

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

**Thursday, September 16, 2010
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Supervisor Susan Adams, County of Marin, ABAG Vice President
Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG Immediate Past President
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG President
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, *Chair*
Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, City of Milpitas
Mayor Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones—ABAG
Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

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

2. Minutes: July 15, 2010, minutes were approved.

3. 2010 Legislative Session—Status Update on Bills Tracked

Eleven (11) of the 34 bills reviewed by L&GO this session were enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature.

- **SB 1205 (Corbett) Bay Area Disaster Recovery Planning Council Act
ABAG Sponsored Bill**
ABAG Executive Director briefly recapped for the Committee the status of the bill and legislative strategies pursued to achieve consensus and support for SB 1205.
- **AB 234 (Huffman) Oil Spill Prevention and Response: Transfer of Oil**
- **AB 987 (Ma) Transit Village Development Districts: Infrastructure Financing**
- **AB 1343 (Huffman) Architectural Paint Recycling**
- **AB 1755 (Swanson) Seismic Safety Finance Act**
- **AB 2103 (Hill) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority**
- **AB 2398 (Perez) Product Stewardship Carpet: Public Procurement**
- **SB 228 (DeSaulnier) Plastic Bags: Compostable Plastic Bags**

- **SB 346 (Kehoe) Hazardous Materials: Motor Vehicle Brake Friction Materials**
- **SB 1006 (Pavley) Natural Resources: Climate Change—Strategic Growth Council**
- **SB 1211 (Romero-Dutton) Unemployment Insurance: Benefits—Eligibility—Overpayments—Elected Officials—signed/Chapter 222, Statutes of 2010**

Committee Review of Bi-partisan bill package introduced in response to the City of Bell Financial Scandal: in the final week of the legislative session a package of five bills was considered to address personnel and issues raised by financial scandal. Two of the five bills introduced were enrolled and sent to the Governor:

- **AB 827 (DeLaTorre) Local Public Employees.** This bill would prevent automatic renewal of salary increases, require performance review, prohibit severance payments greater than 12 months of salary, and a series of other automatic increase clauses.
- **AB 194 (Torrico) Retirement: Local Employees**
This bill addressed retirement benefits paid to persons becoming member of public retirement system from January 1, 2011 on: stating that the maximum salary or pay rate upon which retirement benefits are based shall not exceed 125 of the salary and other stipulations.

Under Open Agenda:

The bill, AB 602 (Feuer) Land Use and Planning—Time Limitations, was brought forth for discussion and concerns about its potential impact raised:

This bill would revise the statute of limitations and remedies for specified housing-related challenges, extending filing time to within five years after an action to adopt, amend, or revise a housing element, actions relating to housing development approval, annual limits on housing permits, and the adequacy of a density bonus ordinance. This bill is currently on the Governor’s desk.

4. Briefing on November Ballot Propositions and Possible Recommended Positions

After review and discussion, the Committee recommended positions on the following five Propositions:

Proposition 21: Recommend Support

Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle License Surcharge to Help Fund State Parks and Wildlife Programs and Grants Free Admission to All State Parks to Surcharged Vehicles.

Initiative Statute

Proposition 23: Recommend Oppose

Suspends Air Pollution Control Laws Requiring Major Polluters to Report and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions That Cause Global Warming Until Unemployment Drops Below Specified Level for Full Year.

Initiative Statute

Proposition 25: Recommend Support

Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to Pass a Budget from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority. Retains Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Taxes.

Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Proposition 26: Recommend Oppose

Increases Legislative Vote Requirement to Two-Thirds for State Levies and Charges. Imposes Additional Requirement for Voters to Approve Local Levies and Charges with Limited Exceptions.

Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Proposition 27: Recommend Oppose

Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting. Consolidates Authority for Redistricting with Elected Representatives.

Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute

- 6. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.
The next meeting will be **November 18, 2010.**