

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

**Thursday, July 18, 2002**

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

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

*Also Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha—ABAG  
Eugene Leong—ABAG  
Gerry Raycraft—ABAG  
Alex Amoroso—ABAG  
Mike Rippey—Napa County Supervisor

**1. Introductions:**

Committee Chair, Mayor Mary Lou Holt, opened the meeting at 3:35 with a full quorum present.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** May 16<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**Under Public Comment:** Staff presented to the committee the position taken by the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) to pursue Construction Defect Law Reform Legislation. A letter sent by the RPC to legislators outlining potential solutions and issues to address in Construction Defect Law Reform Legislation was distributed to the committee. The L&GO Committee by consensus agreed to make this issue one of the priority areas explored in future legislation.

**3. Information Update from the Bay Area Dioxins Task Force.**

Jennifer Krebbs, Senior Environmental Planner, outlined the actions taken regarding the Pollution Prevention Options Report as requested by the L&GO Committee:

- The Task Force Web site has been updated with a disclaimer regarding the report, new links have been added to other reports and studies and actions being taken. It was also proposed to add nine other links that would include a broad spectrum of industry studies related to dioxins, which will be implemented.
- A special Conference, *Government Operations & Dioxins Pollution Prevention in the San Francisco Bay Area*, will be conducted September 18 at Oakland City Hall. This conference is the result of requests by the Committee to explore the issue further. Purchasing departments and government agencies with industry representation will discuss how they are working together to reduce dioxins generation.
- The Committee was thanked for their review of this report and their recommendations.

**4. Review of Legislation**

**New Bills Considered:**

**California Wild Heritage Wilderness Act of 2002 (Boxer), Federal Legislation:** Napa County Supervisor Mike Rippey gave a general review of this new legislation. Committee requested further

deliberation and Senator Boxer's staff had indicated that they would be available at the next meeting to give more details and update regarding this legislation.

**SB 1521 (Kuehl): Land Use—Model Planning Practices and Policies—Watch**

**Status Review of Bills Previously Considered**

**SB 1243 (Torlakson) Merger of ABAG and MTC:** After an update on meetings held this past month with Senator Torlakson, his staff, and representatives from ABAG and MTC, there was a lengthy discussion about the lack of movement and next steps.

- After a series of motions, **a final motion was made by Oakland Councilmember Dick Spees, seconded by Richmond Mayor Irma Anderson, to continue opposition to SB 1243 as it is written, unless the positions stated in the ABAG Board Resolution Resolution No. 07-02 are met and addressed in future amendments.**
- Board Resolution No. 07-02 defines amendments or alternative legislation for merging regional transportation planning with other comprehensive regional planning functions currently undertaken by ABAG. The motion carried with one member opposed. (11-1 votes)

**SB 1523 Sher: Solid Waste—Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) and CRT Devices—Recycling and Refurbishment** and **SB 1619 Romero and Sher: Solid Waste—Cathode Ray Tubes and CRT Devices. New Watch Position taken on companion bills.** This was a change from a previous position of Support because the contents of the bill were deleted and funding mechanism affected. An E-Waste sub-committee is currently meeting to replace the language and also address local government and business concerns with disposal, recycling and collection, and funding.

**SB 910 (Dunn) Housing Elements:** Alex Amoroso, Senior Planner, gave an update on bill and the changes made as a result of the State Working Group meeting on this bill. Two issues still remain as stumbling blocks to passage of the bill, the punitive aspects and the issue of judicial review of compliance prevailing over HCD final review. The Committee proposed to continue opposition to the bill as it is currently written.

**Other bills previously considered last session and now changed:**

**AB 499** was changed from Economic Development and Incentives to address specific issues in city of Norco—the bill is no longer appropriate for consideration.

**AB 1284 (Lowenthal)** changed to Housing Opportunity Districts—position remains a watch.

**5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: September 19, 2002, 3:30-5 p.m., MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B**