

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 303  
November 19, 1998 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Vice President Doris Morse at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

## **Representatives and Alternates**

Supervisor Gail Steele  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty  
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier  
Supervisor Mike Rippey  
Supervisor Amos Brown  
Supervisor Leslie Katz  
Supervisor Jose Medina  
Supervisor Mary Griffin  
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor Joseph Simitian  
Supervisor James Harberson  
Mayor Patricia White  
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 Richard Spees  
Councilmember Nancy Nadel  
Councilmember Manny Diaz

## **Following Representatives and Alternates absent**

Supervisor Jim Rogers  
Supervisor Gayle Ulkema  
Supervisor Donna Gerber  
Supervisor Harry Moore  
Supervisor Steve Kinsey  
Supervisor Richard Gordon  
Supervisor Ruben Barrales  
Supervisor Michael Nevin  
Councilmember John Russo  
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.  
Councilmember Charlotte Powers  
Councilmember Alice Woody  
Vice Mayor Margie Fernandes  
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini

## **Jurisdiction**

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

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice President Morse introduced Mayor Patricia White, City of Piedmont and Supervisor Leslie Katz, City & County of San Francisco, who were attending their first board meeting.

Morse recognized each outgoing board member with a plaque and acknowledged their thoughtful participation and dedicated service to the residents of the region:

Supervisor Jim Harberson, County of Sonoma, 10 years;  
Councilmember Dave Berto, City of Santa Rosa, eight years; and  
Supervisor Harry Moore, County of Marin, four years (plaque mailed).

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Eugene Leong, ABAG's Executive Director, highlighted *Who's Voting Today?* presented by Gary Binger, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, at the recent General Assembly. Information included in the handout notes current Bay Area demographic trends, voter registration and turnout, voter turnout compared with demographics, demographics by race, ethnicity, age and income, a case study with three ballot measures and conclusions to be drawn from the report. Leong added that this report could help elected officials plan for the growing challenge of meeting public needs in our local communities.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 302, September 17, 1998, with the following addition. Supervisor Haggerty, County of Alameda, abstained on agenda Item Nine.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Appointments to Committees

Board approved President King's recommendation to reappoint Charlotte Powers, City of San Jose, to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

D. Letter of Credit for MetroCenter Bond Indenture

The Board approved Resolution No. 20-98 authorizing the Executive Director to execute necessary legal documents to file a letter of credit as required by the MetroCenter bond indenture.

E. Submit Proposal to Alameda County Waste Management Authority

It was moved by Haggerty/S/White/C/ that the agenda should be amended to include this late item to the consent calendar. Board authorized proposal, and if accepted, to negotiate a contract with the Alameda County Recycling Board not to exceed \$60,000 for 18 months beginning in 1999. The proposed effort is to develop information materials and publicize the Green Hotels project of the San Francisco Bay Area Green Business Program which uses

shopper preference for recognized green businesses to encourage waste reduction and pollution prevention efforts.

It was moved by Bartke/S/Griffin/C/ that the consent calendar be approved as amended.

**6. REPORT ON REINSTATEMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DETERMINATION REQUIREMENT**

Alex Amoroso, ABAG Senior Planner, presented an update on the Housing Needs Determination process including a review of legislation effecting the process and timelines. ABAG's role includes developing the methodology, distributing the numbers and arbitrating appeals. The role of the California Housing & Community Development Department includes determining the regional share of numbers, reviewing and approving ABAG's methodology and working with jurisdictions to certify housing elements. The nine-month review and notice periods will leave limited time to complete the distribution process. It was moved by Alvarado/S/Harberson/C/ to accept the staff recommendations.

**7. REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF FUTURE EARTHQUAKES ON BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake Program Manager, updated the Board on recent research about earthquake ground shaking that is contained in ABAG's *On Shaky Ground (Supplement)*. Perkins pointed out that as the ground shaking intensity increases, there would be even more liquefaction and more landslides than had been previously anticipated. Research has also indicated that thrust faults cause an even higher level of damage because of the upward buckling movement.

Dr. David Schwartz, U.S. Geological Survey, shared early results of on-going research being conducted on the probability of large earthquakes in the Bay Area scheduled for completion by October 14, 1999. This report will contain the latest information and covers a larger area than the report released in 1990. A new project called Bay Area Paleo Earthquake Experiment (BAPEX), a three year study that began last fall to excavate trenches on each large Bay Area fault, will identify and date large earthquakes over the last 2,000 years. This will enable BAPEX to build a catalog of large earthquakes that have occurred in the past 2,000 years and develop information about possible future earthquakes.

**8. PROPOSAL FROM THE STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD RE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRIC VEHICLE LOAN PROGRAM**

Chuck Shulock, Electric Vehicle Loan Program Manager, California Air Resources Board, explained the no-cost, short term loan program to the Board and pointed out the following advantages of a zero emission vehicle (ZEV):

- no tailpipe emissions;
- no evaporative or fuel marketing emissions;
- no emission control equipment that can deteriorate or fail;
- reduced toxic and greenhouse gas emissions; and
- indirect (powerplant) emissions extremely low.

It was moved by Haggerty/S/Spees/C/ that ABAG would participate in a one-month, no-cost trial of a ZEV that would move to MTC for the second month and to BART for the third month.

9. **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 January 21, 1999. It was moved by Horcher/S/Griffin/C/.

10. **REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE FOR WATER TRANSIT**

Sunne McPeak, Chief Executive Officer, Bay Area Council, updated the Board on the status of the regional Blue Ribbon Task Force formed to create an action plan that will increase regional mobility through expanded water transit on San Francisco Bay. The following necessary success factors have been identified:

- scope of service and geographic coverage;
- frequency of service;
- travel time, quality and safety;
- cost;
- reliability;
- efficiency of landside facilities;
- intermodal access; and
- public information and education.

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

Chair Jane Bartke, City of El Cerrito, announced that a legislative reception will be held before the January Executive Board meeting. The Board will be notified when details have been finalized.

The Bay Area Economic Forum is waiting to receive funding confirmation from the petroleum and service station representatives before awarding a contract to study the gasoline pricing issue. Gas prices in the Bay Area continue to remain well above the national average.

12. **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Dave Berto, City of Santa Rosa, reported that the 1998 ABAG Single Audit Report prepared by Hood & Strong, shows ABAG in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. It was moved by Berto/S/Spees/C/ that the audit report be approved.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer