

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

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor Irma Anderson, City of Richmond
Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, *Chair*
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Julia Miller, City of Sunnyvale
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Mayor Shelia Young, City of San Leandro, *Vice Chair*

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Jeanne Perkins – ABAG
Kathleen Van Velsor – ABAG
Stana Hearne—League of Women Voters

1. Introductions: Chair Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson opened the meeting at 3:45 and proceeded with open agenda.

2. September 15th minutes were approved.

3. Identification of Legislative Priorities for 2006

For committee focus during the 2006 Legislative Session, the committee identified four priority areas which coincide with the RPC draft planning principles:

- **Legislation that helps facilitate planning coordination and emphasizes regional and local solutions and innovation**

- **Legislation that promotes policies that embody smart growth principles**

That would mean legislation encouraging infill development, housing for all income levels, transportation efficiency, compact development, social equity, and the enhancement of existing communities. This also includes closely tracking redevelopment proposals.

- **Local Government Finance**

That would involve legislation/policies that support implementation of city/county programs by providing resources, additional funding and incentives, especially those needed for planning, infrastructure, and services. This area also includes bills addressing pension reform and the lowering of voter threshold for passing local ballot measures.

- **Environment:**

Promoting legislation/policies that support infrastructure, water planning, water resources and conservation, disaster preparedness, and hazard mitigation and prevention. This would include legislation that structures environmental review to promote quality development, protect the environment and provide for meaningful community input.

4. Discussion of Resolution urging support of Federal and State Legislation to address delta and levee hazard planning and mitigation: After a lengthy discussion and the committee's motion to support the resolution concerning legislation and efforts to address delta and levee hazard planning and mitigation, the committee recommended that EBMUD and other water agencies address the Executive Board about this issue and their efforts, and the kind of regional support needed.

5-7. Legislative Update on CEQA, AB 986, and Infrastructure:

The committee also discussed the changing funding levels and range of funding seen in Perata and Torlakson's bill SB 1024 from \$10.3 billion to potentially \$50 billion. The Committee unanimously agreed that California and our Bay Area infrastructure need this investment, with emphasis on our levees, flood protection, crumbling roads, ports, and other delayed transportation projects, to name a few. The committee agreed that this will be a priority bill to track and support.

For the 2006 Legislation Session, the committee briefly discussed tracking and giving input on other omnibus bills that address CEQA, housing finance and incentives, as well as the bill, AB 986 (Torrico), on transit oriented development and the Joint Policy Committee's role in preparing a plan to identify regional TODs.

Open Agenda: As proposed by Councilmember Gwen Regalia during the open agenda, the Committee members also agreed to hear and take a position on federal legislation regarding national franchising of cable television services at the next L&GO meeting.

The meeting concluded with updates on potential for funding for RHNA process and grant application for Blueprint funding and the Joint Policy Committee's strategic emphasis on housing as part of their consolidated work program.

8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2006.**