

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

**Thursday, September 15, 2011  
Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara  
Councilmember Carole Dillon Knutson, City of Novato, *Vice Chair*  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo  
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga  
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG President  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda  
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, **Chair**  
Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, City of Milpitas  
Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton

*Staff Present:*

Ezra Rapport – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG  
Guest: Councilmember Sepi Richardson, City of Brisbane

**1. Introductions:** Supervisor Mark Luce, L&GO Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40.

**2 Minutes:** July 17, 2011, minutes were approved.

**3. 2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION: STATUS OF BILLS AT END OF SESSION**

The committee was updated on the Status of bills they had considered during the 2011 legislative cycle. The updated Legislative summary outlined that 36 bills had been considered by the Committee and, to date, four of them had been chaptered, and 11 enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature. It was noted that at this time there were @600 bills that the Governor was reviewing and had until October 9<sup>th</sup> to sign.

**The 11 bills on the Governor's desk include the following:**

AB 144 (Portantino & Ammiano) Firearms: Open Carrying of Unloaded Handguns  
AB 809 (Feuer) Firearms: Long Gun Transfer Records  
AB 913 (Feuer) Environment: Certified Green Business Program  
AB 1112 (Huffman) Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee: State Lands Commission (Oil Spill Preparedness Act)  
AB 1220 (Alejo) Land Use and Planning: Cause of Actions—Time Limitations  
AB 1430 (Com. on Local Government) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 Omnibus Bill  
SB 310 (Hancock) Local Development  
SB 555 (Hancock) Local Government: Community Facilities District  
SB 582 (Yee) Commute Benefit Policies  
SB 790 (Leno) Electricity: Community Choice Aggregation

**SB 791 (Steinberg) Regional Congestion Reduction Charge:** No position was taken on this bill, as proposed on the L&GO agenda, because it was amended and changed to address a

different issue at the last minute. It became a bill by Senator Simitian on Health Care: Mammograms, and was subsequently enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature.

**SB 226 (Simitian) Environmental Quality:** The Committee did review and take a support position on SB 266 that was amended at the end of the legislative session on September 9<sup>th</sup> to and then enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature.

The amended specific provisions stated that: *SB 226 would establish exemptions limits to environmental review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for specified projects: such as installation of a solar energy system, establishes abbreviated CEQA review for specified “infill projects”, solar thermal power plant. Specifically this bill streamlines the CEQA process for adopting or amending a general plan by allowing the general plan interagency referral process under Planning and Zoning Law to occur during CEQA scoping process.*

**Following discussion of the bills and the last minute “gut and amend” process that had occurred in the last days of the 2011 Legislative Session, the Committee recommended:** that staff research the process and procedures used in other states regarding gutting and amending bills at the last minute. This will provide background information for a discussion about the feasibility of introducing a bill in the 2012 Legislative Session that would restrict last minute, gutting and amending of bills.

#### **4. Review of Recommendations for 2012 Legislative Receptions**

After examining the history and format for previous Legislative Receptions held in Sacramento and the Bay Area since 2001, the Committee reviewed a range of suggestions for Legislative Receptions in 2012 to maximize our networking and work with our state legislators. The consensus was to follow-up on dates of Bay Area Caucus meetings and secure meetings with the legislators, including follow-up receptions. Staff is directed to establish Sacramento locations and dates in January/February/early in the Legislative Session for different networking opportunities, and to expand legislative reception participation to RPC members, and business and media constituents. Another recommendation was to pursue participating and support of such events as the Bay Area Council annual legislative/business sponsored event to promote and continue one on one networking with legislators later in the session.

**5. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held **November 17, 2011.**