

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 338
July 15, 2004 ▪ MetroCenter Auditorium
101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Scott Haggerty. Mayor Mark Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representatives and Alternates Present

Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor John Gioia
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
Mayor Todd Carlson
Ms. Amiee Albertson
Councilmember Duane Bay
Councilmember Julia Miller
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Jean Quan
Councilmember Forrest Williams
Mary Warren

Jurisdiction

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

Following Representatives Absent

Supervisor Matt Gonzalez
Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval
Supervisor Mark Church
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mr. Mike Farrah
Councilmember Don Eaton
Mayor Jose Esteves
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Councilmember David Cortese
Councilmember Linda LeZotte

City and County of San Francisco
City and County of San Francisco
County of San Mateo
County of Santa Clara
County of Sonoma
City and County of San Francisco
San Mateo County Cities
Santa Clara County Cities
City of Oakland
City of San Jose
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Scott Haggerty introduced first time Board attendee Mayor Todd Carlson of Yountville, Alternate to Councilmember Ken Slavens, representing Napa County Cities. Mayor Shelia Young informed the Board of the passing of Dave McDonald, formerly with Waste Management.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Scott Haggerty reported on the ABAG-MTC Joint Policy Committee meeting held last month, and the appointment of Ted Droettboom as the new Regional Planning Program Director. Haggerty also recognized Janet McBride as the new ABAG Planning Director. San Mateo County, represented by Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, and Contra Costa County, represented by Supervisors John Gioia and Mark DeSaulnier, were presented with replica checks symbolizing the savings from their participation in the ABAG POWER Electric Aggregation program in 2000-2001. While a number of other cities and counties also received similar checks in recent weeks, these two jurisdictions received the largest checks – over \$3.5 million and \$2.9 million respectively. Also during the meeting, Haggerty surveyed the members for interest in attending a weekday retreat to discuss several issues, including the process of evaluating the Executive Director and the Legal Counsel. Further information on this meeting would be forthcoming.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Eugene Leong reported on his attendance at the recent National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) conference in Chicago. A summary of one particular presentation discussing effective innovation for regional advantage was made available to the Board. Leong also announced his plans for retirement in early 2005. Following the Executive Director's retirement announcement, he indicated that, with the Board's approval, the Administrative Committee would meet in August to discuss the process for recruiting a successor.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

The Board approved the Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 337 held on May 20, 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

- Richard Gordon, Supervisor, San Mateo County

D. Authorization to Purchase Two Toyota Prius Hybrid Sedans for Agency Vehicle Fleet

The Board granted authorization to purchase two Toyota Prius Hybrid Sedans at a cost not to exceed \$48,000. These clean air vehicles will replace two of ABAG's older, high mileage fleet vehicles. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has reserved \$4,000 in Vehicle Incentive Program Vouchers for ABAG upon delivery of the clean air vehicles.

E. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Establishing Cooperative Process for Regional Airport Planning In Nine-County San Francisco Bay Area

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed at the request of a member of the public. In the absence of RAPC Chair Jim Spering, Councilmember Julia Miller read a statement supporting the revised agreement. The Board heard Public Comment from Mr. Harold Beckman, a local attorney who expressed concern that the MOU was broader than historical concern with overseeing preparation of the aviation component of the regional transportation plans. It was moved by Gioia/S/Adams/C/ to continue the matter to the September 16 Executive Board meeting, at which time a staff report will be presented on the subject.

F. Authorization to Enter Into Professional Services Agreement with Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Work Related to Bay Area Transit Oriented Development Study

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for planning work related to the Bay Area Transit Oriented Development Study, for which MTC has received funding from the State Department of Transportation. The contract amount is \$68,000 and no matching funds are required. The work will be performed by ABAG staff.

G. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

Authorization was granted by the Board to amend a contract with the SWRCB for ABAG/San Francisco Estuary Project to provide outreach, education and stakeholder involvement in the Total Maximum Daily Load process. The amendment increases the total amount from \$100,000 to \$325,000 and extends the agreement to June 15, 2007. No ABAG match is required.

H. Request for Authorization to Enter into Agreement with California Coastal Conservancy

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into an agreement with the Coastal Conservancy for ABAG/San Francisco Estuary Project to provide public outreach and education support for the Invasive *Spartina* Project. The agreement will not exceed \$50,000 and the period of performance is July 1, 2004 until June 30, 2005. No ABAG match is required.

I. Authorization to Purchase Computer Hardware and Software

The Board approved the purchase of necessary hardware and software components to implement a disaster recovery plan for ABAG as recommended by the Agency's independent auditor, Maze & Associates. The total cost of this purchase will not exceed \$90,000.

J. Authorization to act as Applicant and Fiscal Agent on behalf of the San Pablo Avenue Working Group, for an MTC TLC Grant

Authorization was granted for ABAG staff to pursue a \$75,000 Transportation and Livable Communities (TLC) grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on behalf of the San Pablo Avenue working group convened by Assembly Member Loni Hancock. ABAG will act as grant applicant as well as fiscal agent for any funds received by the group.

Approval of the consent calendar was moved by Alegría/S/Jacobs Gibson/C/.

7. STATE BUDGET AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

With most State representatives still in Sacramento working on the budget, no speakers were present. Instead, Executive Director Leong distributed a handout on Local Government Revenue Protection Options. Open discussion on this topic included the consensus that an approved state budget was not likely before the end of July.

8. THE FUTURE OF BAY AREA JOBS: THE IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION, OUTSOURCING AND OTHER KEY TRENDS

Dr. Sean Randolph, President and CEO of the Bay Area Economic Forum, provided the Board with an overview of a recent report produced by The Bay Area Economic Forum in cooperation with Joint Venture Silicon Valley and Stanford University. The report outlines the future of Bay Area jobs, and the impact of globalization and outsourcing on the Bay Area economy. The presentation delineated trends, current practices, weaknesses, and the outlook for the future. Copies of the report will be sent to all Board members in the next few weeks.

9. UPDATE ON THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WETLANDS RESTORATION PROGRAM AND WEST NILE VIRUS IN CALIFORNIA

ABAG Estuary Program Staff member John Brosnan presented an informational update on the Wetlands Restoration Program, which seeks to implement the broad recommendations of the San Francisco Estuary Project's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) and the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals as it supports and facilitates the recovery of the wetlands and streams in the San Francisco Bay Area. Dr. Malamud-Roam, who was to have given an update on the West Nile Virus, was unable to do so due to illness. Brosnan passed on a "bottom line" message from Dr. Malamud-Roam, warning of the very real concern over the West Nile Virus. There have not yet been any deaths in California attributed to this virus, but people are getting sick, and will continue to do so. Dr. Malamud-Roam will be invited for a full presentation at the September meeting.

10. MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Principal Planner, reported on ABAG's activities related to a multi-jurisdictional plan to assist cities, counties and special districts in preparing local hazard mitigation plans to meet the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirement. This work is the result of a FEMA grant to the Agency.

- 11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE (L&GO) REPORT**
L&GO Chair Rose Jacobs Gibson reported on Committee activities. It was moved by Supervisor Kondylis/S/Councilmember Jacobs Gibson/C/ to accept the Committee's report. In summary, the Committee voted to continue opposing SB 849 unless amended, and approved the establishment of a subcommittee to address actions and amendments proposed regarding this bill as they occur during the weeks between now and the next Committee and Board meetings. The subcommittee will include President Haggerty, Supervisor Jacobs Gibson, Councilmember Alegría, and Councilmember Regalia. For details on other bills considered, please reference the L&GO Minutes on the ABAG website at www.abag.ca.gov. 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.
- 12. 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 May and June 2004. Miller reported that the Committee authorized travel costs for Executive Director Eugene Leong to attend the annual Metropolitan Regional Forum in September. Two items recommended by the Committee to the Executive Board were approved in the Consent Calendar. The Committee also discussed the Annual Performance Evaluation Process for the Legal Counsel and the Executive Director. It was moved by Supervisor Kondylis/S/Supervisor McHugh/C/ to accept the Committee's report.
- 13. Closed Session:** The Executive Board considered comments and recommendations of the Finance and Personnel Committee on the Legal Counsel's Annual Performance Review.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer