

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 314  
September 21, 2000 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:39 p.m. by President William Carroll at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

## **Representatives and Alternates**

Supervisor William J. "Bill" Carroll  
Supervisor Mary King  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty  
Supervisor John Gioia  
Supervisor Cynthia Murray  
Supervisor Mike Rippey  
Supervisor Amos Brown  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson  
Supervisor Mike Kerns  
Mayor Mark Green  
Councilmember Gwen Regalia  
Vice Mayor Terry Segerberg  
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson  
Mayor Ken Slavens  
Ms. Maria Ayerdi  
Ms. Alicia Bert  
Vice Mayor Carol Klatt  
Councilmember Don Burnett  
Mayor David Fleming  
Councilmember Jane Brunner  
Councilmember Richard Spees

## **Following Representatives and Alternates Absent**

Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier  
Supervisor Joe Canciamilla  
Supervisor Gayle Uilkema  
Supervisor Michael Yaki  
Supervisor Alicia Becerril  
Supervisor Mark Leno  
Supervisor Mary Griffin  
Supervisor Richard Gordon  
Supervisor Michael Nevin  
Supervisor Peter McHugh  
Supervisor S. Joseph Simitian  
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado  
Mayor Cathie Brown  
Councilmember Patricia White  
Mayor Shirley Dean  
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.  
Mr. Paul Horcher  
Ms. Karin Carlson  
Ms. Jennifer Kass  
Councilmember Eugene Mullin  
Mayor Jan Epstein  
Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves  
Councilmember Julia Miller  
Councilmember Jose Esteves  
Councilmember Sally Lieber  
Councilmember Nancy Nadel  
Vice Mayor Henry Chang, Jr.  
Councilmember Manny Diaz  
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.  
Councilmember Charlotte Powers  
Councilmember Alice Woody  
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini

## **Jurisdiction**

Solano County  
Alameda County  
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Contra Costa County  
Marin County  
Napa County  
San Francisco County  
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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Carroll requested an urgency item be added to the consent calendar to accommodate two committee. It was moved by Spees/S/Murray/C/.

There was no public comment.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Carroll welcomed Councilmember Jane Brunner, new Board member from the City of Oakland. Congratulations were extended to Mayor David Fleming, City of Vacaville, on his ascendancy to the presidency of the League of California Cities.

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs. He noted that the Silicon Valley Projections were unveiled on September 20 and they strongly reinforce the need to work collectively and cooperatively to reverse the trend of jobs/housing imbalance. Leong also invited Board members to attend the October 5-6 General Assembly at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. The program focuses on the local biotechnology industry – *The Gene Age: Bay Area Biotech Boom* - highlighting important biotech contributions to our economy and workforce. Registration is available online at [www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/ga](http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/ga).

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 313, July 20, 2000.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Authorization to Submit Grant Proposals to Organize and Conduct a One-Day Conference on Alternatives to Building the San Luis Drain

The Board authorized a proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Water Resources, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco Foundation and the Rose Foundation totaling \$75,000 for funding to organize a conference on *Sustaining Agriculture and Improving Water Quality in California's San Joaquin Valley*. If grants are awarded, Board approved entering into agreements with these agencies/organizations. No matching funds are required by ABAG. If funded, the Sacramento conference will be held in March 2001 and will implement the San Francisco Estuary Project's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

D. Authorization to Amend the Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The Board authorized a cooperative agreement (1998 and 1999) with EPA at the May 2000 Board meeting that resulted in grants to ABAG totaling \$864,760 to provide technical, public involvement, and administrative support for the San Francisco Estuary Project's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). Authorization was given to the Executive Director or designee to amend the agreement by increasing the budget by \$75,000. ABAG will provide matching funds totaling \$9,000. The agreement which ends December 31, 2001, provides continued support for implementing the CCMP.

- E. Authorization to Enter Into Contracts with the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), San Joaquin Council of Governments, and Stanislaus Council of Governments Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts with the California State Department of Housing and Community Development, San Joaquin Council of Governments and Stanislaus Council of Governments for work related to the Inter-Regional Partnership (IRP) Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zones pilot project. ABAG will administer a total of \$625,000 in HCD funds, which will be distributed among San Joaquin and Stanislaus Councils of Governments and ABAG. A 25 percent cash or in-kind match will be required of each agency.
- F. Authorization to Amend an Existing Contract with Baird and Driskell Community Planning for Regional Housing Needs Determination Process (RHND) Staff Support  
The Board approved the Executive Director or designee amending an existing contract with Baird and Driskell Community Planning to provide staff support in connection with jurisdictional requests for RHND allocation modifications. Baird and Driskell has been assisting ABAG planning staff to organize and respond to correspondence from jurisdictions regarding RHND allocations. ABAG is required by State Housing Element Law to reply to all written comments within 60 days after the end of the comment period (60-day period ends October 30, 2000). The contract would not exceed \$50,000 and would be funded with State HCD funds specifically identified for the RHND process.
- G. Resolution No. 05-00 Authorizing ABAG Staff to Coordinate the Work of the Bay Area Dioxins Task Force with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory  
The Board approved Resolution 17-99 in September 1999, authorizing ABAG to work with a number of member cities and counties to review issues related to dioxin in the environment and develop a research scope and workplan to secure funding. The Board approved Resolution 05-00 authorizing staff to coordinate the work of the dioxins task force with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and other scientists working in the field.
- H. Appointments (added urgency item)  
The Board approved the following appointments:

Julia Miller, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale - Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee  
 Marci Coglianese, Councilmember, City of Rio Vista - Delta Protection Commission.

It was moved by Spees/S/Jacobs Gibson/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

**6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS**

Rusty Selix, Executive Director of the California Association of Councils of Governments, explained why local governments received so little of the budget surplus, where the surplus dollars went and suggestions about how jurisdictions might get a bigger piece of the pie. Selix noted that it would be important to research which issues would be well received by the administration and form a task force of elected officials for a common interest approach, such as the Inter-Regional Partnership or jobs/housing imbalance.

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN THE CITY OF HERCULES**

Vice Mayor Terry Segerberg and Planning Commission Chair, Steve Lawton, explained the innovative, citizen-friendly process that the City of Hercules used to bring economic development and citizens together to map out the Hercules Downtown District Plan. Open meetings were held and everyone in Hercules was

invited to attend. Attendees were asked to share their concerns and map out their ideas on paper – those suggestions were discussed and incorporated to reach a final plan. By using these good communication techniques, some of the biggest dissenters became champions of the project.

**8. ABAG POWER UPDATE**

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, updated the Board on the recent energy crisis, skyrocketing prices, and how they have impacted the Power Pool. Not more than a month ago, it appeared that this program could not survive with the energy supply/demand so out of sync. At the twelfth hour, Calpine contracted with ABAG POWER to provide power at a set rate. This agreement has helped to stabilize the program and as a bonus most of the power coming from Calpine is green power.

**9. TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND INITIATIVES**

Supervisors Carroll, Gioia, Haggerty, and Jacobs Givson, reported that health related issues have been identified as the most appropriate beneficiary of tobacco settlement revenues in each of their counties. The funds will be used in the following ways:

- Alameda – health-related capital needs, health care trust fund, health initiatives fund;
- Contra Costa – shortfall in health care system; basic adult care for uninsured, gap in medi-care;
- San Mateo – tobacco education, health care debt, health information expenses; and
- Solano – ambulance services, Drug Court, assistance to independent community clinics.

**10. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION UPDATE**

Senior Planner, Alex Amoroso, reported that the State has indicated that it will not allow a reduction in the Housing Needs numbers that were assigned to the region. The planning staff has been responding to letters from jurisdictions commenting on their numbers; those not resolved through the comment responses could proceed to appeal. The Board will receive a final set of RHND allocations for their approval at the November Board meeting. Amoroso also stated that November is the targeted date to deliver the updated Blueprint for Bay Area Housing

**11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair, Scott Haggerty, reported on Committee activities and the Board approved the Committee recommendation to encourage all jurisdictions to pass a policy on zero emission vehicles to affirm the California Air Resources Board's position. It was moved by Haggerty/S/Speeds/C/. These policies would help to demonstrate to automobile manufacturers that there is a market for zero and super ultra low emission vehicles. To receive a copy of the legislative summary, contact Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922.

**12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**A. 2000 Diversity and Business Opportunity Report**

The Board approved Chair Mike Rippey's recommendation to accept the *Diversity and Business Opportunity Report* and complimented staff on their work in this area. It was moved by Rippey/S/Slavens/C/.

**B. CLOSED SESSION**

Personnel Action: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title: Legal Counsel

The Board approved Legal Counsel's review and adjusted compensation.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer