

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2017
Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street, Board Room
San Francisco, California

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Chair Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, called the meeting to order at about 3:32 p.m..

A quorum of the Committee was present at about 3:32 p.m.

Members Present

Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda—Chair
Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor, City of San Ramon
Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
Julie Pierce, ABAG President and Councilmember, City of Clayton—*Ex officio*
Greg Scharff, Mayor, City of Palo Alto

Members Absent

David Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara—*Ex officio*
David Rabbitt, ABAG Vice President and Supervisor, County of Sonoma—*Ex officio*

Staff Present

Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director
Alix Bockelman, MTC Deputy Executive Director, Policy
Brad Paul, MTC Deputy Executive Director, Local Government Services
Randy Rentschler, MTC Legislative and Public Affairs Director
Rebecca Long, MTC Government Relations Manager

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no committee announcements.

4. OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steve Heminger, Executive Director, noted that this was the first ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee meeting with one consolidated staff under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. He introduced members of the staff who were present.

5. APPROVAL OF ABAG LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING ON MAY 18, 2017

Chair Haggerty recognized a motion by Greg Scharff, Mayor, City of Palo Alto, which was seconded by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, to approve the ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee summary minutes of the meeting on May 18, 2017.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Haggerty, Hudson, Mitchoff, Pierce, Scharff (5).

The nay votes were: None.

The abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Cortese, Rabbitt (2).

The motion passed unanimously.

6. OVERVIEW ON GOVERNOR BROWN'S 2017-2018 STATE BUDGET

Rebecca Long, Government Relations Manager, gave an update on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 State Budget, including housing and economic development, transportation, and climate change and resiliency.

7. UPDATE ON KEY LEGISLATION

Rebecca Long, Government Relations Manager, gave an update on Cap and Trade and federal transportation and housing appropriations, and reported on legislation, listed below ABAG's previously approved position is shown for information.

SB 3 (Beall), Affordable Housing Bond Act—Support;

SB 2 (Atkins), Building Jobs and Homes Act—Watch;

AB 71 (Chiu), Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: farmworker housing—Oppose;

SB 35 (Wiener), Planning and zoning: affordable housing approval process—Watch;

AB 73 (Chiu), Planning and zoning: housing sustainability districts—Watch;

AB 18 (Garcia), California Clean Water, Climate, and Control Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act 2018—Support;

AB 184 (Berman); Sea level rise planning: databases—Support;

AB 1433 (Wood), Climate Adaptation and Resilience Based on Nature Act—Watch;

AB 890 (Medina), Local land use initiatives: environmental review—Oppose.

Members discussed AB 358 (Grayson), Regional economic development areas—Watch; AB 71; and SB 35.

Members discussed how to resolve different positions on legislation taken by MTC and ABAG and policy disagreements between the two boards; the potential for a joint meeting of the ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee and the MTC Legislation Committee; consideration of taking no position on legislation if there is no agreement between MTC and ABAG or other potential approaches.

Chair Haggerty recognized a motion by Scharff, which was seconded by Mitchoff, to recommend an oppose position on SB 35.

Members discussed the timeliness of acting on SB 35, a bill that may be included in a set of housing bills later this session; staff analysis of SB 35; calling a committee meeting in August on housing bills; and committee process.

Scharff withdrew his motion; Mitchoff withdrew her second.

Members discussed providing staff direction on legislation; and AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), Counties: contracts for personal services.

Chair Haggerty moved to recommend an oppose position on AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), Counties: contracts for personal services, which was seconded by Scharff.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Haggerty, Hudson, Mitchoff, Pierce, Scharff (5).

The nay votes were: None.

The abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Cortese, Rabbitt (2).

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Haggerty recognized a motion by Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor, City of San Ramon, to recommend a support position on AB 1505 (Bloom), Land use zoning regulations, which was seconded by Scharff.

Members discussed AB 1505 (Bloom), Land use zoning regulations.

There was no public comment.

The aye votes were: Haggerty, Hudson, Mitchoff, Pierce, Scharff (5).

The nay votes were: None.

The abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Cortese, Rabbitt (2).

The motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed committee staffing and process; considering holding a meeting in August to review housing-related legislation, if needed.

The following individual gave public comment: Ken Bukowski.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Haggerty adjourned the meeting of the Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee at about 4:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee will be on September 21, 2017.

Submitted:

/s/ Fred Castro, Clerk of the Board

Date Submitted: August 24, 2017

Date Approved: September 21, 2017

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