

SUMMARY MINUTES

Joint Meeting - ABAG Members & MTC Commissioners
July 10, 2002 • MetroCenter – Room 171

ABAG MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Irma Anderson, City of Richmond
Mayor Mark Green, City of Union City
Councilmember Millie Greenberg, Town of Danville
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Vice Mayor Julia Miller, City of Sunnyvale
Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Councilmember Richard Spees, City of Oakland
Councilmember Pamela Torliatt, City of Petaluma

MTC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Jim Beall, County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Sharon Brown, City of San Pablo
Ms. Dorene Giacomini, Dept. of Transportation
Supervisor Steve Kinsey, County of Marin
Supervisor Mike Nevin, County of San Mateo
Mr. Jon Rubin, City of San Francisco
Mayor James Spering, City of Suisun City

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting convened at 12:00 noon. Facilitator Nick Bollman, California Center for Regional Leadership, asked each person to introduce him/herself. Bollman thanked participants for faithfully attending the joint meetings and the high quality of the discussions.

2. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FROM SENATOR TORLAKSON

Robert Oakes, Communications Director for Senator Torlakson, also thanked everyone for attending and expressed the Senator's regrets for being unable to attend due to budget meetings in Sacramento. Bollman distributed a summary of the previous meetings that included agreement (and non agreement) on the following points:

- additions to the "statement of the problem" contained in Senator Torlakson's memo of July 3;
- agreement to codify the Smart Growth Strategy/Regional Livability Footprint Project as proposed by MTC at the June 26 meeting;
- closer coordination and collaboration across planning systems accompanied by implementation actions consistent with that coordination, would produce better land use outcomes for the Bay Area;
- what amount of time and where will the resources come from to accomplish such a plan;
- comprehensive regional plan could not be achieved without the authority of regional or existing agencies to implement the plan, including regulatory, spending and fiscal policies along with consistency between regionally significant local land use decisions and a regional plan;
- most difficult issue between the two agencies, as well as related regional agencies, would be the institutional arrangements needed to provide the formal structure for better coordination in planning and implementation; and
- establish deadlines for reporting results back to the Legislature on 1) framework for developing a comprehensive regional plan, 2) the completion of that plan, 3) recommendations on the most effective form of regional governance, and 4) the effective date for a new institutional framework.

A lively discussion ensued with opinions expressed both pro and con on the above points. Comments of several participants indicated differing opinions relative to the need to undertake a merger of the two bodies, the benefit of combining ABAG's comprehensive land use planning activities with MTC's transportation planning function, and the potential success of developing a comprehensive regional plan.

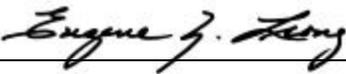
Oakes will report the results of the three-meeting dialogue back to Senator Torlakson who will provide an amended version of SB1243 to each agency's governing body. ABAG (July 18) and MTC (July 24) will review the proposed legislation and take a position and/or offer additional recommendations; to be followed by Senator Torlakson producing author's amendments for the meeting of the Assembly Local Government Committee currently scheduled for August 7.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by public attendees Ken Bukowski, Irvin Dawid, Yvonne Koshland, David Schonbrunn, Nancy Jewel Cross and Carole Dillon-Knutson.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.



Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer