

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 322  
January 17, 2002 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Gwen Regalia, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland. Regalia presented Immediate Past President, William Carroll, with a gavel and stand in recognition of his commitment and service to the region as ABAG's President for the past two years.

### Representatives and Alternates

Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty  
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier  
Supervisor John Gioia  
Supervisor Mike Rippey  
Supervisor Chris Daly  
Supervisor Jake McGoldrick  
Supervisor Mark Church  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson  
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor William Carroll  
Councilmember Patricia White  
Mayor Mark Green  
Mayor Kris Valstad  
Councilmember Paul Cohen  
Mayor Ken Slavens  
Mayor Mary Lou Holt  
Ms. Jennifer Kass  
Mr. Paul Horcher  
Ms. Alicia Bert  
Councilmember Jose Esteves  
Vice Mayor Julia Miller  
Mayor David Fleming  
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh  
Councilmember Pam Torliatt  
Councilmember Jane Brunner  
Councilmember Richard Spees  
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte

### Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Nate Miley  
Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker  
Supervisor Gail Steele  
Supervisor Cynthia Murray  
Supervisor John Kress  
Supervisor Peter McHugh  
Supervisor Don Gage  
Supervisor Liz Kniss  
Supervisor Mike Kerns  
Supervisor Paul Kelley  
Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Mullin  
Councilmember Carol Klatt  
Vice Mayor Donald Eaton

### Jurisdiction

Contra Costa County Cities  
Alameda County  
Contra Costa County  
Contra Costa County  
Napa County  
San Francisco County  
San Francisco County  
San Mateo County  
San Mateo County  
Santa Clara County  
Solano County  
Alameda County Cities  
Alameda County Cities  
Contra Costa County Cities  
Marin County Cities  
Napa County Cities  
Napa County Cities  
City of San Francisco  
City of San Francisco  
City of San Francisco  
Santa Clara County Cities  
Santa Clara County Cities  
Solano County Cities  
Sonoma County Cities  
Sonoma County Cities  
City of Oakland  
City of Oakland  
City of San Jose

Alameda County  
Alameda County  
Alameda County  
Marin County  
Marin County  
Santa Clara County  
Santa Clara County  
Santa Clara County  
Sonoma County  
Sonoma County  
San Mateo Cities  
San Mateo Cities  
San Mateo Cities

Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves	San Mateo Cities
Councilmember Nancy Nadel	City of Oakland
Councilmember Henry Chang, Jr.	City of Oakland
Councilmember David Cortese	City of San Jose
Councilmember Ken Yeager	City of San Jose
Councilmember Cindy Chavez	City of San Jose
Councilmember Nora Campos	City of San Jose
Councilmember Forrest Williams	City of San Jose

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Regalia welcomed first time attendee, San Rafael Councilmember Paul Cohen, representing Marin County Cities. Regalia presented former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown with a plaque and thanked her for 16 years of dedicated service to ABAG and the region. Her strong advocacy on behalf of the City of Livermore, Alameda County cities and the region will be missed.

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 321, November 15, 2001.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Committee Appointments

The Board approved the following committee appointments:

Administrative Committee

Irma Anderson, Mayor, City of Richmond  
 Carol Klatt, Councilmember, City of Daly City

Regional Planning Committee

Jake McGoldrick, Supervisor, City & County of San Francisco  
 Bob Nichols, Board Member, California Teachers Association  
 Patrick O’Keeffe, Economic Development & Planning Director, Emeryville, and California  
 Redevelopment Association  
 Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group

Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee

John Silva, Supervisor, County of Solano  
 Steve Rabinowitsh, Councilmember, City of Santa Rosa

Bay Area Economic Forum

Jake McGoldrick Supervisor, City & County of San Francisco

Bay Conservation & Development Commission

Shirley Dean, Mayor, City of Berkeley – East Bay representative

D. Authorization to Enter Into Contract with Glass McClure

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee (under terms of the ABAG/California Department of Boating and Waterways contract) to enter into a contract with the most responsive consultant, Glass McClure. Glass McClure will organize a statewide media campaign to educate recreational boaters about preventing pollution. The contract will not exceed \$440,000 over a one-year period (January 2002 - January 2003). The project will assist with implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.

E. Authorization to Enter Into Contract with MBK Engineering

Board authorized the Executive Director or designee (under terms of the ABAG/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation [CALFED] contract) to enter into a contract with the most responsive consultant, MBK Engineering. MBK Engineering will construct demonstration projects on two Delta in-channel islands to restore habitat. The contract will not exceed \$759,150 over a three-year period from August 2001 - July 2004. The project will assist with implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.

F. Authorization to Continue Assignment of an ABAG Employee to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Under an Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (IPA)

Executive Director or designee is authorized to continue an interagency agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board to assign Debbi Nichols to the San Francisco Estuary Project at the RWQCB. Under this agreement, funding for the position is provided by the RWQCB's cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary. Although supervised by RWQCB personnel, Ms. Nichols continues to be an ABAG employee, with salary and benefits paid by the RWQCB for January 1 - December 31, 2002.

G. Approval of Resolution No. 01-02 Authorizing Acceptance of a \$25,000 Contribution from the Coastal Conservancy to the Bay Trail for Wildlife and Public Access Study

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and execute all agreements necessary to comply with the Coastal Conservancy's grant requirements. Funds will be allocated toward a second year of field research on the Bay Trail Wildlife and Public Access Study.

It was moved by Spees/S/Rabinowitsh/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

## 6. COMMISSION ON REGIONALISM

Due to a BART medical emergency, Nick Bollman, Chair of the State Commission on Regionalism, was unable to get to the meeting. Sunne McPeak, Commission member, spoke briefly about their work. The entire report is available online at [www.regionalism.org](http://www.regionalism.org) and the report will be mailed to board members. McPeak highlighted the following recommendations of the Commission:

Empowering Regions

- encourage regional tax sharing
- protect local revenues
- regional compacts

The Economy

- workforce investment: a cabinet agency
- economic leadership
- state policy

Schools as Centers of Communities

- joint use and other efficiencies
- permanent, reliable school construction finance
- comprehensive planning

## 7. BAY AREA ECONOMIC FORUM REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROFILE

Sean Randolph, President of the Bay Area Economic Forum, presented a “good news/bad news” overview of their latest report *After the Bubble: Sustaining Economic Prosperity* prepared by McKinsey & Company. Although the Bay Area leads the nation in almost all economic indicators, when adjusted for the high cost of living, shortage of housing, and transportation problems the Bay Area’s lead in output is significantly diminished. It is anticipated that the economy will continue to grow at the rate of 4.2 to 5.1% annually over the next five years.

**8. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC FORECAST CONFERENCE**

Brian Kirking, ABAG Senior Regional Analyst, summarized the short-term forecast and noted that Howard Roth, California’s Chief Economist will be one of the presenters on January 29. Three years ago, ABAG was asking “Will the Bubble Burst?” Today, we are preparing to present “The Budget Blues.” Even with the NASDAQ and employment decline, unemployment and office vacancy rate rises, and a similar pattern for other indicators during 2001, the Bay Area will likely recover along with the rest of the United States. Kirking noted that “even a slow recovery is quite good.”

**9. SMART GROWTH STRATEGY/REGIONAL LIVABILITY FOOTPRINT PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

Victoria Eisen, ABAG Principal Planner, reported that the scenarios gathered at the nine countywide workshops last fall have been distilled and an analysis is being done of alternatives and existing trends. Spring workshops are planned for April and May to further define a single regionwide vision and corresponding projects.

**10. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice Chair, Mary Lou Holt, Yountville, updated the Committee on the Dioxin Task Force report *Screening Evaluation of Pollution Prevention Projects*, and after discussion it was decided that the report should be sent to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for review of completeness and accuracy. The Committee recommended support of Torlakson’s SB 1243 proposing a study on the feasibility of merging the functions of MTC and ABAG into a new regional government commission. The Committee also recommended support of Dunn’s SB 369, a late agenda item that would re-enact health and safety code sections that have been sunseted granting authority to cities, counties and joint power authorities to issue multi-family housing revenue bonds. A new chair and vice chair for the Committee will be elected at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Approval of the Committee report was moved by Miller/S/Slavens/C/.

**11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

New Chair, Steve Rabinowitsh, Santa Rosa, announced that Julia Miller, Sunnyvale was elected as Vice Chair. Rabinowitsh reported that the Committee recommended approval of the ABAG financial reports and travel requests for the San Francisco Estuary Project. The Board approved the proposed Overall Work Program and Budget for FY 2002-03, including a recommendation for a 5% per capita dues increase, and it will be sent to the General Assembly for ratification on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Approval of the Committee report was moved by Spees/S/Rippey/C/.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer