

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 326
September 19, 2002 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Gwen Regalia, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland. Regalia noted with sadness the tragic death of Alameda Mayor Ralph Appezzato.

Representatives and Alternates

Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor Chris Daly
Supervisor Jake McGoldrick
Supervisor Mark Church
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Ruth Atkin
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Kris Valstad
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Mary Lou Holt
Mr. Paul Horcher
Ms. Alicia Bert
Mayor Eugene Mullin
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember Pam Torliatt
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte
Councilmember Forrest Williams

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Nate Miley
Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Bill Dodd
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Don Gage
Supervisor Liz Kniss
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Ms. Jennifer Kass
Ms. Karin Carlson
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Vice Mayor Donald Eaton
Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves
Councilmember Jose Esteves

Jurisdiction

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Vice Mayor Julia Miller
Councilmember Hedy Chang
Vice Mayor Dan Furtado
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Councilmember Henry Chang, Jr.
Councilmember David Cortese
Councilmember Ken Yeager
Councilmember Cindy Chavez
Councilmember Nora Campos

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Regalia welcomed first time attendee, Alameda County Cities alternate, Mayor Ruth Atkin. Supervisor William Carroll, County of Solano, was presented a plaque to acknowledge his work and dedicated service to ABAG and the region.

President Regalia thanked Councilmembers Spees, Torliatt, and Cortese; Supervisors Jacobs Gibson, Haggerty and DeSaulnier; and Ms. Bert plus many others who were helpful in a variety of ways in helping ABAG defeat the Torlakson ABAG/MTC merger legislation. Senator Torlakson will return next session with another merger bill and through his staff, ABAG hopes to influence the shape of the new bill. The Administrative Committee will be meeting to develop a strategy for the next legislative session.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Eugene Leong pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs. He thanked Patricia Jones for her significant effort in leading the fight to defeat the merger legislation. It was a hollow victory as the region is still left with the same institutional framework. We hope to sit down and craft legislation that will be better suited for the region. The Fall General Assembly *Explore Alternative Growth Options* is scheduled for October 17 at the Oakland Marriott.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 325, July 18, 2002.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Authorization to Enter into Contract with the California Resources Agency

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the California Resources Agency on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project/ABAG to provide technical, administrative and communication support for the San Francisco Bay Wetlands Restoration Program. The agreement would not exceed \$120,000 to be expended over a two-year period (2002-2004). No match is required. The contract will assist with implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.

D. Authorization to Enter into Contract with San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI)

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with SFEI not to exceed \$228,000 from June 2002 – December 2003. This contract will provide technical assistance with developing ecosystem indicators and tracking wetlands projects for the Estuary (\$48,000) and provide technical support for the development of a rapid assessment methodology for Bay Area wetlands (\$180,000).

E. Authorization to Amend Agreement with the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW)

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to amend the March 2001 agreement with the DBW for a Boater Education Program and media campaign for recreational boaters, including a pass-through contract to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Program. The not to exceed amount will be increased from \$565,000 to \$690,000 and the term of agreement will be extended from December 31, 2002 to December 31, 2003. The contract assists with the implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.

- F. Authorization to Amend Contract with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program
 The Board authorized an amendment to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program contract previously approved at \$11,000,000 for the Science Program and \$13,500,000 for the Drinking Water Quality Program for a total of \$24,500,000. The amendment will provide support for CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 and extends the term of the contract from May 30, 2004 to September 30, 2004. New tasks include providing funding for the ERP's Independent Science Board and administrative and technical support for ERP committees. Total contract amount for the three programs is not to exceed \$27,000,000. The contract assists with the implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.
- G. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Lisa Owens-Viani
 The Executive Board authorized Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the responsive consultant, Lisa Owens-Viani. Under terms of the San Francisco Estuary Project/ABAG agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agency, SFEP/ABAG issued a Request for Proposals to provide writing and editing support for SFEP publications. The contract will not exceed \$35,000 over a 12-month period (August 2002 – August 2003). The contract assists with the implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.
- H. Amendment of Policies on ABAG Committee Formation, Structure, and Memberships Relating to Per Diem
 The Board approved adoption of Resolution 10-02 amending Section III E relating to Per Diem of the Policies of ABAG Committee Formation, Structure, and Membership.
- I. Authorization to Submit Proposal to California Department of Water Resources
 The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit a proposal and if funded, to enter into a contract with the California Department of Water Resources to conduct water supply and reliability assessment work not funded under existing contracts. Funding will be used to build on current environmental staff work to identify and assess groundwater resources in the region, the relationship to critical wetlands and other water resources, land uses, critical water shortage contingency planning and local government and other mechanisms now in place (or planned) to manage these groundwater resources.
- J. Support to Bay Area Economic Forum (BAEF) FY 2003
 The Board authorized a continuation of the partnership between ABAG and BAEF of \$100,000 for planning assistance and administrative support to the Bay Area Economic Forum for FY 2003.

It was moved by Mullin/S/Atkins/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS**
 Rusty Selix, Executive Director of CALCOG, presented an overview of 2002 legislation and a preview of what CALCOG hopes to accomplish in 2003. CALCOG sponsored legislation will include the following:
- regional transportation (pay at the pump) user fees;
 - regional development impact fees; and
 - regional plans to be approved and followed by state agencies to guide grants such as parks and housing.
7. **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) UPDATE**
 Petaluma Councilmember Pam Torliatt, ABAG's representative to MTC, updated the Board on the following MTC accomplishments: 2001 Regional Transportation Plan, adopted in December 2001; new Regional Transit Expansion Policy calling for bus and rail to close gaps in the transit network; completion of San Francisco Bay Crossings Study in July 2002 to improve travel in San Mateo-Hayward, San Francisco-Oakland and Dumbarton Bridge corridors with existing funds and study possibilities with a \$3 bridge toll; proposal to increase bridge tolls and how the increased funds might be spent; oversee three Bay Area Toll Authority bridge projects; legislation affecting MTC-ABAG relationship; TransLink Regional Transit Fare Card; and two air quality lawsuits.
8. **REGIONAL AIRPORT PLANNING COMMITTEE (RAPC) MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES**
 Gerald Raycraft, ABAG Planning Director, spoke for Hayward Councilmember Bill Ward, who was delayed at another meeting. The Board approved expanding the number of members on RAPC from 15 to 19 members. One additional member

would be from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and three additional “at-large” members would help achieve better regional balance on RAPC. It was moved by Haggerty/S/Spees/C/.

9. BAY AREA ECONOMIC FORUM REPORT (BAEF) ON ENERGY POLICY

Sean Randolph, President of the BAEF and Jim Robb, McKinsey & Company, presented their latest report on energy challenges and shared the following elements of an integrated policy:

- wholesale competition;
- retail competition;
- links between wholesale and retail markets;
- integrated transmission planning;
- cost-effective distribution infrastructure; and
- streamlined regulatory oversight.

10. CONSIDERATION OF SMART GROWTH STRATEGY/REGIONAL LIVABILITY FOOTPRINT PROJECT VISION AND DRAFT POLICIES

ABAG Principal Planners Victoria Eisen and Alex Amoroso presented the vision and draft policies. After much discussion and minor changes to the vision, the Board approved the direction of the process and looked forward to seeing the entire report. It was moved by Gioia/S/Spees/C/. Fleming voted no.

11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair Rose Jacobs Gibson reported on Committee activities and provided the Board with a legislative summary – for a complete list of legislation and information on the L&GO Committee, contact Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov. Supervisor Michael Nevin, San Mateo County, offered a model ordinance regulating the disclosure of confidential consumer information by financial institutions. The model ordinance is available at www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/mikenevin. The Board approved actions of the Committee on a motion from Spees/S/McHugh/C/. Green voted no.

12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2001-2002 Diversity and Business Opportunity Report was approved by the Board as well as Resolution 09-02 authorizing issuance of up to \$80 million in insured conduit tax-exempt revenue bonds on behalf of BART. It was moved by Spees/S/Dillon-Knutson/C/.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. in memory of Alameda Mayor Ralph Appezato.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer