

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 327
November 21, 2002 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Gwen Regalia, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates Present

Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia
Supervisor Nate Miley
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Chris Daly
Supervisor Jake McGoldrick
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Shelia Young
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Kris Valstad
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Ken Slavens
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Mr. Paul Horcher
Ms. Alicia Bert
Mayor Donald Eaton
Mayor Jose Esteves
Mayor Julia Miller
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember David Cortese
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte
Councilmember Forrest Williams

Jurisdiction

Contra Costa County Cities
Alameda County
Alameda County
Contra Costa 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
Marin County Cities
Napa County Cities
City of San Francisco
City of San Francisco
City of San Francisco
San Mateo County Cities
San Mateo County Cities
Santa Clara County Cities
Solano County Cities
Sonoma County Cities
City of Oakland
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City of San Jose
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Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Gayle Uilkema
Supervisor Federal Glover
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor John Kress
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Bill Dodd
Supervisor Mark Church
Supervisor Richard Gordon
Supervisor Michael Nevin
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis
Supervisor John Silva
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Mayor Pro Tem Maxine Gonsalves
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Councilmember Henry Chang, Jr.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Regalia recognized retiring Board member, Vacaville Mayor David Fleming, with a plaque for his 22 years of service with ABAG. Mayor Julia Miller presented a Proclamation to Oakland Councilmember Dick Spees from the Sunnyvale City Council. Spees was recognized for his 26 years of ABAG service at the recent Fall General Assembly. Also leaving the Board but remaining in public service was South San Francisco Mayor, Eugene Mullin who was recently elected to the State Assembly.

President Regalia recognized first time attendee San Carlos Mayor Donald Eaton to the Executive Board. Mayor Eaton also represents ABAG on the Bay Area Economic Forum.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Eugene Leong announced the retirement of Peggy Edgerton and introduced her replacement, Ellie Cobbs. Leong also recognized that ABAG has lost 50 years of institutional memory and service with the retirements of Dave Fleming and Dick Spees. Leong noted the rising State deficit problems will ultimately be passed on in part to local governments – difficult times are ahead for cities and counties in the Bay Area.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Executive Board Summary Minutes

The Board approved the Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 326, September 19, 2002.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Appointments to Committees

The Board approved the appointment of Councilmember David Cortese, City of San Jose, to the Administrative Committee.

D. National Science Foundation Proposal to Study Impacts of Post-Disaster Transportation System Closures and Controls

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract to compile information on the past impacts of various road, highway, airport, and port traffic closures following a disaster so decision makers can use the most appropriate strategy for controlling traffic. The impacts to be analyzed include disaster response, economic impacts, rebuilding, and restoration of functionality. The proposal includes \$274,309 from the Department of Transportation, including a \$68,984 subcontract to the George Washington University Institute for crisis, disaster, and risk management as well as a \$3,600 subcontract for database programming. If funded, ABAG would provide a \$3,000 match for this 18-month project projected to start April 1, 2003.

E. Authorization to Submit Proposal for Collection and Analysis of Repair Data and Owner Characteristics to Improve Earthquake Recovery Planning for Housing to the National Science Foundation

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into an agreement to improve pre-earthquake housing recovery planning and to accelerate residential rebuilding efforts in future earthquakes. The research data collected will assist those trying to encourage pre-event mitigation and planning, including local government planners, redevelopment specialists, and shelter providers. The proposed 18 month project will start April 1, 2003, with a total budget of \$242,600 including an ABAG match of \$3,000 and a subcontract totaling \$2,400.

F. Authorization to Submit Proposals to Form Regional Energy Office

The Board approved the extension of previous authorization of May 15, 2001 to include proposals that would lead to the formation of a Regional Energy Office (REO) to be administered by ABAG in cooperation with participating local agencies. In May 2002 the Executive Board authorized the Executive Director or designee, on behalf of ABAG or ABAG POWER, to apply for funding, and if granted, to enter into a

contract(s) with the California Energy Commission (CEC) and/or the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) or other appropriate state agency to provide technical assistance and training to the cities and counties for conservation programs relating to the energy crisis.

G. Authorization to Submit Proposal to Pew Charitable Trust, State of California and State of California Department of Water Resources

The Executive Board authorized submission of a set of cross-disciplinary grant proposals not to exceed \$1 million and if funded, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with grantors for projects to help reverse coastal resource declines.

H. Authorization to Extend Contract with Michael J. Arnold, Legislative Representative

The Board approved the extension of 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, 2003. The previous contract with Mr. Arnold expired on June 30, 2002.

It was moved by Dillon-Knutson/S/Fleming/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. **SMART GROWTH STRATEGY/REGIONAL LIVABILITY FOOTPRINT PROJECT STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GENERAL FORECASTING PARAMETERS**

Alex Amoroso, ABAG Principal Planner, reported that the two-year visioning process had been completed. The next steps would include public engagement, incentives/regulatory changes and policy based projections. Research Director, Paul Fassinger, noted that ample opportunity for local government input and comments are included in the timeline leading to adoption of Projections 2003 in March. It was moved by McHugh/S/LeZotte/C/ to approve the general forecasting parameters.

7. **ENDORSEMENT OF THE BAY AREA ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMPACT FOR SUSTAINABLE BAY AREA**

ABAG Planning Director, Gerry Raycraft and Senior Planner, Ceil Scandone, presented the Draft Compact and received Board endorsement finalizing the document. Mayor Green requested "a percentage of" be added to the third **Commitment to Action**. It was moved by McHugh/S/Jacobs Gibson/C/. Fleming and Green voted no. The following **Commitments to Action** address the major challenges to achieving a more sustainable region:

1. enable a diversified, sustainable and competitive economy to continue to prosper and provide jobs in order to achieve a higher quality of life for all Bay Area residents;
2. provide affordable housing to all income levels within the Bay Area to match population increases and job generation;
3. target transportation investment to achieve a world-class comprehensive, integrated and balanced multi-modal system that supports sufficient land use and decreases dependency on (suggested addition "a percentage of") single-occupancy vehicle trips;
4. preserve and restore the region's natural assets – San Francisco Bay, farmland, open space and other habitats;
5. improve resource and energy efficiency, reduce pollution and waste;
6. focus investment to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods;
7. provide all residents the opportunity for quality education and lifelong learning to help them meet their highest aspirations;
8. promote healthy and safe communities;
9. support state and local government fiscal reforms; and
10. stimulate civic engagement.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WETLANDS RESTORATION PROGRAM**

John Brosnan, Project Coordinator for the San Francisco Estuary Project, explained the value of Wetlands monitoring which includes 1) learn from wetland restoration experiences (successes and failures); 2) bay-wide picture of the extent of the various wetland habitats; 3) report annually on wetland condition; and 4) continually track progress toward achieving habitat goals. Additional information may be found at <http://www.sfwetlands.ca.gov/home>.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

ABAG President Gwen Regalia updated the Board on recent ABAG/MTC merger discussions and plans for future meetings. Three representative approaches to a comprehensive regional planning bill are being discussed. The Administrative Committee will use Executive Board input and these approaches to inform discussions with Senator Torlakson, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, other Legislators and our members.

10. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Mary Lou Holt reported on Committee activities providing a brief overview of the elections and voter percentages in each county that included a review of the Propositions and their funding repercussions. At the request of the Executive Board, a **Consumer Financial Privacy** information was added to ABAG's **Current Issues** section of the homepage, providing a clearinghouse of information for consumer financial information privacy. For information on the L&GO Committee, contact Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov. It was moved by Miller/S/Jacobs Gibson/C/ to accept the Committee Report.

11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2001-2002 Single Audit Report was approved by the Board. It was moved by Fleming/S/Dillon-Knutson/C/. The Finance Authority for Non-profits will unveil the new Workforce Housing Initiative that will assist in overcoming barriers to housing ownership in January, 2003.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer