

# SUMMARY MINUTES (DRAFT)

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 21, 2016  
Bay Area Metro Center  
375 Beale Street  
San Francisco, California

## 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Chair Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, called the meeting of the Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order.

A quorum of the Committee was present.

### Members Present

Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda—Chair  
David Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara  
Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont  
Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa  
Linda Seifert, Supervisor, County of Solano  
Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton—*Ex officio*  
Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa—*Ex officio*

### Members Absent

Desley Brooks, Councilmember, City of Oakland  
David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma—*Ex officio*

### Staff Present

Ezra Rapport, Executive Director  
Kenneth Moy, Legal Counsel  
Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director  
Duane Bay, Assistant Director, Planning and Research  
Laura Thompson, Project Manager, San Francisco Bay Trail Project  
Halimah Anderson, Communications Officer

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## 3. APPROVAL OF ABAG LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2016

Chair Haggerty recognized a motion, which was seconded, to approve the Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee summary minutes of June 16, 2016.

The ayes were: Haggerty, Cortese, Harrison, Mitchoff, Seifert, Pierce, Luce.

The nays were: Brooks, Rabbitt.

The abstentions were: None.

The absences were: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

**4. OVERVIEW ON PARK BOND AB 2444 (EDUARDO GARCIA), THE CALIFORNIA PARKS, WATER, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2016**

Laura Thompson, Project Manager, San Francisco Bay Trail Project, presented an overview on Park Bond AB 2444 (Eduardo Garcia), the California Parks, Water, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2016.

Chair Haggerty recognized a motion by Linda Seifert, Supervisor, County of Solano, which was seconded by Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, to support AB 2444.

The ayes were: Haggerty, Cortese, Harrison, Mitchoff, Seifert, Pierce, Luce.

The nays were: Brooks, Rabbitt.

The abstentions were: None.

The absences were: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

**5. NEW LEGISLATION PROPOSED FOR 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, presented information on AB 1550 (Gomez), Greenhouse Gases Investment Plan: Disadvantaged Communities. He noted that this legislation expands on a flawed definition of disadvantaged communities. He also noted that MTC took a position to oppose AB 1550 unless amended. ABAG is interested in taking a similar position to both MTC and the Air District.

Rebecca Long, MTC Government Relations Manager, noted that under this legislation almost 80 percent of our low income census tracts wouldn't count as "disadvantaged communities." This definition is being used to approve cap and trade benefits. MTC has requested amendments to AB 1550 that include broadening the definition of disadvantaged communities.

Chair Haggerty recognized a motion by Pierce, which was seconded by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, to oppose AB 1550, unless amended.

The ayes were: Haggerty, Cortese, Harrison, Mitchoff, Seifert, Pierce, Luce.

The nays were: Brooks, Rabbitt.

The abstentions were: None.

The absences were: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

Paul presented updates on the status of legislation that the committee has recently taken positions to support.

Duane Bay, Assistant Director, Planning and Research, noted that the Governor's "By Right" Trailer Bill proposal is still in negotiations with legislators. The committee recently took a position to oppose the bill and seek amendments.

**6. OVERVIEW ON PROPOSITION 53, CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE VOTE ON BOND INITIATIVE**

Paul opened up the discussion on Proposition 53, California Statewide Vote on Bond Initiative.

Long noted that Proposition 53 has the potential to require a statewide vote on bonds for transportation projects. MTC is planning to take an oppose position on Proposition 53 in September.

Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, noted that Proposition 53 only refers to revenue bonds. She noted that the Delta County Coalition supports the proposition and she would recommend a support position. Reasons for Proposition 53 include stopping the Water Tunnel and the High speed rail activities.

Randy Rentschler, MTC Legislation and Public Affairs Director, noted that Proposition 53 could impact BATA and BART projects and have a lot of unforeseen consequences.

Haggerty noted that the BART extension to Livermore could be impacted by the proposition.

The committee requested more information on Proposition 53 and to vote on the measure at the September meeting.

The committee also voted to look at a number of other California Statewide propositions at the September meeting.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee will be on September 15, 2016.

Submitted:

/s/ Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director

Date Submitted: August 29, 2016

Date Approved:

*For information, contact Fred Castro, Clerk of the Board, at (415) 820 7913 or FredC@abag.ca.gov.*