

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 310
January 20, 2000 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President William Carroll at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor William J. "Bill" Carroll
Supervisor Mary King
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Alicia Becerril
Supervisor Mary Griffin
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Cathie Brown
Mayor Mark Green
Councilmember Gwen Regalia
Vice Mayor Terry Segerberg
Mayor Mary Lou Holt
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Mr. Paul Horcher
Councilmember Eugene Mullin
Councilmember Don Burnett
Councilmember Mary Lou Zoglin
Mayor Don Erickson
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember Charlotte Powers

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Keith Carson
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Amos Brown
Supervisor Michael Yaki
Supervisor Leslie Katz
Supervisor Mark Leno
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Richard Gordon
Supervisor Michael Nevin
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Joseph Simitian
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Councilmember George Stratigos
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves
Councilmember John Russo
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Vice Mayor Henry Chang, Jr.
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.
Councilmember Alice Woody
Councilmember Margie Matthews

Jurisdiction

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

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San Francisco County
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Santa Clara County
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Marin County Cities
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Carroll introduced new board representatives Terry Segerberg, Hercules; Mary Lou Zoglin, Mountain View; Eugene Mullin, South San Francisco; Mike Kerns, Sonoma County; and John Gioia, Contra Costa County. For the benefit of the new members, President Carroll requested that each board member introduce themselves.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs and referred to press clippings where ABAG had recently appeared in area newspapers. Highlighted articles included the Inter-Regional Partnership, grant funds for the Bay Trail Project, and recent Housing Needs Determination.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 309, November 18, 1999.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Appointments to Committees

Board approved the following committee appointments:

Bay Area Economic Forum

Vice Mayor Rob Schroeder, Martinez
Supervisor Cynthia Murray, Marin County
Councilmember Mike Kasparzak, Mountain View
Mayor Pro Tem Rod Diridon, Jr., Santa Clara

Finance & Personnel Committee

Mayor Mark Green, Union City
Mayor George Pettygrove, Fairfield
Mayor Mary Lou Holt, Yountville
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County

Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee and Regional Planning Committee

Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, San Mateo County

Administrative Committee

Supervisor Michael Yaki, San Francisco
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, Santa Rosa
Councilmember John Marquez, Richmond

Bay Conservation & Development Commission

Councilmember Joan Lundstrom, Larkspur, rep.
Councilmember Steve Messina, Benicia, alt.

Regional Airport Planning Committee

Supervisor Annette Rose, Marin County, alt.

D. Authorization to Enter into Agreement to Purchase Office Copy Paper and Envelopes

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a five-year agreement to purchase office copy paper and envelopes. Recycled paper products and soy-based ink or other low V.O.C. ink will be used. Envelope cost not to exceed \$10,000 per year and paper cost not to exceed \$9,000 per year.

E. Authorization to Accept Northern California Council for the Community as an ABAG Cooperating Member

Board approved request of the Northern California Council for the Community to become a cooperating member.

It was moved by Griffin/S/Murray/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Supervisor King nominated Councilmember Gwen Regalia for the vacant office of ABAG Vice President. Mayor Mark Green seconded the nomination. It was moved by Holt/S/Brown/C that nominations be closed. Board approved the nomination.

7. SPEAKER'S COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Dean Miscynski, Executive Director of the California Research Bureau presented the following summary of Commission goals:

- ❑ revise the current fiscal incentives in local land use decisions and increase the amount of discretionary revenue available for community and countywide services;
- ❑ increase the transparency of government by introducing performance measures into state and local government decision-making and by clarifying the state/county relationship so that roles and responsibilities are clearly understood; and
- ❑ initiate a joint legislative and executive branch process for the development of state, regional and local growth and development policies and a governance structure that connects fiscal powers with roles and responsibilities. This process must recognize the importance of regions as economic forces and that preservation of environmental resources within those regions is essential to the well being of the state as well as ensuring that equity considerations are a central part of this process.

8. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION UPDATE AND KEY POLICY ISSUES

ABAG Senior Planner, Alex Amoroso, presented an update on the Housing Needs Determination process. The following principles were approved to guide the appeal process:

- ❑ each jurisdiction in the ABAG region will be given one opportunity to appeal the decision by the Executive Board;
- ❑ the jurisdiction that is appealing shall identify another recipient (other jurisdiction(s) willing to incorporate any proposed reduction in housing need;
- ❑ any revision of housing need will remain within the same county as the appealing jurisdiction; and
- ❑ previously available information, not raised during the 90-day Review and Revision period, can not be presented during the appeals process.

A brief break in the discussion was taken to recognize outgoing ABAG President Mary King for her wisdom and service during the past two years. As a token of appreciation, an engraved gavel was presented to Supervisor King.

It was moved by Mullin/S/Griffin/C/ that a seven member Appeals Committee be established. Mayor Cathie Brown, Livermore, volunteered to serve on the committee – two additional volunteers are needed.

9. SMART GROWTH OPINION POLL

Detailed results of the opinion poll will be addressed at the Spring General Assembly on April 27 and 28. A brief overview was presented by Gary Binger, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, with the following survey highlights; three items scoring as the most important/most difficult to implement (scale 1-10 with 10 being most difficult):

- ❑ improve schools in central cities and older suburbs (9.6/8.1);
- ❑ provide a wide range of housing opportunities – housing styles and prices (8.7/8.0); and
- ❑ encourage new development that works toward a community-wide or sub-regional jobs/housing balance (8.6/8.0).

10. GRASS RECYCLING PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Terry Bursztynsky, ABAG’s Director of Environmental Programs, pointed out two objectives of the program: to promote, demonstrate and implement the use of grasscycling practices, and to diminish the volume of grass clippings being sent to California landfills. ABAG partners on this project are the City of Napa/Napa County, Solano County and Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority. The following benefits can be realized by implementing grasscycling:

- ❑ saves time and work - no more bagging and raking,
- ❑ saves money - less fertilizer is needed,
- ❑ encourages a healthy lawn - clippings contain valuable nitrogen, and
- ❑ reduces yard waste - clippings stay on your lawn.

11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Vice Chair, Mary Lou Holt, reported Committee support of SB494 (Bay Trail funding) and requested a letter of support be sent from ABAG. It was moved by Holt/S/Spees/C/ that this letter be added to the agenda and sent as requested. Sample support letters were included in the packet for use by each jurisdiction. At the L&GO meeting, Rusty Selix reviewed the state and local partnership portion of the Governor’s budget. In the future, the Committee will only focus on propositions and bills that have 1) fiscal impacts on local governments, 2) land use implications, and 3) general, local, and regional government significance. A complete list of Committee recommended positions may be obtained from Patricia Jones, ABAG Assistant Executive Director. It was moved by Spees/S/Powers/C/ that the Committee recommendations be approved.

12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A. Chair Mike Rippey reported the unanimous recommendation of the Proposed Work Program and Budget, including a membership dues increase of 2.75%, be sent to the General Assembly for final approval with the addition of City of Oakley to the list of members. It was moved by Spees/S/Powers/C/.

B. Closed session pursuant to Government Code 54956.9
Instructions were given to Legal Counsel.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer