

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 344
July 21, 2005 ▪ MetroCenter Auditorium
101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Immediate Past President Gwen Regalia at 7:15 p.m.

Representatives and Alternates Present

Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Steve Kinsey
Supervisor Mark Luce
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Shelia Young
Mayor Mark Green
Councilmember Gwen Regalia
Councilmember Maria Alegria
Mayor Pro Tem Carole Dillon-Knutson
Fiscal and Policy Analyst Amiee Albertson
Councilmember Donald Eaton
Mayor Carol Klatt
Councilmember Julia Miller
Mayor Jim Spering
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Jean Quan
Councilmember Forrest Williams
Ms. Mary Warren
Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker

Jurisdiction

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

Following Representatives Absent

Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Susan Adams
Supervisor Fiona Ma
Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Adrienne Tissier
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Mayor Todd Carlson
Senior Advisor to Mayor Newsom, Mike Farrah
Director of Public Policy Julian Potter
Mayor Jose Esteves
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Councilmember David Cortese
Councilmember Linda LeZotte
Councilmember Ken Yeager

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Flintoft of Home Base spoke in support of Item 7 "Establishment of a Homelessness Task Force". She applauded the elected officials for the formation of the Regional Task Force on Homelessness mentioning that there had been a gap in representation by elected officials. She stated that the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness and Housing, a community based/best practices group, is the longest continually meeting body on homelessness in the nation. She informed the group of the next meeting stating that it would be a great resource to learn about the work going on in the community. She stated that Home Base works with experts from the communities and encouraged the Board and other attendees to stay informed through these experts and through the Regional Steering Committee.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gwen Regalia, ABAG Immediate Past President, acting as Chair in the absence of President Haggerty, welcomed Steve Kinsey, County of Marin Supervisor, who was attending for Susan Adams. Supervisor Mark Luce from the Napa Valley Board of Supervisors was later recognized as a first time Executive Board attendee.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gwen Regalia, ABAG Immediate Past President, announced that Scott Haggerty, President of ABAG, was attending the National Association of Counties and would report to the Board at the next meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Henry Gardner informed the group that the legislature reached agreement on the state budget. \$1.2 billion would be given to local government, twice the amount of the May Revise. Regarding ABAG activities, he noted that ABAG is working with the Administration through Sunne McPeak on funding for Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) noting that the Commission on State Mandates does not recognize these activities as an eligible subvention. A Writ of Mandate has been filed by ABAG and SCAG to challenge this decision. To ensure that the RHNA process goes forward, the State has committed \$1 million to start the process for this 2 ½ to 3 year effort. Funding sources, however, will need to be identified. Gardner mentioned that the Business Housing and Transportation Department put forth a proposal for a Regional Blueprint for various regions. ABAG is planning to submit an application and expects success in this process. He stated that the Board would be hearing about the Bay Trail later in the agenda, but summarized accomplishments by saying that the Bay Trail, a major undertaking, will be 400+ miles when completed. 40 grants in the amount of \$7.5 million have been awarded for trail projects to local jurisdictions. Gardner reported that ABAG was successful in being awarded \$300,000 from Cal Trans for planning and research. Funding for Cal Bay Delta Authority has been reduced. This reduction will impact ABAG. Gardner indicated that ABAG is engaged in dialogue with the water agencies in an attempt to encourage them to link water policies with land use. He stated that the two planning grants that were submitted for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan are under consideration for approval. He concluded by informing the group that the Fall General Assembly is scheduled for October 27. The theme will be Affordable Housing, a timely issue given the rise in median home pricing.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C, the Cal Fed Task Force appointment was removed. Also, the Regional Homelessness Task Force was removed from Consent Calendar for further discussion. The remaining items were approved in one motion first by Julia Miller/Second by Barbara Kondylis.

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes**
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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. Appointments to Committees

President Haggerty will request Board approval of appointments to the following Committees:

Regional Planning Committee

- Contra Costa County – Supervisor Mary Piepho

CalFED Task Force

- San Mateo County – Appointee will be identified at the meeting

Regional Homelessness Task Force

The following were appointed to the Task Force:

Tom Bates	Mayor, City of Berkeley
Nancy Nadel	Councilmember, City of Oakland
Scott Haggerty	Supervisor, Alameda County
Gail Steele	Supervisor, Alameda County
John Gioia	Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
Irma Anderson	Mayor, City of Richmond
Robert Schroder	Mayor, City of Martinez
Susan Adams	Supervisor, Marin County
Gavin Newsom	Mayor, City and County of San Francisco
Chris Daly	Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco
Ken Yeager	Councilmember, City of San Jose
Patricia Mahan	Mayor, City of Santa Clara
Jim Beall	Supervisor, Santa Clara County
Barbara Kondylis	Supervisor, Solano County

D. Authorization to Submit Proposal to James Irvine Foundation for Pilot Outreach and Education Related to Integrated Regional Water Management Planning**

Authorization is requested for the Executive Director, or designee, on behalf of ABAG, to apply for funding with the James Irvine Foundation to assist in the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Francisco Bay Region by expanding the communications, community outreach and involvement work of the Regional Planning Committee of ABAG and the ABAG-CalFed Task Force/Bay Area Water Forum to include neighboring communities in the Central Valley and Central Coast region.

E. Authorization to Submit an Expanded Grant Proposal to US Environmental Protection Agency for Stream and Wetlands Protection Policy Development and Implementation**

Authorization is requested to submit an expanded proposal and if accepted, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with EPA to develop and adopt a Stream and Wetlands Protection Policy for the San Francisco Bay and North Coast Regional Water Boards. Funds requested from EPA will not exceed \$292,000 and the project period is August 2005--December 2007. ABAG/San Francisco Estuary Project will provide a \$32,967 match through an ACL (fine) and the Regional Water Boards will provide a \$116,380 in-kind services match.

F. Adoption of Resolution No. 07-05 Commending Bay Area Air Quality Management District for 50 Years of Exemplary Service**

Adoption of Resolution No. 07-05 commending the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for 50 years of exemplary service to the region.

G. Adoption of Resolution No. 06-05 Authorizing Pooled Financing for Water and Wastewater Projects

Resolution No. 06-05 authorizing the issuance of up to \$35 million in "AAA" insured revenue bonds on behalf of the jurisdictions listed in the Resolution.**

7. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates began by stressing that it is the goal of the Task Force to get representation from the northern counties. The Task Force is planning to meet two to three times and then make a

presentation to the Board at the annual meeting in October. They are to come up with specific goals that will promote better regional work on the issue of homelessness. Forrest Williams and Mike Kerns volunteered for the group. There was a motion to approve this item first by Barbara Kondylis/Second by Aimee Albertson.

8. BAY TRAIL PLANNING UPDATE

Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager, described the project stating that it is a 500 mile path that will link the shorelines of 9 counties, 47 cities, and will cross 7 toll bridges. SB 100 which passed in 1987 directed ABAG to develop a plan for continuous trail around the San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. In 1989 the Bay Trail Plan was adopted by the ABAG Board. The plan contains policies for implementation. The Bay Trail program was established as a non-profit in 1990 and is housed at and administered by ABAG. Its role is coordination with local governments, regional oversight, technical assistance, education/outreach and funding to public agencies to plan and build trail segments. She then provided some statistics. The Bay Trail, Thompson summarized, acts as the spine of the region's alternative transportation corridor. She went on to discuss some goals of the Grant Program. \$11.2 million has been awarded over 4 cycles. The projects must be complete by end of June 2007. It is estimated that \$200 million will be needed to complete the project over the next 15 years. The Bay Trail Board is exploring some funding sources. She made a special note about the feasibility studies stating that they are an essential tool for determining solutions to trail gaps and in assisting land planners with land use and design solutions. She also noted that the database and GIS maps will also be important tools for moving forward. Thompson concluded by saying that the completion of the Bay Trail Project relies on local jurisdictions, thanking them in advance for their support.

9. ABAG FINANCING FOR TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Clarke Howatt, ABAG Public Finance Director, reported that ABAG has issued over \$5 billion in capital investments for cities and counties for projects such as hospitals and housing partnerships. He went on to explain how financing is conducted through ABAG. He informed the Board that capital is raised through revenue bonds further explaining that the proceeds from those bonds are lent to jurisdictions for various projects. Howatt noted that multi-housing programs have been active and successful in the last few years. 8300 units in 63 communities have been financed. Howatt mentioned that Regional Planning encourages housing near transit thus calling for the creation and promotion of high density, mixed use, mixed income transit-oriented communities. He highlighted four such current projects showing slides of each, noting market rent, affordable housing rent and ABAG's financing amount for each. Among the examples cited were La Terazza at the Colma BART Station, The Benton at the Fremont Station, The Gaia in downtown Berkeley, and The Crossing in San Bruno.

10. REPORT ON MEETING WITH GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REGARDING INDIAN GAMING AND STATUS OF RECENT ACTIVITIES CONCERNING INDIAN GAMING AND CASINOS

Councilmember Jean Quan reported that she and Mayor Sheila Young as part of an Oakland coalition have been meeting to work on the issue of casinos. This group took the opportunity to meet with the Governor's office to discuss various concerns. Among the issues discussed was the possibility of releasing funding that is supposedly set aside to deal with the impact of gambling. She said that the Coalition's hope is that some of this money can be used to conduct generic urban studies addressing the social and economic impacts of casinos. They also had a general discussion about where the Governor stands on the McCain issue. Their goal is to get Senators McCain and Feinstein to support the containment of "reservation shopping". Henry Gardner closed the conversation by stating that the Governor issued a proclamation that listed the cities where casinos are not allowed. This document was placed in the agenda packet. Member, Don Eaton stated that the City of San Carlos was successful in having their city added to that list of urbanized areas where casino development would not be considered.

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

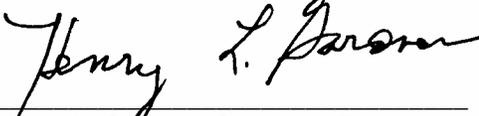
Sheila Young, Vice Chair of L&GO informed the group that there was not a quorum at the Committee meeting, but 14 new bills were discussed and recommendations are being presented to the Board for consideration. Those are listed on the L&GO summary of bills. Secondly, she noted that the committee reported on the status of the RHNA process and the Commission on State Mandates decision. ABAG was given a verbal two year extension, but no formal letter has been received. ABAG and SCAG have filed suit appealing the Commissions decision to eliminate funding. Funding is still in question but the Secretary of Business and Transportation will try to find \$1 million to support the RHNA efforts. Lastly, 8 initiatives have qualified for the special election; 9 are still pending. A summary of the 8 proposals can be found on the Secretary of State website. There was a motion to approve first by Sheila Young/Second by Julia Miller.

12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mark Green reported that there was a slight change to the Investment Policy. That is, the President shall consult ABAG's Executive Director or Legal Counsel on the disclosure. Since there was not a quorum, this was a consensus recommendation. Unanimously approved First Mark Green/Second Don Eaton. Regarding the water and waste projects, an issuance of \$35 million in AAA revenue bonds, of which ABAG would receive \$17,000 per year with \$3500 ongoing administrative costs. This again was a general consensus recommendation on the committee level. Moved to be approved first by Mark Green/Second by Steve Rabinowitsh.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Henry L. Gardner, Secretary-Treasurer