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

**Thursday, January 16, 2014**  
**Summary Minutes**

### **Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, *Vice Chair*  
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont  
Councilmember Julie Pierce, Chair, City of Clayton, ABAG President  
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma, **Chair**, ABAG Vice President

### *Staff Present:*

Ezra Rapport – ABAG  
Brad Paul—ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG  
Gillian Adams—ABAG

**1. INTRODUCTIONS:** L&GO Chair David Rabbit called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**2. MINUTES:** December 5, 2013, minutes were approved. (5-0)

**3. The Committee finalized the Legislative Priorities for 2014:**

#### **A. Focus on SB 375/Plan Bay Area Implementation**

**Focus includes the following Legislative objectives:**

- ☐ Pursuing Permanent Funding and/or receiving sufficient funds for COGs, MPO, and local governments to fulfill Plan Bay Area implementation
- ☐ Seeking Affordable Housing Funding
- ☐ Housing Element Reform
- ☐ Legislation providing resources and incentives for planning, infrastructure, services to assist local government
- ☐ CEQA/Entitlement Efficiency

#### **B. Lowering the 2/3 Supermajority Vote Threshold**

- ☐ Seeking Voter threshold reduction for infrastructure taxes and bonds statewide and locally
- ☐ Continue legislative partnership with CALCOG, MTC, Air District, BCDC, League of California Cities and CSAC on these issues

**4. SNAPSHOT OF NEW LEGISLATION BEING PROPOSED FOR 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Under Discussion of 2014 Legislative Session and introduction of new bills,** Director Ezra Rapport gave a report on the status of the funding bill SB 391 (De Saulnier) California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013 which is sitting in the Appropriations Committee Suspense File. Amendments have been suggested that would possibly move this bill forward but have not

been finalized in print—we are watching closely to see what our next steps will be whether to support this bill or see what could be included in other bills.

**SB 792: Regional Entities: San Francisco Bay Area**

DeSaulnier's bill which stalled in last year's session was amended January 13<sup>th</sup> and again talks about the regional agencies, Joint Policy Committee, requiring a multiplicity of reporting requirements. Because it is impractical and bureaucratic, as well as unnecessary since the JPC are already engaged in many of the requirements, the Committee recommended OPPOSE at this time, with more discussion to follow.

**5. 2014 LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION**

**Legislative Workshop and Reception in Sacramento will be held Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the CSAC Conference Center from 2-5pm, with a Reception following at Ella's (a block from the workshop location).**

An agenda of legislators presenting bill and issue briefings is being finalized and will be sent to all. The goal is to bring together legislators and Bay Area elected officials and other agency stakeholders to informally discuss the day's issues and challenges. The co-sponsors for this event are California Association of Counties (CSAC) and just confirmed the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

**6. ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**For 2014 Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was elected L&GO chair, with Oakland Councilmember Desley Brooks elected Vice Chair. (5-0)**

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Next Meeting will be held *March 20, 2014*.