

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

**Thursday, September 17, 2015
Summary Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Supervisor, Scott Haggerty, *Chair*

Councilmember Desley Brooks, *Vice Chair*

Supervisor, Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara

Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont

Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG Immediate Past President

Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton, ABAG President

Staff:

Ezra Rapport – ABAG

Brad Paul—ABAG

Halimah Anderson-- ABAG

Jerry Lahr --- ABAG

Jennifer Krebs -- ABAG

Public: Ken Bukowski/Filming

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS: Mike Arnold, Legislative advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc. L&GO, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. OPEN AGENDA - PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment made.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 21, 2015 minutes were approved as written. (7-0)

4. Mike Arnold, Legislative Advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc. Briefing

a. State Budget Update

- i. 2015-16 State Budget Adopted – *Budget adopted on time.*
- ii. Budget Trailer Bills Also Adopted – *13 budget trailer bills also adopted on time.*
- iii. Extraordinary Sessions for Infrastructure and Healthcare – *The Governor has called two extraordinary sessions of the state legislature to deal with important issues of financing our transportation system and the Medi-Cal program.*

b. Update on key ABAG Support Bills

- i. AB 35 (Chiu) Income tax: tax credit increase for low-income housing – *Moving forward in process. Status: Senate Appropriations Committee*
- ii. AB 90 (Atkins) Distribution of national housing trust fund monies – *Moving forward. Status: Senate Appropriations Committee*
- iii. AB 1335 (Atkins) Creation of a dedicated affordable housing fund by placing a \$75 fee on recording of real estate documents – excluding documents related to sales of owner occupied homes. – *Stuck on Assembly floor. Bill contains and urgency clause and can be taken up at any time. Two Republican votes are needed on the Assembly floor if all Democrats vote aye on the measure.*
- iv. SB 602 (Monning) Adding CA Earthquake Authority to definition of “public agency” for purposes of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements. – *Moving forward. Status: Assembly Appropriations*
- v. AB 18 (Dodd) Napa and Solano County disaster relief - *Moving forward. Status: Senate Appropriations*

c. Recommendations from Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee (Report Attached.)

- i. SB 489 (Monning) Hazardous Waste: Photovoltaic Modules – *Motion adopted to support this bill.*
- ii. AB 45 (Mullin) Household Hazardous Waste – *Committee requested briefing on this bill at the next meeting. Bill is now a “two-year bill.”*
- iii. AB 190 (Harper) Solid Waste: Single Use Carryout Bags – *Dead.*
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- v. AB 199 (Eggman) Alternative Energy: recycled feedstock - *Committee requested briefing on this bill at the next meeting. Status: Senate Appropriations.*
- vi. AB 1159 (Gordon and Williams) Product Stewardship: Pilot Program: household batteries and home-generated sharps waste – *Committee consensus was to take no position on this measure. Status: Two-year bill.*

5. BRAD PAUL, ABAG DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND MICHAEL ARNOLD

Possible legislation to add COGs and MPOs to the list of agencies allowed to access state-produced datasets – *Legislative Counsel draft bill was provided to the committee. The committee directed staff to continue to move forward on this matter with further review at a*

later date to authorize introduction of an ABAG sponsored bill during the 2016 Legislative Session if such an action is consistent with ABAG priorities for 2016.

6. UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN (UAC) AND/OR REFUGEE

CHILDREN IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT – *ABAG Interns working on this project presented a briefing to the committee and informed the committee that a forum on this topic will be held July 24, 2015 from 8:30a.m. – Noon. Considerable discussion was had by committee members concerning the need for the development of better statistical information regarding expenditures to address this subject by various governmental entities. Committee members complimented the ABAG interns for the work they have done on this project and for the presentation to the committee.*

7. LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION for 2016 – Planning Discussion – Agenda and Format Development.

The committee members engaged in considerable discussion pertaining to this subject. Many options were discussed including a breakfast format, a reception prior to a board meeting, and a separate conference on a key issue of interest in the Bay Area. It was ultimately agreed that staff would be directed to determine the possibility of an ABAG invitation to our Legislators to attend the reception being held in connection with the State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference, September 17-18, 2015. It was agreed that the ABAG staff will check with the SFEP conference coordinator to determine whether such an approach would be possible. Since timing is short, staff will work with the committee chair and vice chair on the implementation of this plan.

8. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.