

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

**Thursday, July 17, 2014
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland, *Vice Chair*
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, *Chair*
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont
Supervisor Mark Luce, ABAG Immediate Past President, County of Napa
Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton, ABAG President
Mayor Harry Price, City of Fairfield

Staff Present:

Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Brad Paul—ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Gillian Adams—ABAG

Public: Novato Councilmember Pat Eklund, San Ramon Councilmember Dave Hudson,
Ken Buchowski/Filming

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** L&GO Chair Scott Haggerty called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. **MINUTES:** March 15, 2014, minutes were approved. (7-0)

1. LEGISLATION PROPOSED FOR 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Committee reviewed 6 new bills in this final month of bill deliberation by the state legislature with August 31st the last day for each house to pass bills and September 30th the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the legislature before September 1.

- **AB 2372 (Ammiano) Change in Ownership** (7-0) **Support**
- **SB 53 (deLeon) CA Ammunition Safe Sales System** (6-0) **Support**
- **AB 2748 (Environmental Safety and Toxic Material Committee) Hazardous Waste: Business Plan** (7-0) **Support**
- **AB 2284 (Williams) Recycling of Household Batteries**
Watch because it seems “stalled in Committee” (7-0)

Because the following bills are in Suspense files/Appropriation or stricken from file and will not necessarily be moving forward in this Legislative Session, no further action was taken on two of the bills for consideration:

- **SB 270 (Padilla) Solid Waste: Single-use Carryout Bags—Bill in ASM Appropriations Suspense file**
- **AB 1893 (Eggman and Stone) Home-Generated Sharps Management: Stricken from Legislative File**

The committee reviewed Bills previously considered that had been amended, and updated, in particular the following bills and after discussion recommended retaining their previous positions:

- **SB 792 (DeSaulnier)** Regional Entities San Francisco Bay Area *Oppose*
- **AB 2145 (Bradford)** Electricity-Community Choice Aggregation *Oppose*
- **AB 1537 (Levine)** General Plan Housing Element-Regional Housing Need *Support*
- **SB 1184 (Hancock)** San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission: Sea Level Rise—Regional Resilience Strategy *Support*
- **SB 1077 (DeSaulnier)** Vehicles: Mileage-based Fee Pilot Program *Support*

2. FORMALIZE POLICY ON TAKING POSITIONS BETWEEN L&GO BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS

The following policy and procedure for taking positions on bills between meetings for L&GO Committee and ABAG was recommended by the L&GO Committee to the Executive Board for adoption:

Recommended Actions for Executive Board approval:

- **Designate a subcommittee comprised of four members: L&GO Chair and Vice Chair, ABAG President and Vice President.**
- **If action or change of position on legislation is required that needs immediate response and occurs between L&GO meetings, the designated subcommittee would be authorized via conference call or e-mail to recommend and take action on legislation in a timely manner, in the name of the L&GO committee and ABAG.**
- **These “inter-meeting” actions will then be agendized and ratified at the subsequent L&GO meeting and Executive Board meeting. (Reported out by the L&GO Chair.)**

A one page summary of Proposed Budget and Budget Trailer Bills was distributed. There was a brief discussion of the Cap and Trade Trailer Bill and the briefing meeting in Sacramento regarding the short and long term investment of cap and trade revenues in Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program.

Under Open Agenda, for information and for possible consideration at upcoming L&GO meetings, the following information was distributed:

- **Draft federal Legislation being introduced by Congressman Matt Cartwright called the PREPARE Act: Preparedness and Risk Management for Extreme Weather Patterns Assuring Resilience—for future review and analysis before position is recommended**
- **Description of Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program** that applies to public, private and non profit entities with an average of 50 or more full time employees per week and the requirement that they must offer employee commuter benefits and comply by September 30th
- **Copy of the Assembly Resolution HR 29: Relative to outsourcing Public Services** (a follow-up to previous committee discussion about this resolution’s recommendations and possible impact on local government local control.)