# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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# **SUMMARY MINUTES**

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2017
Bay Area Metro Center

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Chair Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, Alameda County, 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
Councilmember Julie Pierce, ABAG President, City of Clayton
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson, City of San Ramon
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Contra Costa County
Supervisor David Rabbitt, ABAG Vice President, Sonoma County Supervisor
ABAG Staff:

Brad Paul, Acting Executive Director Halimah Anderson, Communications Officer Ada Chan, Regional Planner Fred Castro, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board MTC Staff:

Randy Rentschler, Director Legislation and Public Affairs Georgia Gann Dohrmann, Assistant Government Relations Manager

# 2. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2017 Meeting.

Vice Mayor Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Julie Pierce. The meeting minutes were approved (5-0).

### 3. Brad Paul, ABAG Acting Executive Director

- Brad noted that one of the benefits of staff consolidation is combining resources with the MTC Legislation and Public Affairs team and having more staff, and a robust lobbyist to help push bills. He noted that ABAG and MTC are currently working jointly on housing principles.
- Brad presented an update on the status of bills that are currently being tracked by ABAG and committee positions.

- Vice Mayor Hudson noted that AB 358 (Grayson) Regional Economic
  Development Areas, is an important bill about military bases. Supervisor Mitchoff
  noted that more information on AB 358 is needed. Councilmember Pierce noted
  that the concept seems like a good one, but through the Economic Development
  District, we are working on Economic Development Areas and we want to
  determine if AB 358 is compatible with current efforts. Supervisor Haggerty
  requested that staff ask Assemblymember Tim Grayson or his aide to come to a
  Legislative Committee meeting to provide more information about AB 358.
- Councilmember Pierce made a motion to oppose AB 890 (Medina): Local land use initiatives: environmental review. Supervisor Mitchoff seconded the motion. The committee voted to oppose the bill (5-0).

# 4. Legislative Workshop and Reception

Staff noted that nine legislators and more than 50 attendees participated in the Legislative Workshop held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, in Sacramento. Supervisor Haggerty requested a report on the presentations and discussion items. Staff noted that a report could be provided at the L&GO Committee Meeting in May.