

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

**Thursday, May 19, 2011
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Supervisor Susan L. Adams, County of Marin, ABAG Vice President
Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
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 Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones—ABAG
Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Laura Thompson—ABAG
Bruce Beyaert—Trails for Richmond Action Committee
Sandra Threlfall—Executive Director, Waterfront Action

1. **Introductions:** Councilmember Carole Dillon Knutson, L&GO Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:45.
2. **Minutes:** March 17, 2011, minutes were approved.
3. **2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION: NEW BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION**

AB 392 (Alejo) Ralph M. Brown Act—OPPOSE

The staff-generated report process proposed is ambiguous, would have unintended consequences, and the kind/scope of web implementation proposed could be impractical.

AB 485 (Ma) Was Local Planning: Transit Village Development Districts and now amended to Infrastructure Financing **SUPPORT**

Eliminates the requirement of voter approval for the adoption of an infrastructure financing plan.

AB 506 (Wieckowski) Local Government: Bankruptcy—Mediation
OPPOSE

Adds numerous state mediation requirements and proceedings to a local public entity declaring bankruptcy under federal bankruptcy law.

AB 710 (Skinner) Local planning: Infill and Transit-oriented Development
OPPOSE

Do not want the state to set parking requirements for development—wish to leave that decision to local jurisdictions

AB 880 (Perez) Environmental Quality: CEQA—Expedited Environmental Review WATCH

Number of concerns about adding to different projects/categories, including energy efficiency to expedited CEQA Review and other implications.

AB 913 (Feuer) Certified Green Business Program SUPPORT

Develops a California Green Business Program for the voluntary certification of business, supporting the network of statewide local government programs in implementing their guidelines and structures.

AB 1103 (Huffman) Land Use: Housing Element SUPPORT

Even with amendments this is a first step in identifying broader range of housing element approaches that can be added and counted by local jurisdictions meeting their housing element and RHNA.

AB 1112 (Huffman) Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee (Oil Spill Preparedness Act) SUPPORT

Will improve risk assessment and monitoring and inspections of oil transfer operations and provide a funding source for the administration.

AB 1220 (Alejo) Land Use and Planning: Cause of Actions—Time Limitations OPPOSE

Would unnecessarily expand from over one year to five years the statute of limitations to sue a city or county, challenging the adoption of housing element or a number of related ordinances, as well as planning interpretations.

AB 1430 (Com. on Local Government) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 Omnibus Bill SUPPORT

Technical clean up bill –clarifying definitions of terms from definitions of affected district to contiguous what is meant by legal representative.

SB 184 (Leno) Land Use: Zoning Regulations (Inclusionary Housing Requirements) SUPPORT

Authorizes the ability of a jurisdiction to adopt ordinances to establish, as a condition of development, inclusionary housing requirements.

SB 286 (Wright) Redevelopment OPPOSE

Do not feel the reforms proposed are warranted and are unnecessary

SB 419 (Simitian) Solid Waste: Home Generated Sharps SUPPORT

Clean up bill to clarify reporting requirements of pharmaceutical companies about their product stewardship plan for disposal of sharps waste.

SB 515 (Corbett) Recycling: Product Stewardship—Batteries SUPPORT

This bill requires battery manufacturers to design, fund and operate a full product stewardship plan for managing the disposal of household batteries.

SB 555 (Hancock) Local Government: Community Facilities Districts SUPPORT

This bill would authorize Mello-Roos community facilities districts to finance the acquisition, installation and improvement of energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable energy improvements

SB 582 (Emmerson) Regional Commute Benefit Policies

SUPPORT

Sponsored by MTC and the Air District, this bill would authorize an MPO and an air district to adopt jointly a regional commute benefit ordinance requiring employers to offer employees commute benefits.

**SB 653 (Steinberg) Local Taxation: Counties—School Districts—General Authorization
WATCH**

Need more information about the costs, administration and scope of potential taxes, and their repercussions statewide and locally.

SB 790 (Leno) Electricity: Community Choice Aggregation

SUPPORT

Bill strengthens existing law by clarifying, amending and adding key provisions to allow jurisdictions to pursue Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) without undue barriers and excessive burdens

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING NAMING OF THE BAY TRAIL

Supervisor Scott Haggerty and ABAG Bay Trail Project Manager Laura Thompson reported out about retaining the name of the San Francisco Bay Trail and a proposal to honor Treasurer Lockyer with a special monument on the Bay Trail.

For reference: The Bay Trail Board made the following motion at their April 18th meeting:

- *The Bay Trail Board recognizes the contribution of Treasurer Lockyer for his efforts to seek funding for the Bay Trail and other contributions. We recognize this contribution by supporting the placement of a suitable monument recognizing his efforts and others. We will work with staff and Supervisor Scott Haggerty's office to craft the language for this recognition.*

Under Open Agenda:

Bruce Beyaert from Trails for Richmond Action Committee, shared the milestone of Richmond completing 30 miles of Bay trail and distributed brochures showing the Ferry Point Loop Trail and the Wildcat Marsh and Landfill Loop Trail Guides.

Sandra Threlfall, Executive Director of Waterfront Action, shared a map and guide to Oakland-Alameda Waterfront Parks, Trails and Public Access, also part of the Bay Trail

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