

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

**Thursday, January 20, 2011
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG President
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa
Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, City of Milpitas

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones—ABAG
Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

1. Introductions: Napa County Supervisor Mark Luce, L&GO Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40.

2. Minutes: November 18, 2010, minutes were approved.

3. Discussion of Governor's Budget Proposals

The Committee discussed the Governor's proposed budget, especially the repercussions of eliminating Redevelopment Agency/funding and Social Services like First Five funding. Discussion included suggestions for alternative funding solutions.

The Committee moved to bring before the Executive Board the following recommendation:

That the Joint Policy Committee, which is meeting, Friday, January 21st, take on crafting a regional policy solution to the current budget proposal of eliminating the Redevelopment Agency, with the following three points part of the consideration:

1. Given the current practice of taking from the Capital Budget to fill operating budget shortfalls, if Redevelopment Agency funding is eliminated, then that would most likely damage/kill Capital Projects.
2. As a result, RDA should be reformed rather than eliminated, especially in light of SCS/SB 375 priorities—This would involve restructuring the criteria for funding Redevelopment projects toward compact development, TOD, and other potential SCS development strategies.
3. Provide a regional option, a devolution strategy for regional/local budgeting, and create more regional budgeting autonomy.

DISCUSSION OF FUNDING FOR DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director, discussed his meeting with Darrell Steinberg and Mark DeSaulnier regarding the necessity of providing planning money for ABAG and cities/counties to move forward with SCS and the necessity of making progress on CEQA issues and a more uniform set of guidelines for projects that would streamline the process and SCS priorities. The recommendation was to examine transportation and energy sector funding and determine how to use some of this funding for land use planning and for resolving CEQA planning issues.

UPDATE ON 2011 LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION:

It was announced that invitations were being sent to State Legislators to attend ABAG's Legislative Reception, scheduled on Wednesday, February 16th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Chops Steakhouse, across from the Capitol in Sacramento. All committee members were invited to participate and meet with the legislators to talk about Bay Area issues, and were encouraged to reach out to their Bay Area representative to issue a personal invitation to the Legislative Reception.

3. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. The next meeting will be **March 17, 2011.**