

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

Thursday, July 21, 2005

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Mayor Carol Klatt, City of Daly City
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Councilmember Julia Miller, City of Sunnyvale
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Mayor Shelia Young, City of San Leandro, *Vice Chair*

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha—ABAG

1. Introductions: Vice Chair Mayor Shelia Young opened the meeting at 5:45 and proceeded with discussions. Although a quorum was not met, the attending committee members agreed to discuss bills on the agenda, and pass on committee conclusions to the Executive Board for their consideration.

2. REVIEW OF BILLS IN THE 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The committee discussed fourteen new bills and recommended the following positions for Board approval:

- AB 1234** (Salinas): Local Agencies—Compensation and Ethics **SUPPORT**
- AB 1296** (Hancock): San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail **SUPPORT**
- AB 1367** (Evans): General Plans Regional Housing Need **WATCH**—didn't move out of committee
- AB 1383** (Pavley): Solar Energy—Low Income Housing Development Revolving Loan Program
WATCH (Would like to see broader green building options)
- AB 1390** (Jones): Housing—Redevelopment Agencies **SUPPORT**
- AB 1450** (Evans): Land Use—Density Bonus **WATCH**—didn't move out of committee
- ACA 7** (Nation): Local Governmental Taxation—Special Taxes: Voter Approval **SUPPORT**:
- ACA 9** (Bogh): Motor Vehicle Fuel Sales Tax Revenue **No action**: Did not move out of committees on
Transportation and Appropriations
- SB 153** (Chesbro & Murray): California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of
2006 **SUPPORT**
- SB 223** (Torlakson): Infill Housing **WATCH** (Would like to see mixed use
specified and lack of specific funding an issue)

SB 427 (Hollingsworth): CEQA—Exemption—CALTRANS—Right of Ways **WATCH** (Most likely will become an omnibus bill on CEQA exemptions)

SB 435 (Hollingsworth): Housing—Density Bonuses **OPPOSE**

SB 968 (Torlakson): Land Use Planning—General Plans **SUPPORT** (rename circulation element to “transportation” element)

SB 974 (Committee on Environmental Quality): CEQA: Exemption—Rural Infrastructure Economic Development Projects **WATCH** —considered a placeholder bill and identified as potential omnibus bill for the committee on CEQA issues

Previously considered bill:

SB 731 Recommend **Changing original Oppose position to “NO POSITION”**

Section 1 of this bill, that would legislate appointing representative for Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency, was removed. Since this section was the only part opposed by the committee, and the other sections of the bill contained technical clarifying non substantive changes relating to public utilities, highway, etc., it was agreed to change the position of “oppose” to “no position.”

3. REPORT ON STATUS OF RHNA PROCESS AND COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES’ DECISIONS:

ABAG has been given a verbal approval for a two year extension to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process that was due to start by the end of July. A formal letter has not been received as yet. ABAG and SCAG have filed a suit appealing the Commission on State Mandates decision to eliminate funding of local jurisdictions and councils of government to carry out the RHNA process.

The lawsuit schedule includes ABAG/SCAG filing a brief by October 4, Commission’s opposition brief filed by October 24, ABAG/SCAG reply due November 3, and a hearing on November 18th in Superior Court Sacramento.

Funding is still in question, although there are assurances from the Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency Sunne McPeak that they will try to find one million dollars in the administrative budget to support initial efforts by ABAG and SCAG.

4. SPECIAL ELECTION STATE INITIATIVES:

Eight initiatives have qualified for the November 8, 2005, Special Election. On July 5th the Secretary of State issued ballot numbers for the eight propositions. The committee received a summary for their review of the eight initiatives proposed as they are posted on the Secretary of State’s website.

5. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2005.**