

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 15, 2015
Summary Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, *Chair*
Councilmember Desley Brooks, *Vice Chair*
Supervisor David Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG Immediate Past President
Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton, ABAG President
Mayor Harry Price, City of Fairfield
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma, ABAG Vice President

Other Elected Officials:

Mayor Pat Eklund, City of Novato
Councilmember Dave Hudson, City of San Ramon

Staff:

Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Brad Paul—ABAG
Halimah Anderson—ABAG

Public: Ken Bukowski/Filming

Mike Arnold, Legislative advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Supervisor Scott Haggerty, L&GO, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. **MINUTES:** December 4, 2014, minutes were approved by all. (8-0)
3. **Mike Arnold, Legislative Advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc. Briefing on California's Fiscal Outlook**

Governor Jerry Brown is concerned about debt, especially related to retirement costs and "health benefits for life." Arnold noted that 12.2 million or 1/3 of the State's population is on Medical.

The Governor is interested in streamlining Redevelopment Agency wind down and divestment of properties owned by Redevelopment Agencies. Legislation related to this is expected.

Arnold noted that new bills must be sent to legislative counsel by January 30th.

4. **Legislation Summary was reviewed.**

Committee decided to watch most of the new bills that were presented. Committee voted to support:

- AB 18 (Bill Dodd) Napa & Solano County Disaster relief and
- AB 35 (David Chiu) New tax credit for affordable housing

The Committee is interested in seeking more information on:

- SB 9 (Jim Beall) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program,
- AB 57(Bill Quirk) Broadband Communications Infrastructure, and
- SB 7 (Lois Wolk) Housing: water meters: multiunit structures.

5. Finalizing L&GO Legislative Priorities for 2015

L&GO Committee members voted to approve the legislative priorities that were presented after removing “lowering the 2/3 supermajority vote” threshold” from the list of priorities.

6. Election of New Officers

Members voted to appoint Supervisor Scott Haggerty to continue as Committee Chair and Councilmember Desley Brooks as Vice Chair.

7. Announcement of Legislative Workshop and Reception Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in Sacramento

The Legislative Workshop features briefings on bills and initiatives related to local government, land use, housing, transportation, funding, financing mechanisms, Cap and Trade, and environmental challenges from water to climate change. Legislative Committee Chairs will be invited to speak at the workshop.

8. BRIEFING ON UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN (UAC) AND/OR REFUGEE CHILDREN PROGRAM—IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ezra Rapport noted that more information on next steps for ABAG related to coordination of information on unaccompanied children will be presented to the Executive Board in March. ABAG’s role may include developing a survey and workshop forum, as well as other coordination efforts. A consultant is being considered for these activities.

The next meeting of the L&GO Committee will be on **March 19, 2015.**