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

**Thursday, November 18, 2010  
Summary Minutes**

### **Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara  
Mayor Pro Tem Carole Dillon Knutson, Vice Chair  
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga  
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  
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:** Mayor Pro Tem Carole Dillon Knutson, L&GO Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40.

**2. Minutes:** September 16, 2010, minutes were approved.

### **3. Legislative Priorities for 2011**

After review of 2010 Legislative Priorities and outcomes of bills considered during the session, the committee proposed the following “Legislative Priorities for the 2011 California Legislative Session:”

#### **➤ Continue to pursue state and federal legislation addressing focused integrated planning and environmentally healthy communities:**

- Aggressively pursue legislation addressing Extended Producer Responsibility and waste disposal, and hazardous waste issues.
- Track legislation addressing Bay issues, oil spill, and statewide policies on sea level rise.
- Achieve environmentally healthy communities:
  - Continue to pursue legislation “Improving Crime Gun Tracing” and against “Open Carrying of Unloaded Handguns”.

- **Continue to pursue resources and incentives for planning, infrastructure and services to assist local governments and related climate change and land use solutions.**
  - Continue legislative partnership with MTC, Air District, and BCDC on these issues.
  - Pursue legislation addressing RHNA/Housing element review regarding how affordable housing conversions and assisted living facilities are counted and credited; and how urban and rural areas are categorized.
  
- **Continue to support Finance legislation that includes balanced revenue streams and fiscal reform**
  - Continue work with the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties on structural budget reform.
  - Track legislation addressing pension reform and Internet privacy and sales tax issues.
  - Stay abreast of proposals on constitution revisions and Constitutional Convention.
  
- **Continue to support Long term Financial Disaster Recovery Planning Initiative**
  - Continue work with CAL-EMA and other agencies to identify and fund regional/ local hazard mitigation and Post Disaster Recovery Planning
    - Support legislation and working with CARD (Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters) to extend its model throughout the region's counties and cities.
  
- **Continue to seek state and federal legislation establishing innovative financing and project delivery mechanisms.**
  - Work to ensure that, where a Regional Blueprint has been adopted, consistency with regional blueprints is a consideration in allocation of funds from State agencies and provides incentives for local government
  - In the development of legislation and agency State policies on climate change, uphold local flexibility and authority.
  - Continue to work on legislation that would ensure that COGs, MPOs, and other affected regional planning agencies receive sufficient funds to fulfill obligations under SB 375.
    - Seek funding to reimburse COGs for Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) compliance costs.

- Seek permanent funding for COG, MPO, and local governments for SB 375 obligations.

➤ **Continue to seek funding/stimulus funds that would support regional agency infrastructure:**

--such as agency energy efficiency building retrofit and possible joint regional agency facility.

- *Monitor unfunded state mandates of local programs and fiscal impacts on local governments—This issue would be fundamental for evaluating legislation.*

4. **Legislative Reception:** The committee is recommending that an ABAG Legislative Reception be held again in Sacramento in 2011—possibly in January or February, the date to be determined.

**The agenda item regarding a discussion of ABAG International—Feasibility Study on Marketing between China and Bay Area** was postponed, with a future date to be determined.

5. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.  
The next meeting will be **January 20, 2011.**