

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

**Thursday, September 17, 2009
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara, ABAG Immediate Past President
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato, *Chair*
Councilmember Dan Furtado, City of Campbell
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG President
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG Vice President
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma, *Vice Chair*
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa
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:** Novato Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, L&GO Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40.
2. **Minutes:** July 17, 2009, minutes were approved.
3. **2009 Legislative Session—Bills for Consideration**

The following two federal bills were reviewed:

S.1619: The Livable Communities Act of 2009, Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT)

H.R. 3525: Tax Exempt Private Activity Bond (PAB) Use for Renewable Energy Generation and Energy and Water Efficiency Projects, Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA)

The Committee **recommended full support** noting that both federal bills represented initiatives, direction, and funding that ABAG has been pursuing on the regional level.

A one page status summary of the 29 state bills considered by the Committee during the 2009 California Legislative Session was distributed. It was noted that 10 of those bills had been passed by the Legislature, enrolled and sent to the Governor.

- ◆ An update on **SB 406 (DeSaulnier) Land Use: Environmental Quality**, which was sent to the Governor's desk, was provided by ABAG Assistant Executive Director Patricia Jones. As part of the outreach ABAG is conducting to generate letters of support to the Governor, a letter was distributed for members of the L&GO Committee and the Executive Board to sign. Many businesses and environmental groups, as well as ABAG member local governments have been contacted to send letters urging the Governor to approve SB 406.
- ◆ ABAG Deputy Director Ezra Rapport reported the importance of having **SB 279** signed by the Governor. SB 279 (Hancock) would give community facilities districts the ability to finance/refinance the acquisition, installation and improvement of energy efficiency; water conservation; and renewable energy improvements.

- 4. Update from Youth Gun Violence Task Force on Model Ordinances and Resolutions:** Task Force Chair and ABAG President, Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, discussed the support being expressed by various jurisdictions regarding the model ordinances and resolutions. She also mentioned future media outreach plans are necessary to raise awareness of the problems with illegal sales and with youth access to guns and ammunition.

Under Open Agenda: ABAG Vice President and Union City Mayor Green recommended that a full presentation be made at the next Executive Board meeting on proposals for a Constitutional Convention, the process to be used, and the fiscal structural focus of proposed changes.

- 5. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. The next meeting: **November 19, 2009.**