

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 316
January 18, 2001 ■ Chabot Space & Science Center

1. Meeting called to order at 7:55 p.m. by President William Carroll at Chabot Space & Science Center, 10900 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland. President Carroll extended a special thanks to Councilmember Richard Spees, a Center founder, for his assistance in helping to arrange this event. Attendees were treated to exhibits and a demonstration of the planetarium as well as the Legislative Reception.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor William J. "Bill" Carroll
Supervisor Nate Miley
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Mark Church
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Councilmember Patricia White
Mayor Mark Green
Councilmember Gwen Regalia
Mayor Ken Slavens
Mr. Paul Horcher
Ms. Alicia Bert
Councilmember Don Burnett
Councilmember Julia Miller
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember Pam Torliatt
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember David Cortese
Councilmember Forrest Williams

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Federal Glover
Supervisor Gayle Uilkema
Supervisor Blance Alvarado
Supervisor Don Gage
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Supervisor Paul Kelley
Mayor Terry Segerberg
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Ms. Karin Carlson
Ms. Jennifer Kass
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Vice Mayor Henry Chang, Jr.
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte
Councilmember Cindy Chavez
Councilmember Ken Yeager

Jurisdiction

Solano County
Alameda County
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Contra Costa County
Marin County
Napa County
San Mateo County
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Carroll introduced and welcomed new Board members attending their first meeting – Supervisors Mark Church, San Mateo County, Nate Miley, Alameda County, and Councilmembers David Cortese and Forrest Williams, City of San Jose.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Eugene Leong pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs. He highlighted the ABAG 40th Anniversary Calendar and noted that during 2001 additional events are planned to celebrate this milestone in ABAG's history. Leong also welcomed new Board members (Church, Cortese, Miley and Williams) and thanked President Carroll and Councilmember Spees for their decades-long and faithful service to ABAG and the region. Leong suggested that old and new members alike would enjoy reading the Jan/Feb 2001 *Service Matters* historical article written by Executive Director Emeritus Revan Tranter.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 315, November 16, 2000.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Committee Appointments

The Board approved the following appointments:

Regional Planning Committee

Greg Harper

Finance & Personnel Committee

Julia Miller

Steve Rabinowitsh

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee

Irma Anderson

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Pamela Torliatt

Bay Area Bioscience Center

Duane Kromm Eugene Mullin

CALFED Task Force (updated list of appointees distributed at the meeting)

John Coleman

Grant Davis

Pamela Gibson

John Gioia

Rose Jacobs Gibson

Stephen Kinsey

James Pretti

Mike Rippey

D. Contract Amendment for Staff Support to Bay Area Alliance Steering Committee

The Board authorized an eight-month extension of Peter Melhus' contract to serve as the Director of the Bay Area Alliance. The contract extension increases the compensation by \$21,000 for a total of \$52,500 over a 20-month term.

E. Authorization to Submit Grant Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to Develop Stream Management Measures for the Bay Area

At the request of EPA, the Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit a three-year joint application on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and if successful, to enter into an agreement with EPA to develop stream management measures that would be integrated with ongoing watershed management planning. The joint proposal replaces the proposal approved at the November 2000 meeting in the amount of \$120,000. The new proposal will total \$466,900 with the RWQCB providing \$115,000 in matching funds and ABAG providing \$6,900 in matching funds.

F. Authorization to Negotiate Contract for Services to Program New Client-server Based Mailing and Contacts System

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for services related to programming a new client-server based mailing and contact system for ABAG. ABAG staff has distributed Requests for Bids to Oracle programming consultants and expects to select a consultant on the basis of cost, approach and experience. President Carroll noted that the fixed-price contract amount had been raised from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and was not expected to exceed this amount.

G. Authorization to Assign ABAG Employee to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Under an Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (IPA)

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into an interagency agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board to assign Debbi Nichols to the San Francisco Estuary Project at the RWQCB under an IPA. Funding for Nichols position is provided by the RWQCB's cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. Although supervised by RWQCB personnel, Nichols continues to be an ABAG employee, with salary and benefits paid by the RWQCB.

H. Resolution 04-01 Authorizing an Agreement with the California State Housing and Community Development Department to Administer Inter-Regional Partnership Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zones Pilot Project Funds

Board approved Resolution 04-01 authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into an agreement with the California State Housing and Community Development Department to administer funds for the Inter-Regional Partnership Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zones Pilot Project.

I. Resolution 03-01 Honoring Larry Dahms Upon His Retirement from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

The Board approved Resolution 03-01 honoring Larry Dahms upon his retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

J. Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into Planning/Mapping/Analysis Consulting Team Contract

Board authorized Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into contract with a consultant or team of consultants to assist with the Regional Agencies Smart Growth Strategy and Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development Regional Livability Footprint project. The consultants(s) scope of

work would include preparing and presenting materials at a series of public workshops that would allow participants to consider alternative uses of land and the incentives that might be needed to implement these ideas; performing analysis of alternative scenarios that emerge from workshops; and possibly facilitating the workshops if appropriate.

K. Resolution 01-01 Authorization of Grant Contract with the California Coastal Conservancy (CCC) to Administer Funds Allocated to the San Francisco Bay Trail

The State of California has allocated \$7,500,000 to the San Francisco Bay Trail Project which ABAG will administer through a contract with the CCC. The Board approved Resolution 01-01 authorizing a grant contract with the CCC for ABAG to provide administrative, financial, legal, and other support services to the Bay Trail Project.

L. Authorization to Enter into Contract with Legal Counsel for Deferred Compensation Investment Program

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract of unspecified length with Chang, Ruthenberg & Long, Sacramento, for legal services in connection with the Agency's Deferred Compensation Investment Program currently in development. Payments on the contract for legal services would not exceed \$50,000 during the first year of the program without further Executive Board approval. Program revenues would reimburse the Agency for these costs.

M. Authorization to Enter into Contract for Computer Programming Services

Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to execute a contract with former ABAG employee, Fred Parkinson, for computer programming services. This contract would not exceed \$50,000 over a period of two years.

It was moved by Rippey/S/Haggerty/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC FORECAST CONFERENCE

ABAG Research Director Paul Fassinger, indicated the short-term economic forecast would be held from 8:30-12:00 on February 15 with registrations due by February 9. Registration is available online at <http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/focus> or by calling 510/464-7993. In addition to ABAG staff, speakers will include Ted Gibson, California Department of Finance and Robert Kleinhenz, California Association of Realtors.

7. HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY ANALYSIS AND RE-ALLOCATION OF FACILITIES

Senior Planners Ceil Scandone and Jennifer Krebs presented the results of the analysis and asked the Board to 1) approve the rankings; 2) undertake local government outreach efforts; 3) review data next year; 4) support the Green Business Program; and 5) talk to Cal-EPA and Department of Toxic Substances Control regarding old and new waste reduction/minimization efforts to review and approve county rankings based on 1999 data. The Board approved the Committee's analysis and resulting allocations. It was moved by Slavens/S/Haggerty/C/. Staff noted the "positive news" that the Tanner Plan counted wastes were fairly consistent from 1989 to 1999 and that the total tonnage of wastes generated in the Bay Area has not increased steadily, or precisely with economic growth. The capacity deficit is not as great as was imagined in the original Tanner Plan. There are many more treatment facilities in the Bay Area now than were imagined in the Tanner Plan, and significant efforts at waste minimization and source reduction have taken place.

8. ABAG POWER POOL UPDATE

Executive Director Eugene Leong noted that the Power Pool is showing substantial savings to its members and that we continue to closely watch PG&E because they are holding approximately \$7,000,000 worth of credits due ABAG Pool members. The inability or unwillingness of PG&E to refund these credits to ABAG Power members in a timely manner, continues to cause cash-flow problems to this program. Until long-term solutions are found, the California energy crisis will continue to have significant ramifications throughout the state, and the entire western region. A number of Board members commented on PG&E's inefficient handling of the crisis and the need to conserve energy. Members urged all jurisdictions to work toward reducing power usage by at least seven percent.

9. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION STAFF REPORT

Senior Planner Alex Amoroso reported on the appeals process that will take place in the next week and presented the Committee's recommendations to the Board. The Board did not feel comfortable giving up their authority to consider the appeals individually instead of as an entire package as the Committee requested. It was moved by Slavens/S/Miller/C/ that the recommendation of the Committee be denied. The vote was 11-8; Miley abstained.

10. LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair, Scott Haggerty, thanked staff for the well-planned Legislative Reception that was held prior to the meeting. Haggerty provided the Board with a legislative summary and the Committee's recommendation on four bills. Staff distributed copies of articles appearing recently in Bay Area media. It was moved by Haggerty/S/Spees/C/ that the Committee report be approved. For a complete list of legislation and further information on the L&GO Committee, contact Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov.

11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Proposed Work Program and Budget for 2001-2002

Chair Mike Rippey recommended the proposed Budget & Work Program for 2001-2002, including a 4% increase in the per capita dues rate, be forwarded to the General Assembly for approval. It was moved by Rippey/S/Spees/C. Green voted no.

B. Legal Counsel for 457 Program

Item 5 L approved under consent calendar.

C. Resolution 02-01 Authorizing Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds for BART SFO Extension

Item was deferred until Administrative Committee meeting on February 8, 2001.

D. CLOSED SESSION: Meet and Confer with ABAG representative Patricia Jones re SEIU Local 790

Management staff was given additional authorization to meet and confer with SEIU 790, including parameters for negotiating the current MOU as well as instructions for extending the current MOU beyond June 30, 2002.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer