

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 301
July 16, 1998 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Mary King at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor Mary King
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Donna Gerber
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Michael Yaki
Supervisor Mary Griffin
Supervisor William Carroll
Supervisor James Harberson
Mayor Cathie Brown
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia
Mayor Jane Bartke
Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Mary Lou Holt
Ms. Naomi Weinstein
Mr. Paul Horcher
Mayor Pro Tem Doris Morse
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Councilmember Julia Miller
Councilmember Stan Kawczynski
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember David Berto
Councilmember John Russo
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember Charlotte Powers

Following Representatives and Alternates absent

Supervisor Amos Brown
Supervisor Leslie Katz
Supervisor Leland Yee
Supervisor Richard Gordon
Supervisor Ruben Barrales
Supervisor Michael Nevin
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Joseph Simitian
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.
Councilmember Alice Woody
Vice Mayor Margie Fernandes
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini
Mr. Richard Balocco

Jurisdiction

Alameda County
Alameda County
Contra Costa County
Contra Costa County
Napa County
San Francisco County
San Mateo County
Solano County
Sonoma County
Alameda County Cities
Alameda County Cities
Contra Costa County Cities
Contra Costa County Cities
Marin County Cities
Napa County Cities
City of San Francisco
City of San Francisco
San Mateo County Cities
San Mateo County Cities
Santa Clara County Cities
Santa Clara County Cities
Solano County Cities
Sonoma County Cities
City of Oakland
City of Oakland
City of San Jose

San Francisco County
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City of Oakland
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Reg. Water Quality Control Board

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers addressing the negotiation process between SEIU Local 790 and the Association of Bay Area Governments included Larry Hendel, SEIU, Michelle Fadelli, ABAG, Patricia Perry, ABAG, and Carrie Cianchetti, SEIU.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President King welcomed new board members Supervisor Donna Gerber, Contra Costa County, Councilmember Julia Miller, Sunnyvale and returning board member Mayor Cathie Brown, Livermore.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, reported that the San Francisco Bay Area has been redesignated to nonattainment for ozone. A letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was included in the packet. Leong highlighted ABAG PLAN excess equity savings returned to members of \$1.34 million and status of ongoing negotiations between SEIU Local 790 and ABAG.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 300, May 21, 1998.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

The Board authorized a grant proposal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and if approved, to enter into an agreement with MTC for planning and implementation of the San Francisco Bay Trail for \$160,000. The grant fund source would be Bridge Toll Revenues–Five Percent Reserve Funds. ABAG would provide \$70,000 in matching funds and in-kind services.

D. Authorization to Approve Bay Area Transportation Conformity Procedures

The Board approved Resolution 10-98 approving amendments to the State Implementation Plan for the region and authorizing Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to submit the Plan to the Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and that MTC staff may make minor adjustments to the Plan in response to ARB and EPA requirements.

E. Expansion of Regional Airport Planning Committee

Board authorized an invitation to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission to join ABAG and MTC as a signatory agency to the Regional Airport Planning Committee. Proposed amendments to the MOA would be presented to the Executive Board for approval.

F. Appointments to ABAG Committees

The Board approved the following appointment recommendations from President King:

Regional Airport Planning Committee

Tom Vargas, City of Livermore

Fred Harris, City of Rio Vista, alternate to Steve Lessler

Regional Planning Committee

Sean Randolph, Bay Area Economic Forum
Carl Anthony, Urban Habitat
Gerald Green, City & County of San Francisco

G. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Board approved a proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protections Agency, and if awarded, the Executive Director or designee, would enter into an agreement with the California Air Resources Board to conduct a multi-media training program for environmental inspectors. The amount would not exceed \$300,000.

H. Special Assessment Bond Round-Up (SABR) Program

The Executive Board authorized Resolution 8-98, for sale of Local Agency Bonds and defeasance of Series F-G of the Agency's first SABR pool bonds, originally issued in December 1993 for the City of Fremont.

I. California Redevelopment Agency Pool (Cal-RAP) Program

Board approved Resolution 9-98 authorizing participation in ABAG's California Redevelopment Agency Pool Program by Contra Costa County, City of Maywood, City of Covina and City of Shafter. In this established program, ABAG issues multiple series revenue bonds to fund pooled capital financing and refinancing projects of authorized California Redevelopment and Community Development Agencies.

It was moved by Haggerty/S/Carroll/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. REPORT ON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS' (NARC) ANNUAL MEETING

Vice President Doris Morse, Councilmember, Millbrae, shared her impressions from the recent annual meeting in Tulsa and the need for NARC to 1) advocate national and state legislative and administrative initiatives that strengthen regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); 2) develop the capacity of regional councils to address the toughest regional challenges; 3) facilitate regional council leadership of the regional movement through annual regional summits; and 4) empower the NARC agenda.

7. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Immediate Past President Charlotte Powers, Councilmember, San Jose, highlighted the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) 1998 RTP update that will set Bay Area transportation priorities from 1999 to 2018 and guide the spending of some \$88 billion in federal, state and local monies. The RTP specifies the investments and strategies necessary for the maintenance, management and improvement of the transportation network in the nine-county Bay Area, including mass transit, highway, airport, seaport, railroad, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Since the last major RTP revision in 1994, the following factors have developed that will impact the 1998 RTP update by MTC:

- re-estimating the cost of sustaining the existing transportation system;
- incorporating the State Transportation Improvement Program that was reformed and streamlined in 1997;

- re-authorizing ISTEA, with passage of the Transportation Equity Act in May 1998, most flexible funding remains intact; and
- implementing state legislation to improve transit coordination and federal legislation to link former welfare recipients to job opportunities.

Powers thanked ABAG President Mary King for her fine work chairing the efforts of the Design Committee for the eastern span of the Bay Bridge.

8. INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION

Supervisors Haggerty (Alameda County) and DeSaulnier (Contra Costa County) shared opportunities and challenges presented by the Partnership. Discussions have included inter-jurisdictional job, housing and related transportation and air quality issues. Start-up resources have been provided by ABAG (\$20,000) and San Joaquin COG (\$7,000). Stanislaus County, San Joaquin County and ABAG have agreed to provide continuing information and expertise to this initiative.

9. REDUCING HOMELESSNESS AROUND THE BAY AREA

Gary Binger, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, reported that HomeBase, recently recognized by HUD for its *Regional Innovative Homelessness Initiative*, continues to meet the needs of the homeless in Bay Area communities. Their strategy assists the homeless by supporting projects and policy reform efforts that are regional in scale, including the nine Bay Area counties and five cities; involves collaboration among homeless service agencies that cross county lines; embodies state-of-the-art, innovative strategies; and fills critical gaps in local homeless continuums of care. The results are even more outstanding – in its first two years, the *Initiative* has helped thousands of homeless families, individuals, and youth all over the Bay Area to permanently stabilize their lives through supportive housing, jobs, and needed support services. A motion was made by Spees/S/Berto/C/ for continued support of the *Initiative*.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PREPAREDNESS FOR YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEMS

Terry Bursztynsky, ABAG Director of Online Services, distributed information to assist jurisdictions in dealing with year 2000 (Y2K) computer problems and made the following recommendations:

- ◆ increase cost and staff resources for all departments dealing with Y2K;
- ◆ increase cooperation and support by information technology to all departments;
- ◆ add contract language to relevant service and equipment purchase agreements for products that fail to perform with Y2K; and
- ◆ benefit from timely information and the experience of others at these Internet sites – www.year2000.ca.gov/, www.year2000.ca.gov/TaskForce/, www.sba.gov/y2k/, www.itpolicy.gsa.gov/mks/yr2000/cioy2k.htm, www.accsyst.com/writers/index.com, www.year2000.com, <http://IT2000.com>, www.microsoft.com/year2000 .

It was moved by Griffin/S/Powers/C/ that the Board alter the order of the agenda and move to Item 13. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT. The Board went into closed session (see Item 13). After the closed session, the Board continued with the agenda as printed.

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

Chair Jane Bartke, City of El Cerrito, pointed out the Federal Reserve Board of Governors letter about the proposed merger between Bank of America and NationsBank included in the packet.

Ongoing working sessions and research continues about high gasoline prices in the Bay Area. The Bay Area Economic Forum has been meeting to define the issues to be included in their study of this issue. Western States Petroleum funded a gas price survey on June 19 including every station in the nine Bay Area counties. Results of the survey will be reported as soon as they become available. The L&GO Committee was encouraged to continue following the gasoline pricing issue and to bring recommendations back to the Board.

12. PUBLIC HEARING: Formation of a Second Special Assessment District for Windemere Ranch Project in Contra Costa County

A public hearing was held. To ensure timely public comment to review the revised financing schedule, the public hearing was continued until the next Executive Board meeting scheduled for September 17, 1998. It was moved by Griffin/S/Russo/C/.

13. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

A. CLOSED SESSION

1. Personnel Action: The Board met in closed session and gave Executive Director, Eugene Leong, meet and confer directions as negotiations continue with SEIU Local 790.
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Legal Counsel Postponed until September meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer