

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 298
Thursday, January 15, 1998, 7:30 p.m.
METROCENTER AUDITORIUM
101-8th St (at Oak St.)
Oakland, CA
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action: Unless there is a request by a Board member to take up an item on the consent calendar separately, the calendar will be acted upon in one motion.

- 6. Approval Of Executive Board Summary Minutes****
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- 7. Grant Applications****

With Board consent, ABAG will transmit the attached list of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse. These applications were circulated in ABAG's "Intergovernmental Review Newsletter" since the last Executive Board meeting.

- 8. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

Authorization is requested to submit a proposal with *electro-test incorporated* (eti) and, if accepted, to contract with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a Light Emitting Diode (LED) Traffic Signals Market Transformation Program to assist local governments in the acquisition and installation of these energy-efficiency devices. The proposal will not to exceed \$160,000 for work to be performed in calendar year 1998.

- 9. Authorization to Contract with the National Institute of Environmental Training, Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration**

Authorization is requested for the Executive Director to sign a contract with the National Institute of Environmental Training, Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration **in an amount not to exceed \$52,000 for ABAG to provide ISO 14000 training for 16 Taiwanese environmental professionals during the month of February 1998.**

Please Note: The Board may act on any item on this agenda.

** Attachment included.

Authorization to Make Technical Corrections to Projections 98**

Shortly after the October 1997 Executive Board meeting, ABAG staff identified a number of technical changes in the Projections 98 forecast. While these changes were incorporated into the Projection 98 document prior to its publication, staff now asks for authorization to make these corrections.

Appointments to the ABAG Committees

President King requests the Board's approval of the following appointments to the committees:

Patricia Figueroa, Councilmember, City of Mountain View to the Regional Airport Planning Committee

Mary Griffin, Supervisor, County of San Mateo to Finance and Personnel

Doris Morse, Vice-Mayor, City of Millbrae, to the Bay Area Economic Forum

Dick Spees, Councilmember, City of Oakland, to Bay Area Economic Forum

Authorization to Increase the Lease Amount for Accounting Software**

As approved at the November 21, 1997 meeting of the Administrative Committee, staff has selected, acquired, and partially financed a replacement accounting system including specific computer software. The Finance & Personnel Committee is expected to recommend approval of Resolution 1-98 authorizing supplemental lease financing in the amount of \$68,930.37 in order to fund the remaining unfinanced portion of this software procurement.

Description of New Financing Program for Special Districts**

The Finance & Personnel Committee is expected to recommend Executive Board approval of Resolution 2-98 authorizing a pooled Marks-Roos Revenue Bond issue on behalf of the Jurisdictions appearing in the staff report and the Resolution. Under this new program, ABAG would issue "AAA"-rated, insured revenue bonds in order to acquire financial obligations secured by the general fund credit of Water Districts and other Special Districts.

SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE**

Action: ABAG has been participating as a leadership organization in the recently-formed Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development. ABAG Immediate Past President Charlotte Powers will provide a briefing on Alliance accomplishments and solicit Board input about future priorities.

UPDATE ON SONOMA COUNTY SUBREGIONAL PROJECT**

Information: As part of its subregional planning process, ABAG has supported an ongoing effort in Sonoma County to look subregional planning and the need to minimize the impact of revenue-driven land use decisions. Mayor Sandy Elles, City of Cotati, will provide a briefing on the issues the cities and county of Sonoma have explored and agreements they have recently achieved in these matters

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SHORT TERM ECONOMIC FORECAST FOR THE BAY AREA REGION**

Information: On Thursday, January 29, 1997 ABAG staff will be sponsoring the ninth annual short term forecast conference, "Will the Boom Continue?: A Regional Economic Outlook for 1998 and 1999". ABAG will present forecasts of jobs, taxable sales, and construction trends for the commercial and residential markets. Conference guest speakers will offer information on the state's economy and local real estate markets. Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, will present a short overview of the conference to the Executive Board.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

The newly-elected Chair of Finance and Personnel will make a brief report.

ADJOURNMENT

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