

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 334
November 20, 2003 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Gwen Regalia, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates Present

Mayor Gwen Regalia
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Susan Adams
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Fiona Ma
Supervisor Mark Church
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Pete McHugh
Mayor Shelia Young
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Maria Alegria
Mayor Ken Slavens
Mayor Julia Miller
Mayor Jose Esteves
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Jean Quan
Vice Mayor Nancy Nadel
Councilmember Dave Cortese
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte
Councilmember Forrest Williams
Mary Warren

Jurisdiction

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

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Federal Glover
Supervisor Gayle Uilkema
Supervisor Matt Gonzalez
Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval
Supervisor Richard Gordon
Supervisor Michael Nevin
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Don Gage
Supervisor Liz Kniss
Councilmember Carol Dillon-Knutson
Councilmember Paul Cohen
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Ms. Alicia Bert
Ms. Karin Carlson
Councilmember Daniel Quigg
Councilmember Duane Bay
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Danny Wan
Councilmember Ken Yeager
Councilmember Nora Campos

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Gwen Regalia reported on the success of the fall General Assembly commenting on the excellence of the guest speakers and informed the board that this month has been proclaimed sewer awareness month. President Regalia also reported on the ABAG/MTC Task Force stating that the Task Force is finding areas of agreement and are still working through various concepts. The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2003. President Regalia announced that Sunne McPeak has been appointed as the new Secretary of Business Housing and Transportation in the Schwarzenegger Administration and introduced ABAG's new President for 2004-2005, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Vice President, San Jose Councilmember Dave Cortese.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Eugene Leong commented that everything at the regional level is being dwarfed by what is happening in Sacramento as the state awaits the budget. Leong reported on ABAG PLAN which is an insurance program that started 17 years ago provides services for 30 of the cities in the Bay Area. He stated that in the past 4 or 5 years, the biggest claims in terms of number of claims and severity claims have been water and sewer claims and that, jurisdictions within the ABAG board are facing millions of dollars in losses by not dealing with sewer issues. Leong stated that in the history of the pool, the largest lawsuit was between 3 and 4 million dollars due to a water main break. Leong encouraged board members to focus on the sewer issue. A website is available at www.sewersmart.org which provides information for local communities on how to be saved from many of these losses.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR**A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes****

The Board approved the Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 333 held on September 18, 2003.

B. Grant Applications

No Grant Applications were received.

C. Appointment to Committees

The Board approved the following Committee appointment:

Regional Planning Committee

- Julie Pierce, Vice Mayor, City of Clayton, representing Contra Costa County Cities

D. Authorization to Extend Contract with Michael Arnold, Legislative Representative

The Board approved the request to extend the agreement between ABAG and Michael J. Arnold, as ABAG's State Legislative Representative in Sacramento, for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 through June 30, 2004. Last year the Executive Board approved a renewal of the contract with Michael J. Arnold that expired June 30th.

E. Authorization to Amend Grant Agreement with CALFED Bay-Delta Authority and with Subcontractor, MBK Engineers**

The Board approved Executive Director or designee to amend the agreement with CALFED and its funding entity on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project and the Delta In-Channel Island Work Group, increasing the amount from \$928,150 to \$1,145,400 and extending the time period to December 1, 2006. The Board also approved the Executive Director or designee to amend the MBK Engineers' subcontract by increasing the amount from \$759,150 to \$956,650 and to extend the time period until December 1, 2006.

F. Authorization to Submit Grant Proposals to the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund and to the Ford Foundation for Corridor Planning In Connection With Regional Agencies' Smart Growth Strategy Implementation Program

The Board approved the Executive Director or designee to submit grant proposals to, and if awarded, to enter into agreements with, the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund and with the Ford Foundation to develop and administer Corridor Planning Programs, within Alameda and Contra Costa counties. ABAG Planning staff would administer the grants and work with local governments and regional transportation, regulatory, and not-for-profit agencies in undertaking coordinated planning efforts. The grant applications will not exceed \$150,000 each and are expected to be for a 12-month period. No matching funds are required, though there will be contributions of in-kind planning staff time.

G. Authorization to Contract with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for ABAG Share of Costs for Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for State Implementation Plan Under Clean Air Act

ABAG, BAAQMD and MTC are co-lead agencies for preparation of the Bay Area ozone revisions to the State Implementation Plan under the Clean Air Act. The ozone plan revisions require preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the cost of which is being shared by the three agencies and is estimated to be approximately \$150,000. The BAAQMD is taking the lead in preparing the EIR and has hired a consultant to assist in preparing the document. The Board approved a contract with the BAAQMD for \$50,000 as our share of the EIR preparation costs.

It was moved by McHugh/S/Miller/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

7. REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS

Ray Lane, Supervising Pension Actuary, CalPERS reported on the status of the program. Lane stated that the contribution rates are increasing due to a sluggish economy. Employer contribution rates show an increase from 0% in FY 01-02 to 10% in FY 02-03. Rates are expected to increase to 15% for 03-04. CalPERS is a group of 2,000+ separate pre-funded, defined benefit plans commingled for investment and accounted for separately.

8. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CHILDREN'S REPORT CARD

Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier reported on Contra Costa County's 2003 Children's Report Card describing the health and well being of children and families in Contra Costa County, indicating that the purpose is to establish an annual report that will be on the Office of Education's website as well as Contra Costa County's to make the public aware of the challenges around kids issues. The report card is managed by an executive committee that includes department heads in the county, two major school districts, the superintendent of schools, police chief representative and Community Based Organizations. Indicators include school drop out rates, affordable housing, health, teen pregnancy, foster care, child abuse & infant mortality.

9. ECOLOGICAL SCORECARD FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY INDEX

Grant Davis, Executive Director, Bay Institute briefed the Board on the San Francisco Bay Index Ecological Scorecard otherwise known as a Partnership for a Healthy Bay. Grades based on data from 2000-2003 are scored using the following scale: A=Excellent, B = Good, C = Fair, D = Poor, and F=Critical. The scores for the San Francisco Bay are: Habitat = D+, slowly declining, Freshwater Inflow = D, declining, Water Quality = C, improving, Food Web = F, declining, Shellfish =B-, declining, Fish = C-, declining, Fishable-Swimmable-Drinkable = D+, declining, and Stewardship = C-, declining. For more information on the Bay Institute visit www.bay.org.

10. REGIONAL SMART GROWTH STRATEGY LIVABILITY FOOTPRINT PROJECT QUARTERLY UPDATE

Alex Amoroso, ABAG Principal Planner provided the Board with the Quarterly update and recent and proposed planning projects for land use and reported that there have been meetings with Caltrans and MTC to discuss where patterns overlap. Amoroso stated that the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) has been engaged in becoming policy makers for smart growth issues as well as working with the Regional Agencies Coordinating Committee (RACC). RPC has planned a field trip scheduled for December 3rd visiting Fruitvale BART to visualize smart growth on the ground. Working sessions have been ongoing for level of service, risk factors, and a parking session will be scheduled for January. Final

reports will be available on the ABAG website. Amoroso also discussed the corridor planning program as it compares to the MTC Resolution 3434 corridors, the Regional Transportation Plan, as well as Caltrans pointing out the similarities and that discussions with these agencies are now taking place. Corridor opportunities identified are San Mateo County El Camino Real, Solano County Highway 12 & 4 on e-BART, Alameda & Contra Costa County, along San Pablo Avenue, and East 14th Street International Boulevard from Oakland to Hayward.

11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, San Mateo County and Chair reported on Committee activities. For information on the L&GO Committee, contact Patricia Jones at 510/464-7933 or PatJ@abag.ca.gov or Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov. The Board approved actions of the Committee. It was moved by Miller/S/Adams/C/.

12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair, Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh reported on the actions of the F&P Committee, which included the Financial Report for September & October 2003 and the ABAG Basic Financial Statements and Single Audit Report for FYE June 30, 2003. The Board approved actions of the Committee. It was moved by Rabinowitsh/S/LeZotte/C/.

13. ADJOURNMENT



Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer