

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 298
January 15, 1998 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Mary King at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor Mary King
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Harry Moore
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Michael Yaki
Supervisor Mary Griffin
Supervisor Joseph Simitian
Supervisor William Carroll
Supervisor James Harberson
Mayor Roberta Cooper
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia
Mayor Terry Segerberg
Mayor Mary Lou Holt
Mr. Larry Florin, Special Assistant to the Mayor
Mr. Paul Horcher, Director, Solid Waste Mgmt. Program
Mayor Pro Tem Doris Morse
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Councilmember Don Burnett
Mayor Stan Kawczynski
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember David Berto
Councilmember John Russo
Councilmember Richard Spees
Mr. Richard Balocco
Board

Following Representatives and Alternates absent

Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Jim Rogers
Supervisor Gayle Uilkema
Supervisor Amos Brown
Supervisor Leslie Katz
Supervisor Leland Yee
Supervisor Ruben Barrales
Supervisor Michael Nevin
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Councilmember Henry L. Chang, Jr.
Councilmember Ignacio De La Fuente
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.
Councilmember Charlotte Powers
Councilmember Alice Woody
Vice Mayor Margie Fernandes
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini

Jurisdiction

Alameda County
Alameda County
Marin County
Napa County
San Francisco County
San Mateo County
Santa Clara County
Solano County
Sonoma County
Alameda County Cities
Alameda County Cities
Contra Costa County Cities
Contra Costa County Cities
Napa County Cities
City of San Francisco
City of San Francisco
San Mateo County Cities
San Mateo County Cities
Santa Clara County Cities
Santa Clara County Cities
Solano County Cities
Sonoma County Cities
City of Oakland
City of Oakland
Regional Water Quality Control

Contra Costa County
Contra Costa County
Contra Costa County
San Francisco County
San Francisco County
San Francisco County
San Mateo County
San Mateo County
Santa Clara County
Santa Clara County
City of San Francisco
City of Oakland
City of Oakland
City of San Jose
City of San Jose

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President King noted that the meeting would be convened and adjourned in the memory of Joan Coleman, a long time employee of ABAG. Joan worked as the secretary to the Executive Director and as Clerk of the Board. Joan was remembered as a gracious, competent, able and caring person who will be missed by the Board, her colleagues, and the community.

King welcomed Mayor Terry Segerberg, City of Hercules, and Councilmember Don Burnett, City of Cupertino, who were attending for the first time.

Legal Counsel, Ken Moy, requested that Items G and H be moved from the consent calendar to the Finance and Personnel Committee Report

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the written material in the packet, Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, highlighted two reports recently completed -- *Projections 98* and the *Bay Area Futures* report which was written in conjunction with the Urban Land Institute. Leong noted there was a delay in the aggregation of power in California and further information about the delay could be found on the back table.

Mr. Leong noted that a letter had been handed out from Governor Wilson to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the air quality designation in the Bay Area. The three co-lead agencies, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and ABAG will also be opposing the EPA's Federal Register proposal to redesignate the Bay Area from attainment to non-attainment for ozone.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 297, October 16, 1997.

B. Grant Applications

Board approved transmittal of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse.

C. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to Pacific Gas and Electric Company

The Executive Board authorized the Executive Director or his designee to submit a proposal to electro-test incorporated (eti) and, if accepted, enter into a contract with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a Light Emitting Diode (LED) Traffic Signals Market Transformation Program designed to assist local governments in acquisition and installation of these energy-efficient signals. The proposal will not exceed \$200,000 and will be completed in calendar year 1998.

D. Authorization to Contract with the National Institute of Environmental Training, Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration

The Board authorized 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.

E. Authorization to Make Technical Corrections to Projections 98

The Executive Board approved technical changes made to the forecast of Projections 98 prior to publication.

F. Appointments ABAG Committees

The Board approved President King's request for the following appointments made to various committees:

Bay Area Economic Forum

Sandy Elles, Mayor, City of Cotati

Doris Morse, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Millbrae

Richard Spees, Councilmember, City of Oakland

Bay Conversion and Development Commission

Jerry Hayes, Mayor, City of Benicia

Finance and Personnel Committee

Mary Griffin, Supervisor, County of San Mateo

Mike Rippey, Supervisor, County of Napa

Legislation and Governmental Organization

Mary Griffin, Supervisor, County of San Mateo

Mary Lou Holt, Mayor, City of Yountville

George Pettygrove, Mayor, City of Fairfield

Michael Yaki, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco

Regional Airport Planning Committee

Patricia Figueroa, Councilmember, City of Mountain View

Julia Miller, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale (alternate)

Regional Planning Committee

Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda

G. Authorization to Increase the Lease Amount for Accounting Software

Item moved to Finance and Personnel Committee report (Item 9).

H. Description of New Financing Program for Special Districts

Item moved to Finance and Personnel Committee report (Item 9).

It was moved by Spees/S/Yaki/C that the consent calendar be approved as amended.

6. BAY AREA ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Gary Binger, ABAG Planning Director, briefed the Board on the status of the recently-formed Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development. Their accomplishments to date include:

- diverse membership buy-in which includes representatives from PG&E, Bay Area Council, Sierra Club, Urban Habitat and ABAG;
- two-year work program;
- meetings focused on environmental and equity concerns;
- inventory of Bay Area sustainability efforts;
- survey of preliminary priorities; and
- briefing of regional agency heads.

The preliminary priorities were defined as follows:

- sustainability indicators;
- collaborative subregional and regional planning;
- support for non-auto modes;
- revitalization of urban communities;
- transit supportive land use; and
- revenue sharing and transit-based infrastructure.

Commitment has been made by participants to proceed, and attendance and participation at meetings has been surprisingly strong. Resources will be required to move forward with this project and a likely source of funding would be the foundation communities.

7. **SHORT TERM ECONOMIC FORECAST FOR THE BAY AREA REGION**

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, presented a short overview of the January 29, 1998 conference *Will the Boom Continue?: A Regional Economic Outlook for 1998 and 1999*. Highlights of the conference which will forecast jobs, taxable sales, and construction trends for the commercial and residential markets include the following:

National Economic Outlook

- current economic expansion is 5 ½ years old, and the longest in the post-war period;
- economic growth has been moderate and inflation low; and
- potential problem areas include interactions with Asian economies, high household debt burden, and year 2000 problem.

California's Economic Outlook

- strong growth of 1996-97 will be more moderate in 1998-99;
- California's strong export sector will be hurt by Asian economic weakening; and
- growth among California's regions is becoming more balanced.

Bay Area Prospects

- continuation from previous growth, recent building and investments provide benefits;
- growth concentrated in services, high tech;
- already low unemployment makes significant expansion more difficult; and
- high real estate prices continue.

8. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

President King announced that Dave Berto, Councilmember, City of Santa Rosa had been elected chair and Gwen Regalia, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Walnut Creek had been elected vice-chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee. Chair Berto thanked Doris Morse for chairing the committee for the past two years. The following items were moved from the consent calendar.

G. Authorization to Increase the Lease Amount for Accounting Software

As approved at the November 21, 1997 Administrative Committee meeting, a replacement accounting system has been selected, acquired, and partially financed (including specific computer software). The 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 was moved by Berto/S/Spees/C.

I. Description of New Financing Program for Special Districts

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. The approval of Resolution 2-98, authorizing a pooled Marks-Roos Revenue Bond issue on behalf of the jurisdictions appearing in the staff report, was moved by Berto/S/Spees/C.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Director Leong pointed out the 1998 Schedule for Executive Board meetings and asked that board members note the dates on their calendars. President King invited board members to bring particular issues that are occurring in their cities or counties before the Board as information items or so they might be worked on cooperatively. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer