

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

**Thursday, March 17, 2011
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Supervisor Susan L. Adams, County of Marin, ABAG Vice President
Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Carol Dillon Knutson, City of Novato, Vice Chair
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 Mark Luce, County of Napa
Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, City of Milpitas
Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones—ABAG
Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Ceil Scandone—ABAG
Laura Thompson—ABAG

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

2. Minutes: January 20, 2011, minutes were approved.

3. Annual Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee unanimously re-elected Napa County Supervisor Mark Luce as Chair and Novato Councilmember Carole Dillon Knutson as Vice Chair for 2011.

4. 2011 State Legislative Session: Bills for Consideration

The Committee recommended the following positions on new bills:

AB 56 (Hill) Public Utilities: Fines and Penalties: Intrastate Pipeline Safety

Pulled from agenda because amendments changed bill.

No Action

AB 57 (Beall) Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Would require MTC to consist of 21 members, adding two seats with one member appointed by the Mayor of Oakland and one appointed by the Mayor of San Jose.

Support

AB 184 (Swanson) Contractual Assessment Programs: Seismic Safety Improvements

Adds provisions to authorize contractual assessments by public agencies to finance the installation of seismic strengthening improvements.

Support

AB 913 (Feuer) Certified Green Business Program

Support

Establishes a California certified green business program providing voluntary certification of businesses that adopt environmentally preferable business practices.

SB 186 (Kehoe & DeSaulnier) The Controller

Would authorize the State Controller to use broad discretionary authority to perform an audit or investigation of any county, city, special district, joint powers authority, or redevelopment Agency, and make them pay for any costs associated with the audit.

Oppose

SB 200 (Wolk) State Water Facilities: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta—Delta Conveyance Facility

Would prohibit construction of a new Delta Conveyance unless specified conditions are met and establishing plans and agreements for construction of water facilities and implementation of water programs unless certain conditions are met.

Watch

SB 201 (DeSaulnier) Flexible Purpose Corporations: Corporate Mergers

Would create a new form of corporate entity for pursuing other interests/ environmental/ sustainable, besides simply making money.

No position

SB 209 (Corbett) Common Interest Developments: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Would make void and unenforceable any covenant, restriction, or condition contained in any deed/contract/etc that would prohibit installation or use of an electrical vehicle charging station.

Watch

SB 214 (Wolk) Infrastructure Financing Districts: Voter Approval—Repeal

Would eliminate the requirement of voter approval for infrastructure financing districts.

Watch

SB 301 (DeSaulnier) Housing and Community Development: Redevelopment—Seismic Retrofits

Would update building code reference regarding seismic retrofits relating unreinforced masonry buildings, historical buildings, building rehabilitation/redevelopment agency projects, or alterations in construction.

Watch

SCA 4 (DeSaulnier & Wolk) Initiative Measures: Funding Source

Would prohibit an initiative measure that would increase state or local costs from being submitted to the electors unless it has been determined that the initiative measure provides for additional revenues to cover the net increase.

Support

5. Discussion Regarding Naming of the Bay Trail

Supervisor Scott Haggerty proposed opening up discussion about re-naming the Bay Trail.

Action: The Committee recommended that ABAG Staff and the Bay Trail Board work with Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty to develop a process to honor a single individual and/or others along the Bay Trail and report back to the Committee with a plan for a process and outreach.

6. Review of 2011 Legislative Reception held on Wednesday, February 16th

More than 35, including 9 Legislators and 7 Legislative staff representing additional legislators participated. MTC and CSAC were supporting sponsors. In discussion of next year's legislative reception, there were many ideas for different location, type of program, and expanding attendees. Staff was directed to review and propose alternatives for 2012 Reception.

Under Open Agenda:

Recommendations were made to add the following bills to the May 19th Agenda for Committee consideration:

- **SB 582** (Emmerson) Regional Commute Benefit Bill sponsored by MTC and Air District
- **SB 790** (Leno) Electricity: Community Choice Aggregation
- **AB 710** (Skinner) Local planning: infill and transit-oriented development
- **AB 1112** (Huffman) Oil Spill Preparedness Act
- It was moved to send a letter of support for **SB 515** (Corbett): The Battery Stewardship Act. This is the same bill from last session that slightly enhanced and supported by the Committee, now re-introduced in the 2011 Session.

7. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. The next meeting will be **May 19, 2011.**