

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

Thursday, November 15, 2007

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, City of Oakland, ABAG President  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG Vice President  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, ABAG Immediate Past President  
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma  
Vice Mayor Carol Klatt, City of Daly City  
Councilmember Carole D. Knutson, City of Novato, Vice Chair  
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara, Chair  
Mayor pro Tem Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek  
Councilmember Arne Simonsen, City of Antioch

*Staff Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

**1. Introductions:** Chair Supervisor Pete McHugh opened the meeting at 3:40.

**2. Minutes:** September 20, 2007, minutes were approved.

**3. Review of Legislative Priorities for 2008 Legislative Session**

The Committee discussed the priorities and action items followed during the 2007 Legislative Session. These included legislation on housing, housing element reform, transportation, land use and related incentives, infrastructure needs, hazard mitigation, water quality management, eminent domain, and global warming. Specific action items on land use, transportation related policies (especially multi-modal transportation), climate action policies, extended producer responsibility will be explored for 2008. Staff was directed to work with MTC on some joint ABAG/MTC legislative initiatives.

**4. Review Carry-Over Bills from 2007 Legislative Session**

The Committee discussed the 2007 bills chaptered and vetoed and looked at bills carried over into the 2008 session. The discussion centered on how to be more effective in working with legislators on bills of interest to the region.

Global warming solutions, climate change and greenhouse gas emission policies, housing element reform, water management, housing and infrastructure funding and incentive grants will be the subjects of significant legislation, in this two-year process. The Committee looks to actively affect these policies and legislation through contact with legislators, participation in hearings, and staff follow-up.

**5. Discussion about 2008 Legislative Reception**

The Committee agreed that an effective outreach strategy for gaining support for ABAG policies and priorities was to hold a 2008 Legislative Reception in Sacramento in January. It was agreed that last year's reception held in January 2007 was successful, but that this year had the potential to be even better. Not only Bay Area Legislators but all legislators will be invited. A specific date is to be

determined after consultation with our legislative advocate in Sacramento, but it will be a Wednesday evening in January.

The League and CSAC will be contacted to see if they sponsor the reception as they did in 2007 and the Joint Policy Committee will also be asked to serve as co-sponsors. An L&GO subcommittee will assist in securing sponsorships and developing the reception program.

**6. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. *The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2008.*