

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

**Thursday, March 21, 2002**

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Maria Alegria—Pinole Mayor Pro Tem  
Irma Anderson—Richmond Mayor  
Bill Carroll—Solano County Supervisor  
Scott Haggerty—Alameda County Supervisor  
Mary Lou Holt—Yountville Mayor  
Carol Klatt—Daly City Councilmember  
Peter McHugh—Santa Clara County Supervisor  
Julia Miller—Sunnyvale Vice Mayor  
Steve Rabinowitsh—Santa Rosa Councilmember  
Gwen Regalia—Walnut Creek Mayor Pro Tem  
John Silva—Solano County Supervisor

*Also Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha—ABAG  
Gerry Raycraft—ABAG  
Alex Amoroso—ABAG  
Jeanne Perkins—ABAG

**1. Introductions:**

Committee Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, opened the meeting with introductions at 3:40 with a quorum present.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from January 17th meeting were approved and a quorum established.

**3. Election of Officers:**

**Mayor Mary Lou Holt**, Town of Yountville, was unanimously elected Chair; and Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, San Mateo County, was elected Vice Chair.

**4. Update on the Interregional Partnership (IRP) and Housing Elements**

Gerry Raycraft, ABAG Director of Planning gave the committee an update on the status of the IRP and legislative incentives. He noted that 7 Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zones have been designated with three more soon to be added.

- The legislative and administrative incentives being pursued for the Opportunity Zones include changing tax credits and bond debt allocation with priority given to projects in the Opportunity Zones, and fiscal incentives like cash incentives from the state or tax increment financing for infrastructure, or given the state's current fiscal issues, setting up a reimbursement structure for efforts at a later date.
- There was discussion about the conflicts and differing solutions regarding interregional issues. It was also observed that much good will and effort are ongoing within the jurisdictions and councils of governments to overcome local geographic boundaries in the planning and support of interregional concepts.

Alex Amoroso, ABAG Principal Planner, reported on Housing Element Reform Legislation and the status of the Working Group formed by Senator Joe Dunn and Assemblymembers Lowenthal and Wiggins

- The Working Group includes the League, CSAC, housing and environment advocates, Council of Governments' representatives and staff from Housing and Community Development and legislators' offices.
- Three concepts the Working Group have been reviewing closely include the process for HCD regional allocation to the COG's; the process and methodology of distribution of the housing numbers from the COG's

to local jurisdictions and public participation in the local jurisdiction process and housing element preparation.

- Two more meetings are scheduled and new language is expected for SB 910 as a result of these meetings. If consensus can't be reached, then the bill may remain as it was first issued with sanctions on local government.
- A Placeholder bill AB 2863 proposed by Longville and Thompson has been sponsored by the League of California Cities to address changes in the housing element process.

#### **5. Review of Legislation: Legislative Highlights:**

The L&GO Committee made the following recommendations about legislation:

AB 1865 Canciamilla: Local Government Finance—Support

AB 2028 Canciamilla: General Plans—Urban Growth Boundary—Support

SB 1227 Burton: Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002—Support (with possible addition of language about affordable housing and market rates)

SB 1495 Torlakson: Balancing Jobs and Growth—Support

AB 1058 Pavley: Vehicular Emissions—Carbon Dioxide—Support

SB 1243 Torlakson: Regional Planning—Support with two abstentions (follow-up to support position in January and amendment)

AB 680 Steinberg: Land Use-Sales Tax and Property Tax Revenue Allocation—Watch

SCA 5 Torlakson: Local government: Sales Taxes—Transportation and Smart Growth Planning—Watch

SB 1374 Kuehl: Solid Waste: Construction and Demolition Waste/Local Ordinances—Watch

SB 1350 McPherson: Emergency Services—Terrorism—Watch

#### **Three new bills added to the meeting's agenda include the following:**

AB 2863 Longville and Thomson: Land Use—Housing Element—Support

AB 2411 Corbett: Building Standards: Local Agencies—Support in Concept

SB 2974 Karnette: General Plans—Housing Element—Watch

#### **Under Public Comment:**

Explore if the Dioxins Evaluation Report should be placed again on the agenda of an L&GO meeting.

#### **6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: May 16, 2002, 3:30-5 p.m., MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B**