

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

**Thursday, March 17, 2016
Summary Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County
Vice Chair, Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Mark Luce, ABAG Immediate Past President, Napa County
Councilmember Julie Pierce, ABAG President, City of Clayton
Supervisor David Rabbitt, ABAG Vice President, Sonoma County
Supervisor Linda Seifert, Solano County
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Contra Costa County

ABAG Staff:

Ezra Rapport, Executive Director
Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director
Halimah Anderson – Communications Officer
Jerry Lahr, Energy Programs Manager

Public:

Ken Bukowski/Filming

1. Call To Order

2. Approval of Minutes

The January 21, 2016 minutes were approved as written. (6-0)

3. Jerry Lahr, ABAG Energy Programs Manager

Jerry Lahr presented an update on **SB 1233** (McGuire) **Water Bill Savings Act**. The bill is co-authored by Wolk, Levine and Woods. SB 1233 would provide local governments with necessary tools to fund water savings projects for customers who voluntarily participate. It would help the state achieve the goal of reducing water use. Jerry noted that the bill is supported by ABAG, the Bay Area Energy Network, the Town of Windsor, the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority, and others. Support is being sought from the City of Hayward (a pilot project), the East Bay Municipal Utility District, and others. There is no opposition to the bill.

4. 2016 Legislation

Halimah Anderson, ABAG Communications Officer, presented an overview on new legislation. Staff will closely monitor 2016 legislation and update the Committee in May. Brad Paul noted that **AB 2406** (Thurmond) **Housing: Junior Accessory Dwelling Units** should be reviewed further by the Committee and a support position may be considered.

Other bills warranting further review include [AB 2734](#) (Toni Atkins) **Local Control Affordable Housing Act** and [AB 2817](#) (David Chiu) **Income Taxes Credits: Low-income Housing Allocation**.

5. 2016 Legislative Reception Recap

Eighteen local elected officials and 10 state legislators attended the Legislative Workshop on February 10, 2016. Ezra noted that top leadership attended the workshop and good questions were asked.

Councilmember Pierce noted that it would be a good idea to have the workshop only and eliminate the reception. The refreshments could be moved to the workshop. This would save money and allow attendees to get home sooner.

It was also noted that the Bay Area delegation would like to meet in the Bay Area. Ezra said that it would be good to present the new Housing Report to the Bay Area delegation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next L&GO Committee Meeting will be held on **May 19, 2016**.