

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

**Thursday, March 20, 2003**

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present :**

Mayor Maria Alegria, Pinole  
Mayor Irma Anderson, Richmond  
Councilmember Desley Brooks, Oakland  
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, Novato  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County  
Mayor Mary Lou Holt, Yountville, L&GO Chair  
Councilmember Carol Klatt, Daly City  
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, Solano County  
Supervisor Peter McHugh, Santa Clara County  
Mayor Julia Miller, Sunnyvale  
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, Santa Rosa  
Mayor Gwen Regalia, Walnut Creek  
Mayor Shelia Young, San Leandro

*Also Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha—ABAG  
Gerry Raycraft—ABAG  
Alex Amoroso—ABAG  
Stacey Wells—LCC

**1. Introductions:** Committee Chair, Mayor Mary Lou Holt, opened the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

**2. Minutes:** January 16, 2003, minutes were approved.

**3. Election of 2003 Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, San Mateo County, was unanimously voted L&GO chair.  
Mayor Maria Alegria, City of Pinole, was elected Vice Chair.

**4. Update on Developing Integrated, Comprehensive Regional Planning**

- ABAG President Gwen Regalia reported to the Committee about the Executive Board Special Session on February 26<sup>th</sup>; about meetings with Mayors' Conferences and City Associations in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties; and about other regional discussions, all relating to ABAG's draft legislation and actions needed to bring about comprehensive integrated regional planning.
- After a lengthy and intense committee discussion regarding the necessity of pursuing **spot bills AB 829 (Salinas)** Regional Planning: San Francisco Bay Area and **SB 170 (Torlakson)** San Francisco Bay Area Infrastructure Planning, the process of working with the legislators and drafting language for the bills, and concerns about equitable representation of big and small cities and the potential for legislation being used as a hammer against jurisdictions, the committee made the following motion:  
*Recommend to the Executive Board to move forward with the legislative process and the regional discussions about bringing about comprehensive integrated regional planning.*  
Committee vote was 7 ayes with 6 abstentions.

**5. Review of Legislation**

The Committee recommended the following positions and directed staff to follow-up on questions posed related to legislation designated *watch*, as noted below.

**Support:**

**AB 437 (Matthews)** Inter-Regional Partnership State Pilot Project: Local Jurisdictions  
**AB 723 (Matthews)** Jobs-Housing Opportunity Zones

**Watch:**

**AB 668 (Cox)** General Plans: Housing Elements

Committee wants more specifics on available reimbursement remedies for jurisdictions referenced in the bill.

**AB 672 (Montanez)** Housing: Smart Growth—Downpayment Assistance and Mortgages

Committee wants clarification concerning what constitutes a public transportation station, which is a location requirement for downpayment assistance.

**SB 114 (Torlakson)** Financial Assistance: Relocation of Automobile Dealerships and Big Box Retailers

Committee wants info on rumored amendments and more information on why this is considered only a short term remedy to “fiscalization of land use.”

**AB 430 (Dutra)** Bay Area Regional Water System

Committee wants to review amendments that the author’s office indicated would be made shortly after this committee’s meeting.

**Oppose:**

**AB 1160 (Steinberg)** Housing: Second Units

**SB 148 (Torlakson)** Property Tax Revenue Allocations

**6. Discussion of Recent State Fiscal Reform Legislation**

This agenda item was held over to the next L&GO meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

***Handouts distributed at meeting included:***

--Updated summary of legislation being reviewed

--Letter from Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson noting unavoidable absence and interest in Chair position

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: May 15, 2003, 3:30 - 5 p.m., MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B**