

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

Thursday, July 17, 2009

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara, ABAG Immediate Past President
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato, *Chair*
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG President
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG Vice President
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma, *Vice Chair*
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Mayor Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones—ABAG
Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Randy Rentschler – MTC
Julie Leftwich—Legal Community Against Violence

1. Introductions: Novato Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, L&GO Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40.

2. Minutes: May 21, 2009, minutes were approved.

3. 2009 Legislative Session—Bills for Consideration

Two new bills were discussed: AB 744 (Torrico), and AB 881 (Huffman)

- **AB 744:** Randy Rentschler, MTC Director of Legislation and Public Affairs, briefed the Committee on the transportation bill AB 744 which addresses Toll Lanes—Express Lane Network, providing a AB 744 fact sheet. There was a lengthy discussion about the locations of the Hot Lane Network, how they were chosen, uneven impact on counties, what/where the revenue streams will fund, and equity concerns with pricing.

Recommendation: a majority of the Committee voted to support: 6 support, 1 oppose, 2 abstentions.

- **AB 881:** Sonoma County Supervisor Mike Kerns highlighted AB 881 which addresses Greenhouse Gas Emissions through the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority:

Recommendation: Support

Update on SB 406 (DeSaulnier) Land Use: Environmental Quality—provided by ABAG Assistant Executive Director Patricia Jones, ABAG President Rose Jacobs Gibson, and ABAG Vice President Mark Green who testified in favor of the bill at a recent Assembly Transportation Committee hearing in Sacramento. ABAG Deputy Director Ezra Rapport outlined various strategies and outreach being conducted with legislators and councils of governments across the state to help pass this bill and provide funding for planning.

The committee recommended the following positions on bills previously considered and now amended:

AB 814: After a briefing on the latest amendments to AB 814 (Krekorian) Firearm Surrender Process and Procedure by Legal Director Julie Leftwich, Legal Community Against Violence (bill sponsor), **the Committee voted to Support, which** was a change from the previous position of “no position/needing clarification.” Leftwich’s briefing included a clarification on the process for timely firearm relinquishment by those convicted which the Committee had requested.

AB 962: The Committee voted full Support of AB 962 (DeLeon) Ammunition. The previous position was “support with amendments.” Amendments and clarification sought concerned the fingerprinting process, and identification of who should not “reasonably” possess ammunition and of places where ammunition transactions. This clarification and amendments occurred.

AB 18 (Knight) Local Government: City Councils: The Committee changed the previous oppose position to Support, since the bill now just extends the time for a city council to fill a vacant seat from 30 days to 60 days.

AB 46 (Blakeslee) Energy: Energy Conservation Assistance: the recommendation was to maintain “watch” position.

AB 155 (Mendoza) Local Government—Bankruptcy: the recommendation was to maintain opposition to this bill which, it was noted, has now become a two-year bill.

4. Report from the Youth Gun Violence Task Force on Model Ordinances And Resolutions: Task Force Chair and ABAG President Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson discussed encouraging local governments to adopt local ordinances and resolutions. These ordinances/ resolutions would address possession/selling of guns and ammunition which is part of region-wide efforts to address youth gun violence. Julie Leftwich, Legal Director of Legal Community Against Violence, briefed the committee on these model laws which would regulate firearms dealers and ammunitions, require the reporting lost or stolen firearms, and ban the possession of large capacity magazines.

The committee recommended that the Executive Board review these model ordinances and resolutions and take action at the September Executive board meeting.

5. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. The next meeting: **September 17, 2009.**