



SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2016
Bay Area Metro Center

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Vice Chair Desley Brooks, Councilmember, City of Oakland, called the meeting of the Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order.

A quorum of the Committee was present.

Members Present:

Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County
Vice Chair, Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Councilmember Julie Pierce, ABAG President, City of Clayton
Supervisor Mark Luce, Napa County
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Contra Costa County

ABAG Staff:

Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director
Halimah Anderson, Communications Officer

MTC Staff:

Rebecca Long, Government Relations Manager

The meeting minutes were approved (6-0).

- 2. Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director**, noted that SB 32, The California Global Warming Solutions Act: Emissions Limit; and AB 197, State Air Resources Board: Greenhouse Gases Regulations were chaptered into law by the Gov. SB 32 will require CA to slash greenhouse gas levels 40 percent below their 1990 levels by 2030. AB 197, the accompanying legislation to SB 32, will create six-year term limits on air resources board members and add two nonvoting legislators to the Board.

3. **Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director** presented an update on the status of AB 1550 Greenhouse Gases Investment Plan: Disadvantaged Communities. Brad noted that AB 1550 was passed and signed by the Governor yesterday. Brad noted that the L&GO Committee took a position to oppose AB 1550, unless amended, because the legislation expands on a flawed definition of disadvantaged communities.
 - Brad noted that the Governor's Trailer Bill Proposal failed to pass.
 - Then Brad presented updates on the status of legislation that the committee has recently taken positions to support.
 - Supervisor Luce asked why many of the housing bills failed to pass.
 - Rebecca Long, MTC Government Relations Manager, noted that funding for housing measures was tied up in the Governor's By Right Trailer Bill Proposal.
4. Brad Paul opened up the discussion on [Proposition 53](#), California Statewide Vote on Bond Initiative.
 - Supervisor Mitchoff referenced the meeting materials stating that it is a myth that Proposition 53 will hinder transportation funding. She noted that Proposition 53 only refers to revenue bonds. Supervisor Mitchoff noted that she wants the L&GO Committee to take a yes position on Proposition 53 or take a neutral position. She noted that the Proposition is polling at 68 percent yes because there is a feeling that there is not transparency on the Tunnel Project and High Speed Rail. Supervisor Mitchoff moved that we support Proposition 53.
 - Other members did not express interest in taking a position on Proposition 53.
 - Rebecca Long noted MTC staff recommended that we oppose Proposition 53. She noted that in the Bay Area, we issue bonds backed by toll revenue and our council thinks that there is a risk that this could require statewide vote, if MTC were to fund a project that is more than \$2 billion. We worry that this proposition could have unintended consequences.
 - Councilmember Brooks proposed that the committee speak up on the statewide propositions that we want to take a position on, otherwise we move to the next item.
 - The list of Propositions was reviewed.
 - Then Councilmember Pierce moved to support Proposition 54 (Government Accountability) and Supervisor Luce seconded the motion. Proposition 54 prohibits legislature from passing any bill unless it has been in print and published on the internet for at least 72 hours before the vote, except in cases of public emergency.
 - The Committee then voted to support Proposition 54. (6-0)

5. **Adjournment**

The next L&GO Committee Meeting will be held on **November 17, 2016**.