAG 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 the Executive Director or his designee to amend the cooperative agreement with the EPA 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 remains July 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. ABAG would provide matching funds in the amount of \$8,158.

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

The Board authorized ABAG to 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 in 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 \$79,200 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.

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

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

ABAG's new *Trends and Challenges: Facing the Future of the San Francisco Bay Area*, which was presented at ABAG's Spring General Assembly on April 17, was followed by a survey of 63 strategies aimed at assuring that future Bay Area residents share equitably in the benefits of a healthy environment and strong economy. Gary Binger, ABAG's Planning Director, reported that over 100 attendees completed the survey and gave majority support for all policies recommended. The top ten strategies selected by ABAG members are:

- make dense neighborhoods desirable through good design;
- boost grade school academic achievement and per-pupil spending;
- strengthen existing partnerships between business, school districts and community colleges;
- advocate for statewide fiscal reform;
- increase cooperation with adjoining regions to address common problems;
- educate the public about the real impacts of new affordable housing;
- promote techniques that encourage more parental involvement in schools;
- advocate for statewide legislation that would replace the two-thirds voting requirement for taxes and bonds;
- encourage the development of "walkable" communities; and
- replicate innovative local programs.

Binger recommended that ABAG work with the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development and the Urban Land Institute to address these challenges. He also noted that one of the top strategies – educate the public about the real impacts of new affordable housing developments and the potential benefits of higher density housing and mixed-use developments – is an appropriate project for ABAG. To address this challenge, Binger requested support for presentations to be aired on public access television and also a video production about transit-centered developments and a comprehensive video on both affordable housing and the supply of housing. It was moved by Berto/S/Haggerty/C/ that ABAG would move forward with these projects.

7. REGIONAL AGENCY COLLABORATION ON PROMOTING INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Gary Binger, ABAG Planning Director, reported on the first ever meeting of the five “regional planning agencies” to further development and promotion of infill developments. Over the next six months, these five agencies will work with the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development to foster compact development in the Bay Area around transit centers and particularly in impoverished neighborhoods. ABAG’s Regional Planning Committee has agreed to be the steering committee for this effort. Support for this plan was moved by Griffin/S/Berto/C/.

8. EL NINO: LESSONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Richard Eisner, Regional Administrator, for the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, updated the Board on the effectiveness of preparation for local disasters. A very sophisticated emergency management system is in place at the local government and state level. Prior to the major floods of 1998 the emergency system was streamlined to make it interface effectively and efficiently at both levels. In 1998, for the first time in California’s history, all 58 counties were declared disaster areas. The limitations of the dam system were realized – 75 percent water supply and 25 percent flood control. Conflicts between water users and flood managers consistently cause problems. The levee system is antiquated and inadequate to prevent the natural flooding process. Urban development behind levees has increased the problems and subsequent losses when flooding occurs. Three years of heavy rainfall has caused deep-seated landslides and these landslides will continue to occur. The infrastructure is inadequate and maintenance of local streambeds, sewer systems, dam and levee systems needs to be done on a regular basis. The California Department of Social Services and the American Red Cross continue to hold workshops with local government officials for training in mass evacuation to deal with displaced citizens or entire towns.

9. ELECTIONS: NEW USES OF THE INTERNET IN CAMPAIGNS

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director and Michelle Fadelli, ABAG Communications Manager, demonstrated how effective the Internet has become as a communication tool for candidates, ballot measures, and general voter education. Websites for candidates at the federal and state level are commonplace and will be seen more and more at the local level. It was pointed out that contributions are now accepted online.

10. PROPOSITION 227: ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Two speakers were invited to inform the Board about Proposition 227, which requires public 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. Due to unfortunate circumstances, Linh Dao, who was to speak in favor of this initiative, was unable to attend the meeting. Miriam Casimir, a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley and representing Education For All, spoke against Proposition 227.

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

Chair Jane Bartke, City of El Cerrito, reported on the activities of the L&GO Committee.

- Bank of America Merger - It was moved by Moore/S/Griffin/C/ (Green, abstained) that this item be added to the agenda because of the short time period allowed for action.

A four-part motion requesting 1) the Federal Reserve Board hold regional hearings on the impact of the merger in the Bay Area; 2) encourage ABAG members to cooperate and advocate individual and regional concerns about the merger (within the next 28 days); 3) convene a special meeting to solicit testimony within the allotted 30-day period; and 4) ask the Bay Area Economic Forum how they would like to participate on this issue was moved by Bartke/S/Moore/C/ (Green, abstained).

- Board approved committee recommendations on 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. It was moved by Bartke/S/Spees/C (Kawczynski abstained based on Propositions 225, 226 and 227).

- L&GO Committee recommended the following legislative positions:

Legislation	Position	Description
AB 438 Torlakson	support in concept	regional housing needs
AB 1614 Lempert	oppose	internet taxes
AB 1776 McClintock	oppose	vehicle license fees
AB 2038 Migden	support	bay bridge bike/pedestrian funding
AB 2228 Davis	support	local government regulation of petroleum sales
AB 2619 Cardenas	support	allocation of state lottery funds
ACA 26 Torlakson	support	passage of the state budget
HR 58 Sweeney	support	investigation of high gas prices
SB 6 Alpert	vetoed	bilingual education
SB 147 Kopp	signed into law	local government borrowing
SB 1723 Haynes	oppose	vehicle license fees
SB 1998 Hurtt	oppose	vehicle license fees; sales and use taxes; alcohol taxes
SB 2001 Hurtt	oppose	vehicle license fees

Bartke noted that letters would be sent to state legislators indicating that ABAG, as a body, is opposed to the deletion of vehicle license fees. It was moved by Bartke/S/Kawczynski/C/ that the Board approve both the positions recommended and the letter to legislators.

Bartke announced a special meeting of the L&GO committee on June 18 at 3:00 p.m. for a working session on the gasoline pricing issue. Board members are urged to attend this meeting.

12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Special Assessment Bond Round-Up (SABR) Program: Windemere Ranch Financing Chair, Dave Berto, City of Santa Rosa, reported Finance and Personnel's recommendation of approval for this project, including Resolution No. 5-98 which begins the assessment process on behalf of Contra Costa County and other jurisdictions described in the staff report and Resolution No. 6-98 approving the preliminary form of the new Special Assessment District Engineer's Report. It was moved by Berto/S/Griffin/C/. No votes were recorded from Spees, Rippey, Holt, Fleming and Steele, with Moore abstaining.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer